

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:

CPS 4629/1

Permit Holder:

Mr David Leyland

Duration of Permit:

5 December 2011 to 5 December 2016

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of apiary site maintenance.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

| Apiary site No. | Local Government Authority | DEC District | Land Tenure | Longitude | Latitude |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 5472 | Brookton | Perth Hills | LUPTONS CONSERVATION PARK - CCWA | 116.68 | -32.43 |
| 206 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 120.82 | -31.09 |
| 501 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - BULLABULLING pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 120.80 | -31.12 |
| 502 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - BULLABULLING pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 120.90 | -31.09 |
| 1026 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - BULLABULLING pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 120.94 | -30.96 |
| 3553· | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.13 | -30.94 |
| 5599 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 120.82 | -31.14 |
| 5618 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.46 | -31.41 |
| 5619 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.45 | -31.46 |
| 5620 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.48 | -31.47 |
| 5621 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.51 | -31.51 |
| 5622 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.53 | -31.55 |
| 5641 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - | 120.89 | -31.04 |

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| | | | BULLABULLING pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | | |
| 5642 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - BULLABULLING pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 120.93 | -31.08 |
| 5671 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.07 | -30.93 |
| 5672 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - BULLABULLING pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 120.95 | -30.98 |
| 5906 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.43 | -31.53 |
| 5910 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.41 | -31.41 |
| 5911 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.40 | -31.45 |
| 5912 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.40 | -31.48 |
| 5913 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.44 | -31.48 |
| 6058 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.07 | -30.91 |
| 6059 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Madoonia Downs pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 121.72 | -31.54 |
| 6060 | Coolgardie | Kalgoorlie | Land Administration Act - Madoonia Downs pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 121.74 | -31.56 |
| 4726 | Coorow | Moora | LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK - CCWA | 115.07 | -30.07 |
| 2689 | Cuballing | Great Southern | STATE FOREST 53 - CCWA | 117.04 | -32.73 |
| 5132 | Cuballing | Great Southern | STATE FOREST 51 - CCWA | 117.03 | -32.77 |
| 1736 | Dandaragan | Moora | LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK - CCWA | 115.07 | -30.09 |
| 1737 | Dandaragan | Moora | LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK - CCWA | 115.08 | -30.12 |
| 5069 | Dandaragan | Moora | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 115.42 | -30.59 |
| 5070 | Dandaragan | Moora | Local Government Reserve - Shire of Dandaragan - Reserve 27216 - Recreation, Camping, Conservation of Flora | 115.49 | -30.66 |
| 5673 | Dandaragan | Moora | LESUEUR NATIONAL PARK - CCWA | 115.10 | -30.14 |
| 1001 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 122.05 | -32.11 |
| 1002 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.78 | -32.37 |
| 1003 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.78 | -32.41 |
| 1004 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.80 | -32.24 |
| 1005 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.83 | -32.24 |
| 1006 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.83 | -32.21 |
| 1007 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.83 | -32.18 |
| 1008 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 121.83 | -32.15 |

