

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS 5845/2

Permit Holder: Alinta Energy Transmission (Roy Hill) Pty Ltd

Duration of Permit: 18 January 2014 – 18 January 2019

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 constructing transmission line infrastructure, access tracks and laydown area.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 87 on Deposited Plan 30401 (Newman 6753)

Lot 104 on Deposited Plan 30401 (Newman 6753)

Lot 1580 on Deposited Plan 72910 (Newman 6753)

Lot 99 on Deposited Plan 220355 (Newman 6753)

Lot 19 on Deposited Plan 48921 (Newman 6753)

Lot 351 on Deposited Plan 74327 (Newman 6753)

Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 44340 (Newman 6753)

Lot 353 on Deposited Plan 74327 (Newman 6753)

Lot 349 on Deposited Plan 74327 (Newman 6753)

Lot 352 on Deposited Plan 74327 (Newman 6753)

Lot 163 on Deposited Plan 216869 (Newman 6753)

Lot 71 on Deposited Plan 216352 (Newman 6753)

Lot 154 on Deposited Plan 192801 (Newman 6753)

Lot 174 on Deposited Plan 219293 (Newman 6753)

Lot 175 on Deposited Plan 219293 (Newman 6753)

Lot 223 on Deposited Plan 216869 (Newman 6753)

Lot 176 on Deposited Plan 219293 (Newman 6753)

Lot 201 on Deposited Plan 219293 (Newman 6753)

Lot 17 on Deposited Plan 241430 (Newman 6753)

Lot 400 on Deposited Plan 71872 (Newman 6753)

Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 217443 (Newman 6753)

Marble Bar Road reserve, PIN 11734468, PIN 11734467, PIN 11734466, PIN 11735082,

PIN 11735083 and PIN 11735084 (Newman 6753)

Noreena Roy Hill Road reserve, PIN 11734465 (Newman 6753)

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 161 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 5845/2a, Plan 5845/2b, Plan 5845/2c, Plan 5845/2d, Plan 5845/2e and Plan 5845/2f.

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.

PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. Weed control

- (a) 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;
 - (ii) ensure that no weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared
- (b) At least once in each 12 month period for the term of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit.

6. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

The Permit Holder shall:

- (a) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared.
- (b) at an optimal time following clearing authorised under this Permit revegetate and rehabilitate area(s) that are no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit.
 - (i) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; and
 - (ii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 6(a) on the area(s) that are no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

direct seeding means a method of re-establishing vegetation through the establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species;

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;

optimal time means the period from November to December for undertaking direct seeding.

regenerate/ed/ion means re-establishment of vegetation from in situ seed banks and propagating material (such as lignotubers, bulbs, rhizomes) contained either within the topsoil or seed-bearing mulch;

rehabilitate/ed/ion means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area;

revegetate/ed/ion means the re-establishment of a cover of local provenance native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting, so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area; 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.

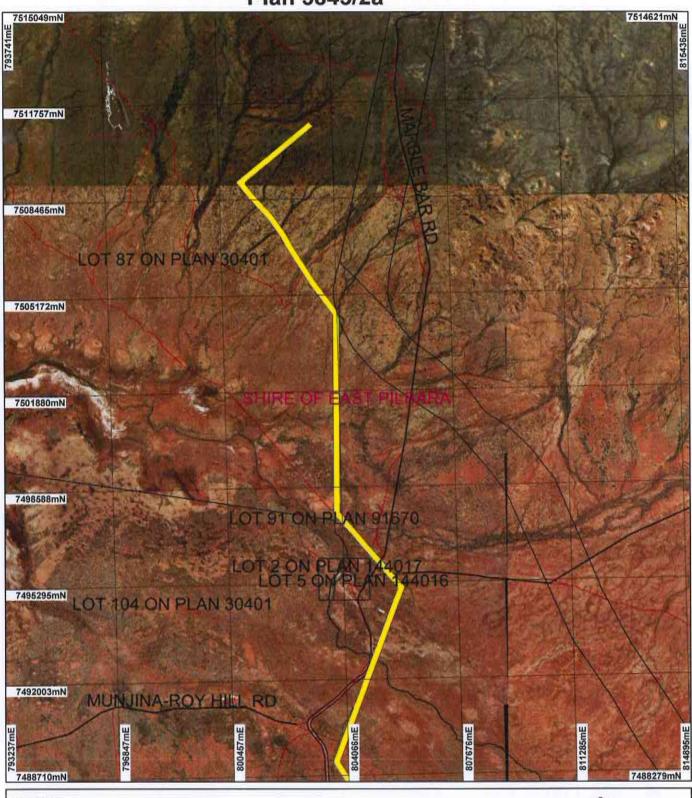
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NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

