



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 413/3
File Number: DEC19866
Duration of Permit: From 9 July 2005 to 9 July 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

M24/390
M24/165

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 20 hectares for the purposes of mining.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - a) location where clearing occurred;
 - b) purpose;
 - c) area cleared in hectares; and
 - d) area rehabilitated in hectares.
2. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the CEO by 31 July each year setting out the records required under condition 1 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous year.

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Kelly Faulkner
MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

*Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

25 August 2011

Plan 413/3



LEGEND

- Cadastre_1
 - Road Centrelines
Clearing Instruments
 - Areas Approved to Clear
 - Local Government
Authorities
- Kalgoorlie 50cm Orthomosaic
- Landgate 2006



0 ~500 m

Scale 1:17645

(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been projected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

Date 25/8/11

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 413/3

Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 225 ON PLAN 238065 (KANOWNA 6431)
UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND (KANOWNA 6431)
LOT 219 ON PLAN 27467 (KANOWNA 6431)
Local Government Area: City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder
Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
20		Mechanical Removal	Mineral Production

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date: 25 August 2011

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Beard vegetation association 125: Bare areas; salt lakes;	The proposal is to clear up to 20 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of mining, within the mining tenements listed, above, in the property details.	Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	Vegetation condition was determined using aerial photography.
Beard vegetation association 540: Succulent steppe with open low woodland; sheoak over saltbush. (Shepherd, 2007)	A vegetation survey was conducted for the proposed Golden Flag pit and waste areas (Outback Ecology, 2004). The results were recorded for six transects which correlate with the areas proposed to be cleared and are described as follows; Transect G01 - Open woodland of <i>Acacia rigens</i> , <i>Eremophila minata</i> and <i>Casuarina obesa</i> over an open shrubland of <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> ssp. <i>angustissima</i> , <i>Gunniopsis quadrifida</i> and <i>Cratystylis subspinescens</i> . Transect G02 - Open Chenopod shrublands of <i>Halosarcia halocnemoides</i> and <i>indica</i> , <i>Hemichroa diandra</i> and <i>Frankenia setosa</i> . Transect G03 - Has the same as Transect G02 with <i>Cratystylis subspinescens</i> . Transect G04 - Shrubland of <i>Dodonaea lobulata</i> over <i>Ptilotus obovatus</i> , <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> and <i>A. nummularia</i> . Transect G05 - Open woodland of <i>E. lesouefii</i> , <i>salmonophloia</i>		

and Casuarina obesa over open Chenopod shrubland of Maireana sedifolia, Cratystylis subspinescens and A. nummularia. Transect G06 - Open chenopod shrubland of Halosarcia indica subsp. bidens and Maireana glomerifolia. No Declared Rare or Priority Flora species were identified within the transects.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The clearing permit has been amended to allow for the reporting period from "1 July to 30 June" and the reporting date as 31 July. The assessment against the clearing principles have not changed, the findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 413/1.

Methodology

Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

Comments

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Methodology

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance - DIA 02/10
- Cadastre - Landgate 12/09
- Country Area Water Supply Act (Part IIA) Clearing Control Catchments - DoW 29/06/06
- Environmental Impact Assessments - EPA 08/03/05
- Native Title Claims - LA 2/5/07
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs) - DoW 07/02/06
- Town Planning Scheme Zones - MFP 31/08/98

4. References

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- Outback Ecology (2004) Mt Pleasant Gold Mine. Baseline assessment of vegetation in the Golden Flag project area. Unpublished report prepared for Placer Dome Asia Pacific, Kalgoorlie. DoE TRIM ref ND725.
- Shepherd, D.P. (2007) Adapted from: Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.

5. Glossary

Term	Meaning
BCS	Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)
DoE	Department of Environment
DoIR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)