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| | | | Unallocated Crown Land | | |
| 1010 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 121.85 | -32.13 |
| 1010 | - Junius | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 121.00 | -54.13 |
| 1011 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 121.90 | -32.14 |
| | | | Unallocated Crown Land | | |
| 1012 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 121.94 | -32.14 |
| | | | Land Administration Act - | | |
| 1013 | Dundas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 121.96 | -32.12 |
| 1014 | | _ | Land Administration Act - | 121.00 | 20.10 |
| 1014 | Dundas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 121.99 | -32.13 |
| 1281 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 123.47 | -32.31 |
| 1201 | Dulluas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 123.47 | -32.31 |
| 1283 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 123.17 | -32.06 |
| 1205 | Duridus | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 123.17 | 32.00 |
| 1284 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 123.18 | -32.09 |
| | | | Unallocated Crown Land | | |
| 1286 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 123.14 | -32.11 |
| | | | Land Administration Act - | | |
| 1287 | Dundas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 123.17 | -32.12 |
| 1000 | | | Land Administration Act - | | |
| 1288 | Dundas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 123.25 | -32.16 |
| 1289 | Dundas | Естополо | Land Administration Act - | 123.26 | -32.21 |
| 1209 | Dundas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | | |
| 1290 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 123.47 | -32.28 |
| 1270 | Dunaas | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 125.47 | -32.20 |
| 1293 Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 123.51 | -32.27 | |
| | | 1 | Unallocated Crown Land | | |
| 1294 | Dundas | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 123.53 | -32.31 |
| | | | Land Administration Act - | | |
| 6066 | Esperance | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 120.86 | -33.30 |
| (0/7 | | - | Land Administration Act - | 100.00 | 22.22 |
| 6067 | Esperance | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 120.88 | -33.32 |
| 6068 | Esperance | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 120.95 | 22 22 |
| 0008 | Esperance | Esperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 120.85 | -33.33 |
| 6069 | Esperance | Esperance | Land Administration Act - | 120.82 | -33.35 |
| 0007 | Doperance | Diperance | Unallocated Crown Land | 120.02 | 33.33 |
| 3895 | Harvey | Wellington | DEC FREEHOLD - CALM | 116.01 | -33.20 |
| 5074 | | | EXECUTIVE BODY | | |
| 5074 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 116.03 | -33.15 |
| 5075 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 116.08 | -33.16 |
| 5076 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 116.08 | -33.13 |
| 5089 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 115.99 | -33.15 |
| 5093 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 115.98 | -33.18 |
| 5313 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 116.06 | -33.14 |
| 5507 | Harvey | Wellington | STATE FOREST 15 - CCWA | 115.98 | -33.13 |
| 3979 | Jerramungup | Albany | Land Act Reserve Unvested 33258 - Parkland & Rec | 119.14 | -34.22 |
| 4416 | Jerramungup | Albany | Land Act Reserve Unvested 33258 - Parkland & Recreation | 119.21 | -34.17 |
| 4460 | Jerramungup | Albany | Land Act Reserve Unvested 33258 - Parkland & Rec | 119.19 | -34.24 |
| 6065 | Jerramungup | Albany | Land Act Reserve Unvested 33258 - Parkland & Rec (Proposed Fitzgerald River NP) | 119.29 | -34.22 |

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| 2713 | Kalamunda | Perth Hills | Korung National Park - CCWA | 116.16 | -32.02 |
| 2714 | Kalamunda | Perth Hills | STATE FOREST 7 - CCWA | 116.19 | -32.01 |
| 4821 | Kalamunda | Perth Hills | STATE FOREST 7 - CCWA | 116.17 | -32.02 |
| 5954 | Koorda | Central Wheatbelt | Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.60 | -30.22 |
| 229 | Lake Grace | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 119.85 | -32.82 |
| 230 | Lake Grace | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 119.90 | -32.84 |
| 231 | Lake Grace | Esperance | Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land | 119.93 | -32.85 |
| 708 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 39 - CCWA | 116.19 | -34.49 |
| 709 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 39 - CCWA | 116.21 | -34.52 |
| 1169 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 40 - CCWA | 116.19 | -34.66 |
| 3348 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 38 - CCWA | 116.20 | -34.27 |
| 5073 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 34 - CCWA | 115.95 | -34.15 |
| 5306 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 41 - CCWA | 116.32 | -34.57 |
| 5314 | Manjimup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 40 - CCWA | 116.23 | -34.67 |
| 5315 | Manjimup | Donnelly | Greater Hawke National Park - CCWA | 116.10 | -34.58 |
| 5951 | Manjimup | Frankland | Mt Frankland National Park Walpole Wilderness Area - CCWA | 116.62 | -34.88 |
| 5893 | Mount Marshall | Central Wheatbelt | Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.64 | -30.04 |
| 5894 | Mount Marshall | Central Wheatbelt | Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.64 | -30.12 |
| 5953 | Mount Marshall | Central Wheatbelt | Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.55 | -30.16 |
| 47 | Mundaring | Perth Hills | FREEHOLD (PWD). Water and Rivers Commission | 116.34 | -31.94 |
| 1507 | Mundaring | Perth Hills | Land Act Reserve (Other) 6203 Water Corporation. Water Authority of WA. Reservoir, Aquaduct Water Course and Catchment Area | 116.28 | -31.87 |
| 6214 | Mundaring | Perth Hills | Unvested Reserve - 25033 | 116.34 | -31.87 |
| 4825 | Murray | Perth Hills | NORTH DANDALUP Nature Reserve - 41701 - Conservation of Flora and Fauna - CCWA | 116.00 | -32.47 |
| 5071 | Nannup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 57 - CCWA | 115.91 | -34.16 |
| 5072 | Nannup | Donnelly | STATE FOREST 34 - CCWA | 115.98 | -34.13 |
| 2049 | Wandering | Perth Hills | LUPTONS CONSERVATION PARK - CCWA | 116.62 | -32.49 |
| 3645 | Waroona | Perth Hills | STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA | 116.01 | -32.87 |
| 5002 | Waroona | Perth Hills | STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA | 116.00 | -32.89 |
| 5258 | Waroona | Swan Coastal | STATE FOREST 16 (Proposed addition to Yalgorup NP) - CCWA | 115.72 | -32.87 |
| 2687 | Williams | Great Southern | STATE FOREST 51 - CCWA | 116.83 | -32.78 |
| 2688 | Williams | Great Southern | STATE FOREST 51 - CCWA | 116.96 | -32.73 |

