



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## **CLEARING PERMIT**

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### **PERMIT DETAILS**

Area Permit Number: 4687/1

File Number: 2011/010169-1

Duration of Permit: From 20 February 2012 to 20 February 2014

### **PERMIT HOLDER**

Marphil Holdings Pty Ltd

### **LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE**

Lot 131 on Deposited Plan 182918 (Roebuck 6725)

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 20 native trees within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 4687/1.

### **CONDITIONS**

Nil.

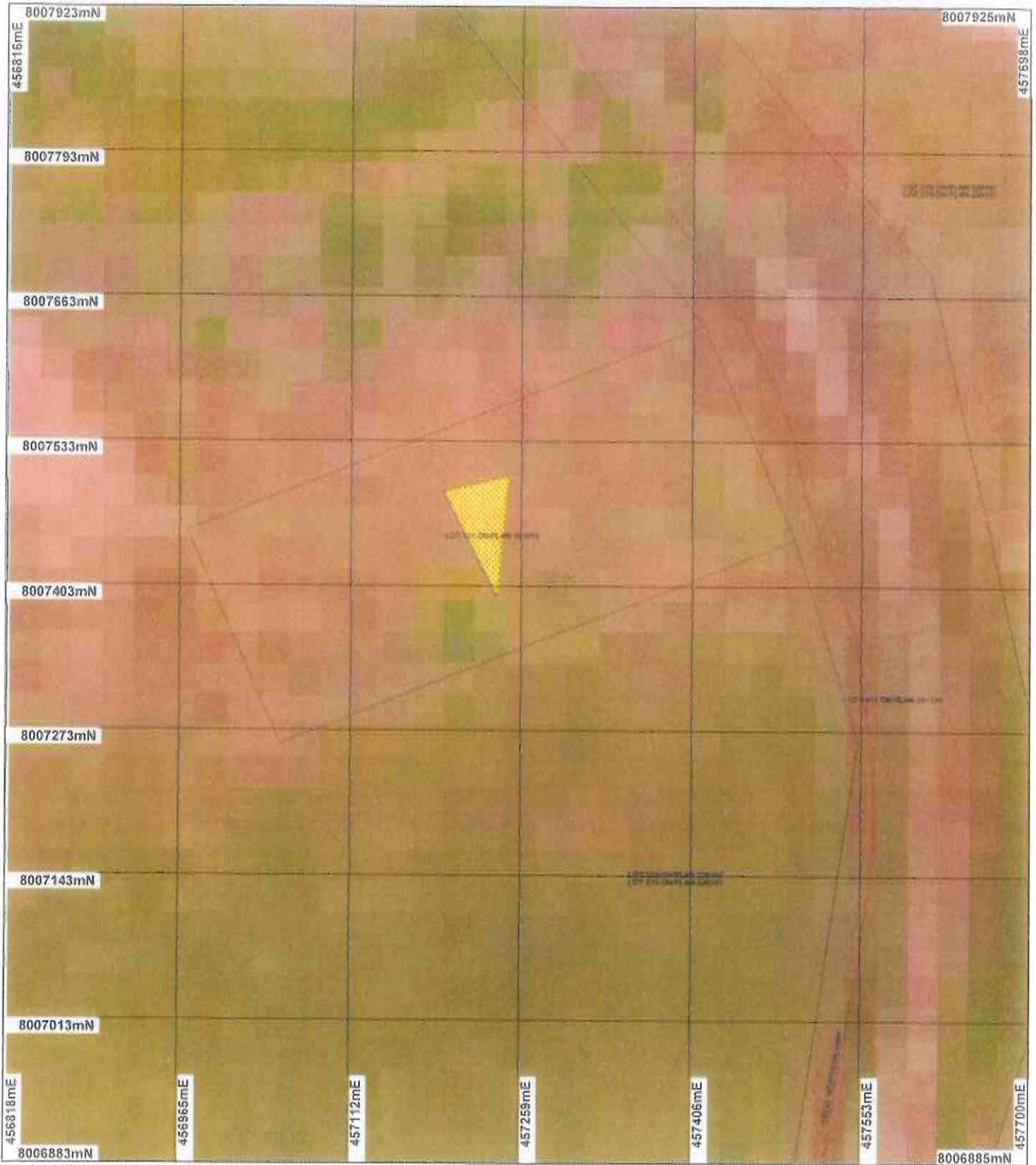
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Kelly Faulkner  
MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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

25 January 2012

# Plan 4687/1



## LEGEND

- Warning instruments:**
- Areas Subject to Order
  - Road Closures
- Other symbols:**
- Contour
  - Storage Area
  - Property, other
  - Drainage
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*[Signature]* Date 25/1/02  
 K. Faulkner

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4687/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Marphil Holdings Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 131 ON PLAN 182918 (Lot No. 131 GREAT NORTHERN ROEBUCK 6725)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Broome  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	20	Mechanical Removal	Building or Structure

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 25 January 2012

## 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
The vegetation under application is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 699. This vegetation association is described as Shrublands, pindan; Acacia eripoda shrubland with scattered low bloodwood ( <i>Eucalyptus dicromophloia</i> ) & <i>E. setosa</i> over soft & curly spinifex on sandplain (Shepherd, 2009).	Marphil Holdings Pty Ltd are proposing to clear up to 20 trees within Lot 131 on Deposited Plan 182918, Roebuck.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation was determined through digital imagery and photos provided by a Regional Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC, 2011)

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

This application proposes to clear up to 20 trees within Lot 131 on Deposited Plan 182918, Roebuck, for the purpose of constructing a warehouse, staff amenities and access roads.

The area under application is located within the Dampierland Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA) bioregion. This IBRA bioregion has approximately 100 per cent of its Pre European vegetation extent remaining (Shepherd, 2009).

The application area is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 699. This vegetation association has approximately 100 per cent (1 975 268hectares) of its pre-European extent remaining in the Dampierland bioregion (Shepherd, 2009).

Given the limited amount of clearing proposed and the amount of native vegetation remaining in the local area the proposed clearing is not likely to significantly impact any biodiversity, fauna habitat or environmental values or cause appreciable land degradation within the local or regional context. Given the above, the application is unlikely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

### Methodology

References:  
Shepherd (2009)

GIS Database:  
- Pre European Vegetation  
- SAC Biodatasets - accessed Dec 2011

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

### Comments

This application was initially for 6.8 hectares however a regional DEC Officer advised that this area had already been cleared. Subsequently the applicant was advised that a permit would not be granted over the areas in which work had started and was therefore asked to revise their application to only include areas of vegetation which remained to be cleared. The alleged unlawful clearing is being investigated as a separate matter.

The area under application falls within the Canning-Kimberley Ground Water Area which is an area proclaimed under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914.

The Town of Port Hedland (2012) advised that on 14 April 2011 Council approved Marphil Holdings planning application.

### Methodology

References:

Town of Port Hedland (2012)

GIS Database:

- RIWI Groundwater Areas

## 4. References

- DEC (2011) Site photos of Lot 131 on Deposited Plan 182918, Roebourne. Photos taken 7 December 2011. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (DEC Ref: A456845).
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P. (2009) 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.
- Town of Port Hedland (2012) Email dated 20 January 2012 containing advice that Planning Approval has been granted (DEC Ref: A468050).

## 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)