

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4622/3

File Number:

2011/008986-1

Duration of Permit: From 19 December 2011 to 19 December 2019

PERMIT HOLDER

Alcoa of Australia Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 99 on Plan 17761, Naval Base.

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.95 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 4622/3.

CONDITIONS

Dieback and weed control

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds and dieback:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) shall only move soils in dry conditions;
- (c) ensure that no dieback or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared: and
- (d) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

dry conditions means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007; or
- (b) published in the former Department of Environment and Conservation Regional Weed Assessments, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

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CLEARING REGULATION

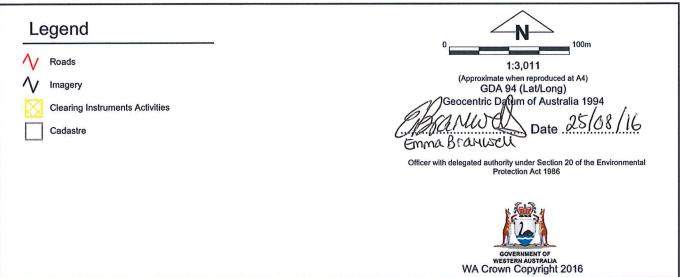
Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

25 August 2016

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

4622/3

Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Alcoa of Australia Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

Local Government Authority:

DER Region: Localities:

Lot 99 on Plan 17761, Naval Base

City of Kwinana

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1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of: Building or structure

Mechanical Removal 0.95

Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

Reasons for Decision:

Granted

25 August 2015

The applicant has applied to amend Clearing Permit CPS 4622/2 to extend the duration of

the permit from 19 December 2016 to 19 December 2019.

The application to amend Clearing Permit CPS 4622/2 was assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 510 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. The Delegated Officer determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed clearing have not changed since the original assessment, and that the proposed clearing is at variance to Principles (a) and (h), is not likely to be at variance to Principles (b), (c), (d) (g) (i) and (j) and is not at variance to the remaining clearing Principles.

State policies and other relevant policies have been taken into consideration in the decision to grant a clearing permit.

2. Site Information

Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description Beard vegetation association 998 comprises medium woodland of tuart (Shepherd et al., 2001).

Heddle complex central and south comprises mosaic of woodland of Eucalyptus gomphocephala (tuart) and open forest of Eucalyptus gomphocephala (tuart), Eucalyptus marginata (jarrah) and Corymbia calophylla (marri) with closed heath on the limestone outcrops (Heddle et al., 1980).

Clearing Description

The application is to clear 0.95 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 99 on Plan 17761, Naval Base, for purpose of constructing a new building.

Vegetation Condition

Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)

To

Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)

Comment

The condition of the application area was determined from a site inspection undertaken by Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) on the 13 October 2011 (DEC, 2011).

The application area consists of Eucalyptus gomphocephala (tuart), Banksia sp. over a variety of shrubs and ground cover species (DEC, 2011). The tuart and Banksia species where confined to the southern and middle section of the application area. The shrub species in the application area were at times dense (DEC, 2011). A variety of weed species were observed in the application area, predominately near the track that bordered the eastern boundary and southern section of the application area (DEC, 2011).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The applicant has applied to amend Clearing Permit CPS 4622/2 to extend the duration of the permit from 19 December 2016 to 19 December 2019.

A review of the available information identified that the assessment against the clearing principles has not changed since the assessment of the original application CPS 4622/1, and can be found within Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 4622/1. In summary, the proposed clearing is at variance to Principles (a) and (h), is not likely to be at variance to principle (b), (c), (d) (g) (i) and (j) and is not at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

The clearing permit application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper on 25 July 2016 for a seven day submission period. No public submissions have been received.

The assessment against planning and other matters has not changed since the assessment of the original application and can be found within Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 4622/1.

4. References

- DEC (2011) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 4622/1, Lot 99 Cockburn Road, Naval Base. Site inspection undertaken 13/10/2011. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (TRIM Ref. DOCA451003).
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