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| 519 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - Ninghan pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.38 | -29.50 |
| 520 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.41 | -29.52 |
| 5395 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - Ninghan pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.24 | -29.47 |
| 5396 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.21 | -29.50 |
| 5397 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.24 | -29.50 |
| 5398 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.35 | -29.45 |
| 5858 | Yalgoo | Geraldton | Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board | 117.33 | -29.42 |

3. Area of clearing

- (a) The Permit Holder must not clear more than 4.9 hectares of native vegetation in total.
- (b) The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.045 hectare for each of the *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit.
- (c) The clearing described in condition 3(a) of this Permit may only occur within a 2,000 metre radius of the coordinates of each *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit, subject to the Permit Holder having the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under any written law.

4. Application

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

5. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation within *apiary sites* described in conditions 2 and the type of clearing in condition 3 of this Permit to the extent of activities permitted under an authority granted to the Permit Holder under Part 8A of the *Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002*.

6. Clearing not authorised

This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear trees that have a diameter, at average adult human chest height, of 10cm or greater.

7. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the Permit Holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

PART II - ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

8. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

9. Method of clearing

- (a) The Permit Holder must comply with the directions of the relevant District Apiary Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation prior to undertaking clearing within *apiary sites* described in conditions 2 and 3 of this Permit.
- (b) The permit holder may only clear native vegetation using minimal impact methods, such as hand mowers or raking.

10. 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.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

11. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings and/or decimal degrees;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

12. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
 - (i) of records required under condition 11 of this Permit; and
 - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 5 September 2016, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 11 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 12(a) of this Permit.

Definitions

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

apiary site/s means the land specified in an apiary authority as the land to which an apiary licence granted under Part VIII Division 2 of the CALM Act, or an apiary permit granted under Part VIII Division 1 of the CALM Act;

CALM Act means the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984;

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;

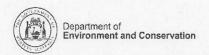
weed/s means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.

Kelly Faulkner MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

10 November 2011



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

4629/

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

David Leyland

1.3. Property details

Property:

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Various Crown and un-allocateed Crown land throught the State

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Apiculture

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

10 November 2011

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

The areas under application within the Swan Coastal plain and lower southwest of Western Australia occur within various vegetation complexes associated with Mattiske and Heddle complexes, whilst those of the Wheatbelt, Goldfields and Midwest regions occur within varying Beard vegetation complexes. (Mattiske Vegetation, 1998; Heddle Vegetation Complexes, 1980, Shepherd, 2009)

Clearing Description

Grant

The proposed clearing affects a variety of vegetation associations and areas varying from being well vegetated to those with patchy vegetation cover.

Vegetation Condition

Excellent: Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994)

Comment

The proposed clearing impacts approximately 0.045 hectare of regrowth within each of the 109 apiary sites, with a total proposed clearing area of 4.9 hectares.

Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

This application is for the proposed clearing of up to 4.9 hectares of native vegetation across 109 sites within numerous Crown land and unallocated Crown land parcels in the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Esperance, Lake Grace, Jerramungup, Manjimup, Nannup, Yalgoo, Mount Marshall, Dandaragan, Coorow, Koorda, Mundaring, Brookton, Cuballing, Wandering, Williams, Harvey, Waroona, Kalamunda and Murray, for the purpose of apiary site maintenance. The apiary sites are located within areas previously used for beekeeping and within areas permitted under the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984. Clearing (maintenance) may be in the form of either: pruning, slashing or scrub rolling vegetation. If any maintenance is required, up to approximately 0.045ha may be necessary per site for access or placement of beehives. Clearing for a firebreak may also be required and has been factored into the 0.045ha.

