



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 5352/1
Permit Holder:	Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku
Duration of Permit:	8 February 2014 – 8 February 2019

ADVICE NOTE:

This Permit does not confer upon the Permit Holder authorisation to access the land to which the Permit relates.

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 realigning Blackstone-Warburton Road.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 9 on Deposited Plan 91722, Ngaanyatjarra-Giles

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 7.5 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 5352/1.

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 for the activities described in condition 1 of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

6. 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*:

- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- 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:

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; and

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 a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

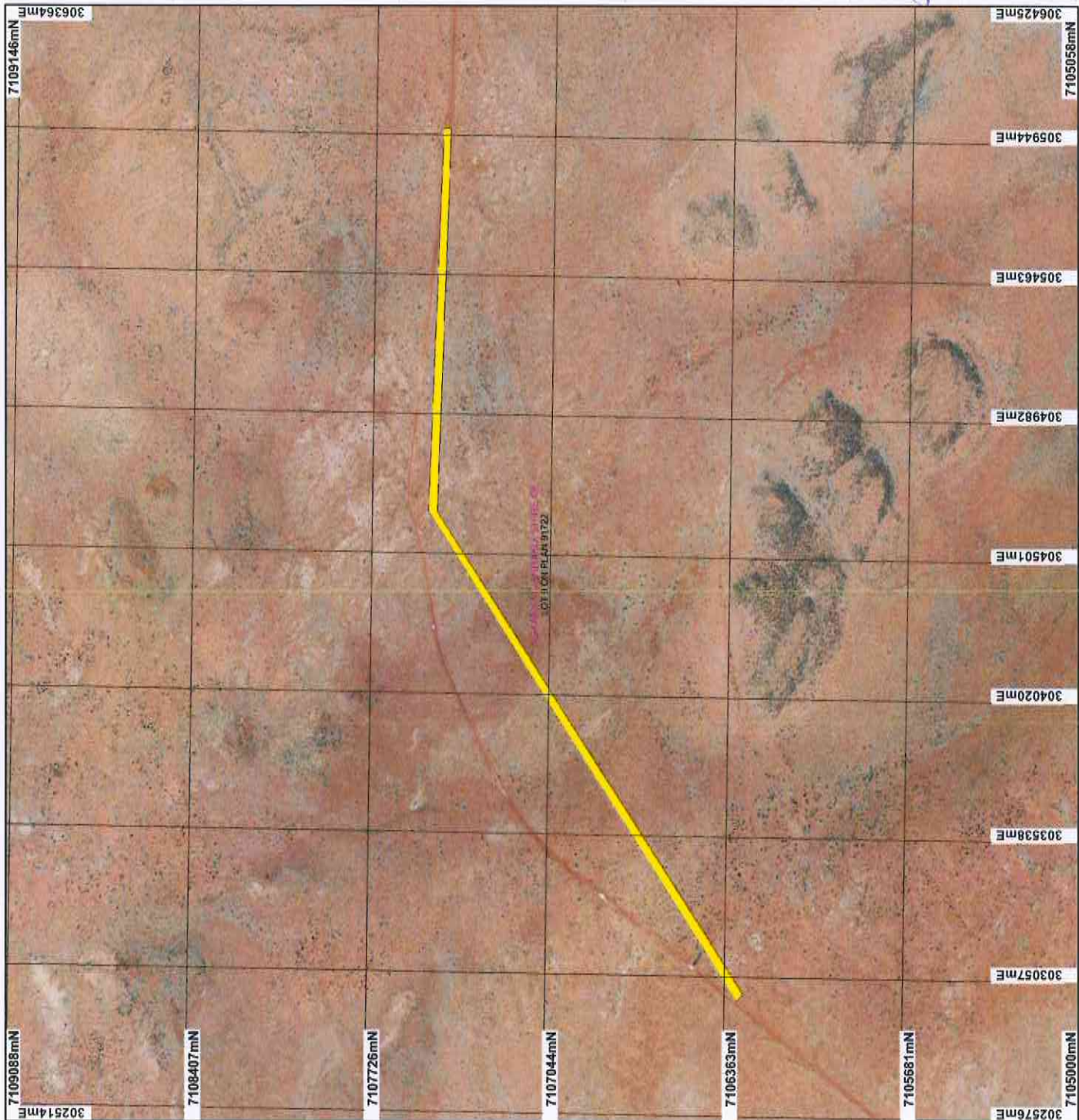


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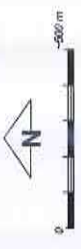
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Plan 5352/1



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Geocentric Datum, Australia 1994

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5352/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 9 ON PLAN 91722 (NGAANYATJARRA-GILES 0872)
Local Government Area: Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
7.5		Mechanical Removal	Road construction or maintenance

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 9 January 2014

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
Mapped Beard vegetation association 18 is described as low woodland consisting predominantly of mulga (<i>Acacia aneura</i>) (Shepherd et al, 2001).	The clearing consists of 7.5 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 9 on Plan 91722, Ngaanyatjarra-Giles, for the purpose of realigning Blackstone-Warburton Road.	Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation was assessed through aerial imagery (Mount Eveline 1.3m Orthomosaic - Landgate, 2005).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

This application proposes to clear up to 7.5 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 9 on Deposited Plan 91722, Ngaanyatjarra-Giles, for the purpose of realigning Blackstone-Warburton road. The vegetation is in a very good (Keighery, 1994) condition.

There are no threatened or priority ecological communities and no rare or priority flora mapped within the local area (20 kilometre radius).

The fauna habitats within the area proposed to be cleared are well represented elsewhere within the local and regional area, therefore no significant loss of habitat for indigenous fauna is expected.

The area under application is within an extensively vegetated landscape with 99.93 per cent of Beard vegetation Association 18 remaining within the Central Ranges Bioregion (Government of Western Australia, 2013). Given the linearity and size of the proposed clearing (7.5 hectares), the vegetation under application is not considered to be a significant remnant.

A minor non perennial watercourse runs through the western portion of the application area. The proposed clearing may cause short-term sedimentation of surface water of this watercourse, however, given the linear nature of the clearing and that the watercourse is non-perennial, this impact is considered to be minimal.

Given the linear nature of the proposed clearing and that the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku has approximately 99.98 per cent of pre-European vegetation remaining, it is not likely that the proposed clearing will significantly impact

any biodiversity, fauna habitat, environmental values, cause appreciable land degradation or exacerbate flooding.

The proposed clearing may be at variance to Principle (f), and is not likely to be at variance to any other clearing Principle. The disturbance resulting from the proposed clearing will increase the risk of weeds spreading into adjacent vegetated areas. Weed management practices will assist in mitigating this risk.

Methodology

References:

- Government of Western Australia (2013)
- Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases:

- SAC Bio Datasets (accessed December 2012)
- Hydrography, linear

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

Comments

No submissions from the public have been received for the proposed clearing.

The proposed clearing falls within Lot 9 on Plan 91722, which is under the vesting authority of the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority. The proponent has advised that authority to access the land has been sought, but has not yet been finalised.

The application area falls within the Ngaanyatjarra Native Title Claim area. A direct interest letter was sent to the claimants, but no response was received.

Methodology

4. References

- Government of Western Australia (2013) 2012 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of October 2012. WA Department of Environment and Conservation, Perth.
- 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., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.