

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4980/1

File Number: 2012/002205-1

Duration of Permit: From 24 August 2012 to 24 August 2014

PERMIT HOLDER

Gavin Mitchell Hawley Patricia Zaccagnini

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 232 on Plan 23859 (College Grove, 6230)

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 3 native trees within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 4980/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

Kelly Faulkner MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

2 August 2012

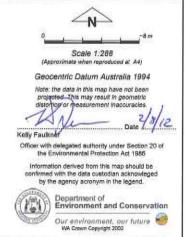
Plan 4980/1





LEGEND

Bunbury Townsite 20cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007







Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: Permit type:

4980/1 Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Gavin Mitchell and Patricia Hawley

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 232 ON PLAN 23859 (House No. 2 KEBLE COLLEGE GROVE 6230)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

City of Bunbury

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Hazard reduction or fire control

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

2 August 2012

Grant

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

The area under application is mapped Beard vegetation association 6 which is described as 'Medium woodland; tuart & jarrah' (Shepherdet al., 2001).

The area under application is also mapped as Heddle vegetation complex of Karrakatta central and south which is described as 'Predominantly open forest of Eucalyptus gomphocephala (Tuart) - Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) - Corymbia calophylla (Marri) and woodland of Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) - Banksia species' (Heddle et al, 1980).

Clearing Description

This application proposes to clear 3 native trees within Lot 232 on Deposited Plan 23859, Cullacabardee, for the purpose of preventing the build up of fire hazardous material a roof cavity of a house.

The three native trees proposed to be cleared are Agonis flexuosa (Department of Environment and Conservation 2012)

Vegetation Condition

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

Comment

The condition of the vegetation was determined via digital imagery (Bunbury Townsite: Landgate 2007) and a site inspection undertaken by the Department of Environment and Conservation (2012).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

This application proposes to clear 3 native trees within Lot 232 on Deposited Plan 23859, College Grove, for the purpose of preventing the build up of fire hazardous material in a roof cavity of a house.

The three native trees under application are Agonis flexuosa (Peppermint trees). The trees under application may provide habitat for the Western Ringtail Possum (Pseudocheirus occidentalis). A site inspection undertaken by the Department of Environment and Conservation (2012) identified only one tree as mature and did not observe evidence of Western Ringtail Possums utilising these trees.

Given the small area under application which is in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition it is unlikely to contain a high level of biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, or is the clearing likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

Therefore, the clearing as proposed is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Methodology

Reference:

- -Department of Environment and Conservation (2012)
- -Keighery, 1994

GIS Database:

- Pre-European Vegetation
- Bunbury Townsite: Landgate 2007
- Sac bio datasets accessed 12 April 2012

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

Comments

Planning Approval for the removal of trees on Lot 121 Keble Heights, College Grove was granted by the City of

Bunbury (2012) on the 31 July 2012.

Methodology

Reference:

-City of Bunbury (2012)

4. References

City of Bunbury (2012). Planning Approval - Lot 232 #2 Keble Heights College Grove, Western Australia. (DEC Ref: A529447 Department of Environment and Conservation (2012) South West Region Advice for Clearing Permit CPS 4980/1. Western Australia. (DEC Ref: A509919).

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Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.

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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

Department of Environment and Conservation DEC DEP

Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)

DoE Department of Environment

Department of Industry and Resources DoIR

DRF Declared Rare Flora

EPP Environmental Protection Policy Geographical Information System GIS Hectare (10,000 square metres) ha TEC Threatened Ecological Community

WRC Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)