Several of the apiary sites occur within close proximity to either threatened or priority listed flora species, and one site is adjacent to a threatened ecological community (TEC). Given the minor maintenance and the low impact nature of the proposed works (e.g pruning), the proposed clearing is unlikely to have any detrimental

environmental impact on biodiversity values at any of the nominated apiary sites. Given this it is considered that the proposed maintenance works is not likely to be at variance with principles (a), (c) or (d)...

Those apiary sites within the Swan Coastal Plain and lower southwest of WA are likely to include habitat for indigenous fauna (including species of conservation significance), as they are located adjacent to areas that generally contain extensive native vegetation cover. Those towards the Wheatbelt and Goldfields and to a lesser extent in the Midwest regions are less likely to occur near such well-vegetated areas. Given that the apiary sites are located within areas previously used for beekeeping, the small scale of proposed maintenance within each site is not expected to have an impact on significant fauna habitat, nor have an impact on the remaining native vegetation in areas that are extensively cleared. It is considered that the proposed maintenance work is not likely to be at variance with principle (b) or (e).

Seven of the apiary sites are located near minor, non-perennial watercourses and one near a major, non-perennial watercourse. A few apiary sites are in the vicinity of conservation category wetlands. The proposed maintenance within these apiary sites may include vegetation growing in association with a watercourse. It is considered that the proposed maintenance may be at variance with principle (f), however given the small scale of the proposed maintenance work the impacts are likely to be minimal.

Many of the apiary sites are located within DEC-managed estate. Given that the apiary sites are located within areas previously used for beekeeping, the small scale of the proposed maintenance work within each apiary site is not expected to have an impact on the environmental values of conservation areas. It is considered that the proposed maintenance work is not likely to be at variance with principle (h).

Four apiary sites are located within Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947 areas and/or Public Drinking Water Supply Areas (PDWSAs). The standard apiary site conditions state that apiary sites should be located a minimum of 200 metres from watercourses within PDWSAs (DEC 2011). Given that the apiary sites are located within areas previously used for beekeeping, the small scale of the proposed clearing within each apiary site is not expected to have an impact on the quality of surface or underground water. It is considered that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance with principle (i).

Given that most of the apiary sites are located within areas previously used for beekeeping, the small scale of the proposed maintenance (clearing) within each apiary site is not expected to have an impact on the incidence or intensity of flooding, or contribute to any land degradation. It is considered that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance with principles (g) or (j).

Methodology

References

- Keighery 1994
- DEC 2011

GIS datasets

- Heddle Vegetation Complexes
- Mattiske Vegetation Complexes
- Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia
- Pre-European Vegetation
- Geomorphic Wetlands (Mgt Categories), Swan Coastal Plain
- Hydrography, linear (hierarchy)
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas
- DEC Managed Lands and Waters
- SAC biodatasets (accessed Oct 11)

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

Comments

All apiary sites have been previously used (on and off for many years) and not all sites will require maintenance (maintenance would involve dealing with re-growth).

Apiarists prefer, and attempts are made, to use existing cleared areas and tracks for access (firebreaks) and keep any maintenance to a minimum. But in some areas, for example in the southwest of WA, some sites may not have been visited for a number of years and clearing of regrowth is required.

Apiarists are requested to liaise with either local DEC office, Department of Water / Water Corporation and other relevant government agencies concerning beehive placement. Apiarists must also abide by their apiary permit conditions concerning, for example, access to property, placement of bee-hives and their obligations under any other written law (DEC, 2011).

Under the Bush Fires Act 1954 apiary sites require a 3m firebreak.

Authority to access land:

Apiary authorities are granted under the CALM Act. As part of the process, authority to access lands is

obtained from the relevant land managers. Therefore from a clearing application perspective the apiary authority represents the necessary land access authority.

Native title:

The question of native title only arises on Crown land where native title has not been extinguished. Beekeeping is considered to be a low impact, future act under section 24LA of the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993. A low impact, future act will not extinguish native title only if it takes place before, and does not continue after, an approved determination of native title is made. Hence, where a low impact, future act takes place on land where native title has already been determined, the native title holders will need to be notified. An application to clear for the purpose of maintaining apiary sites is usually done in conjunction with an existing apiary authority. Provided that the application to clear is for the same areas referred to in an apiary authority (and not for larger or alternate areas), the grant of a clearing permit is a secondary approval process and DEC's CEO will not be required to notify claimants or holders of native title.

Methodology

DEC. 2011

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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)