6 March 2014

Plan 5845/2a



LEGEND

- Road Centrelines
- Local Government
- Cadastre for labelling **Clearing Instruments**
- Areas Approved to Clear

Western Australia Landsat Mosaic 25m - AGO 2006

Murramunda 1.4m Orthomosaic - Lando

Koy Hill 50cm Urtnomosaic -Landgate 2004

Newman 1,4m Orthomosaic -Landgate 2003



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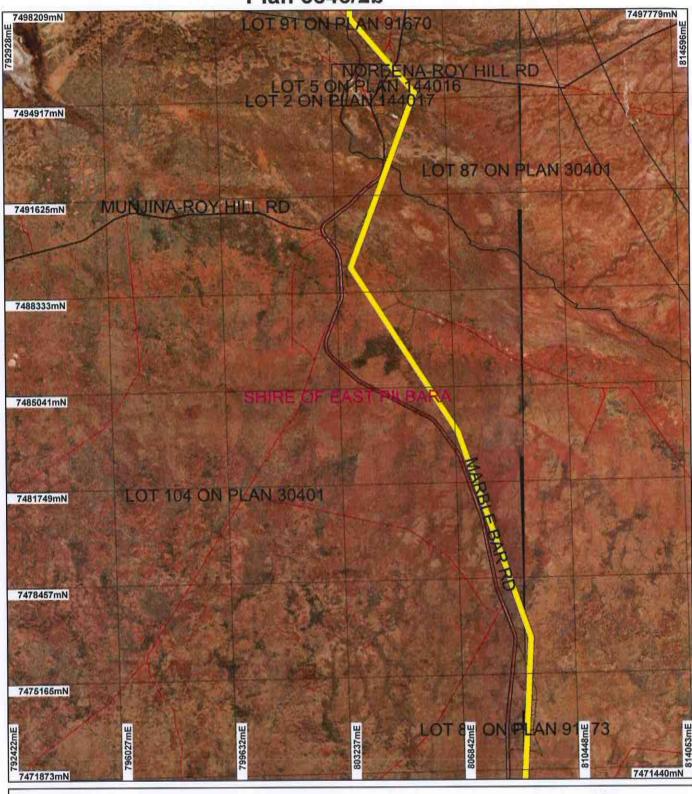
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LEGEND

- Road Centrelines
- Local Government Authorities
- ☐ Cadastre for labelling Clearing Instruments

Areas Approved to Clear

Western Australia Landsat Mosaic 25m - AGO 2006 Murramunda 1.4m Orthomosaic - Landgate 2003

Ethel Creek 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate Koy Hill 50cm Urtnomosaic -Landgate 2004

