



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 5619/1

File Number: 2011/006910-1

Duration of Permit: From 17 August 2013 to 17 August 2015

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Woodanilling.

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 374 on Plan 81362 (Reserve 5967), Woodanilling.

Robinson Road reserve (PIN 11045261), Woodanilling.

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 33 native trees within the combined areas shaded yellow on attached Plan 5619/1a and Plan 5619/1b.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

B. Walker

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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

18 July 2013

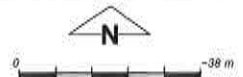
Plan 5619/1a



LEGEND

- Local Government Authorities
- Road Centrelines
- Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear

Kojonup 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2010



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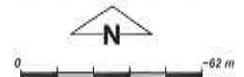
Plan 5619/1b



LEGEND

- Local Government Authorities
- Road Centrelines
- Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear

Kojonup 50cm Orthomosaic -
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Clearing Permit Decision Report

Government of Western Australia
Department of Environment Regulation

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5619/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Shire of Woodanilling

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 374 ON PLAN 81362 (Lot No. 374 YAIRABIN WOODANILLING 6316)
ROAD RESERVE (WOODANILLING 6316)
Local Government Area: Shire of Woodanilling

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	33	Mechanical Removal	Hazard reduction or fire control

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 18 July 2013

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
Beard Vegetation Association: 1023 - Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo & salmon gum (Eucalyptus salmonophloia) (Shepherd et al. 2001).	The application is to clear up to 33 native trees within Lot 374 on Plan 81362 (Reserve 5967) and Robinson Road reserve, Woodanilling, for the purpose of hazard reduction.	Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994). To Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994).	Vegetation description and condition were determined through aerial imagery (Kojonup 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2010).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The application is to clear up to 33 native trees within Lot 374 on Plan 81362 (Reserve 5967) and Robinson Road reserve, Woodanilling, for the purpose of hazard reduction.

There are six priority flora species recorded on the same soil and vegetation type as the application, which are located approximately 400 metres from the application area. However, these priority species are small shrubs and the application is to clear native trees. Therefore, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact priority flora.

There are no rare flora species or threatened ecological communities within close proximity to application area.

Given the clearing consists of 33 trees, it is unlikely for the proposed clearing to contain significant fauna habitat, impact on nearby conservation areas, cause or exacerbate land degradation or flooding or impact on water quality.

The application area is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 1023, which retains approximately 11 percent of its pre-European extent (Government of Western Australia 2013). The application area occurs in a highly cleared local and regional area. However, the majority of the vegetation under application is in degraded (Keighery 1994) condition and therefore is not likely to represent this vegetation association. Given this, and the small amount of vegetation to be cleared, the proposed clearing is not likely to be a significant remnant of vegetation.

The assessment of the application identified that the clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the principles.

Methodology References:
Government of Western Australia 2013
Keighery 1994
GIS Databases:
- SAC Biodatasets
- Pre-European vegetation
- Soils, Statewide

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

Comments

The applicant has advised that the clearing along Robinson Road reserve will allow greater vision along the road as the trees proposed to be cleared are close to and in some cases are inside the road maintenance and drainage area (Shire of Woodanilling 2013). The applicant has advised that the proposed clearing within Lot 374 on Plan 81362 (Reserve 5967) is to ensure the car parking area at Woodanilling Sports Ground is clear from trees, of which their presence has caused accidents in the past (Shire of Woodanilling 2013).

A public submission was received raising concerns about the necessity of the proposed clearing and suggested various alternatives to clearing to improve safety measures of the road. The submission referred to Robinson Road as a declared flora road (Submission 2013). Robinson Road is a declared flora road west of the Great Southern Highway, however the application does not occur within this area. The Shire of Woodanilling has advised that the proposed clearing is in accordance with the Town Centre Enhancement Plan and that the overall biodiversity of the area has been taken into great consideration with consultation with the Shire's Landcare Officer (Shire of Woodanilling 2013b). In regards to safety matters the Shire of Woodanilling has explored a number of safety options such as guideposts and reflective road edge markers however a road safety audit recommended the removal of such things as they were a significant distraction to the intersection of Robinson Road and Great Southern Hwy (Shire of Woodanilling 2013b).

Methodology References:
Submission 2013
Shire of Woodanilling 2013a
Shire of Woodanilling 2013b

4. References

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- Shire of Woodanilling (2013b) Clearing Permit – CPS 5619/1 Response to public submission. Received 16/07/2013. DEC REF: A651284.
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