Newman 1.4m Orthomosaic -Landgate 2003



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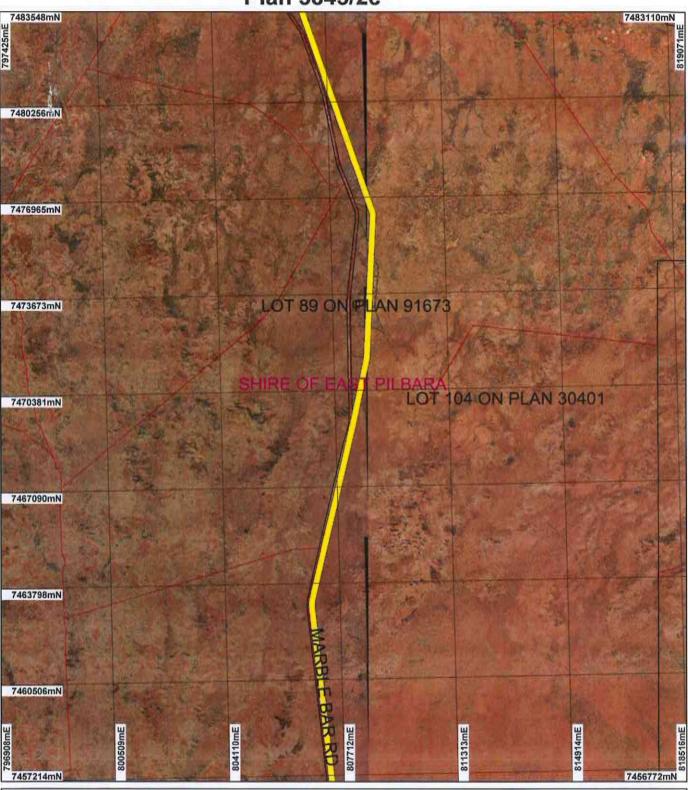
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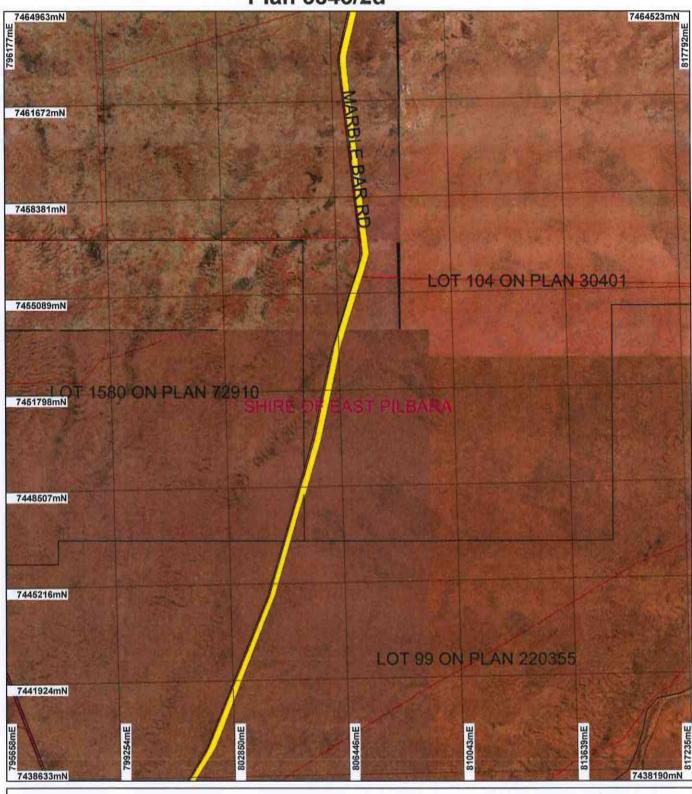
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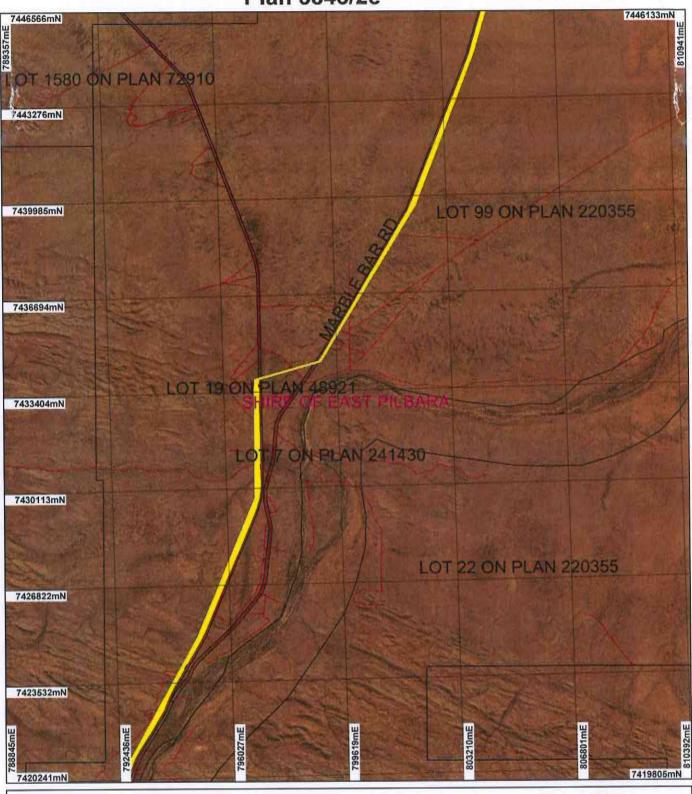
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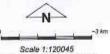
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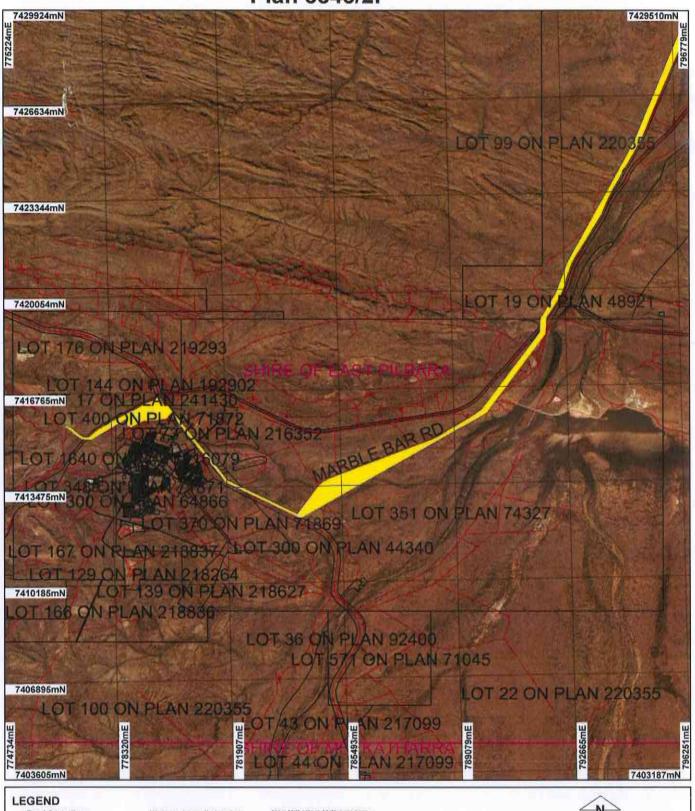
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Western Australia Landsat Mosaic 25m - AGO 2006 Murramunda 1.4m Orthomosaic - Landgate 2003

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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.:

5845/2

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Alinta Energy Transmission (Roy Hill) Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 87 ON PLAN 30401 (NEWMAN 6753)

ROAD RESERVE (NEWMAN 6753) ROAD RESERVE (NEWMAN 6753) ROAD RESERVE (NEWMAN 6753)

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LOT 71 ON PLAN 216352 (Lot No. 71 GREAT NORTHERN NEWMAN 6753)

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Local Government Area:

Shire of Roebourne

Colloquial name:

Marble Bar Road and Noreena-roh Road reserves

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

161

Mechanical Removal

Water/gas/cable/pipeline/power installation

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

6 March 2014

Site Information

1.6. Existing environment and information

1.6.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Clearing Description

Newman to Roy Hill Transmission

Line Construction and Operation.

Vegetation Description

Mapped Beard vegetation association 29 is described as sparse low woodland; mulga, discontinuous in scattered groups.

Mapped Beard vegetation association 197 is described as sedgeland; sedges with scattered medium trees; coolabah over various sedges & forbes.

Mapped Beard vegetation association 676 is described as succulent steppe; samphire.

Mapped Beard vegetation association 111 is described as hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; Eucalyptus gamophylla over hard spinifex.

Mapped Beard vegetation association 82 is described as hummock grasslands, low tree steppe; snappy gum over Triodia wiseana.

Mapped Beard vegetation association 18 is described as low woodland; mulga (Acacia aneura).

(Shepherd et al 2001).

Vegetation Condition

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

To

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

Comment

The condition of the native vegetation under application was determined by digital imagery and a flora survey undertaken by Ecoscape (2013).

The clearing of 161 hectares of native vegetation is for the construction of transmission line infrastructure, access tracks and a laydown area.

2. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The permit has been amended to increase the clearing footprint area to include additional access tracks, change the alignment of the transmission line corridor and include additional property Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 217443.

The assessment against the clearing principles have not changed, the findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 5845/1.

Methodology

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

Comments

The Department of Lands (2014) has issue two section 91 licences for the construction of the transmission line and laydown area being: Lic 00114_2012_A4108700 and Lic 00114_2012_A4108767.

Methodology

References:

Department of Lands (2014)

3. References

Department of Lands (2013) Section 91 Licence Lic 00114_2012_A4108767 and Lic 00114_2012_A4108700. Western Australia. DER Ref: A722763.

Ecoscape (2013) Newman -Roy Hill Transmission Line Survey - Version 11. Western Australia. DER Ref: A686966.

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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Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.