

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS

CPS 5930/1

Permit Holder:

Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd

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 upgrading a road intersection.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Nanutarra – Wittenoom Road reserve, Mount Sheila (PIN 11731092)

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1 hectare of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 5930/1.

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.

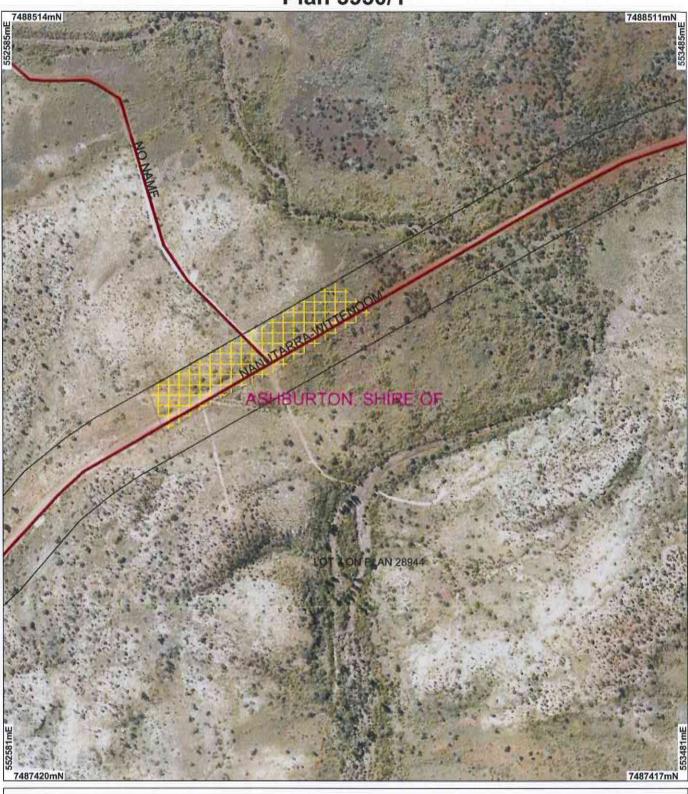
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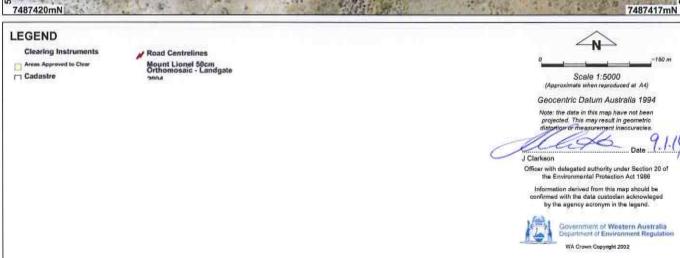
ACTING MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Plan 5930/1







Clearing Permit Decision Report

Government of Western Australia Department of Environment Regulation

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

5930/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

Nanutarra - Wittenoom Road reserve PIN 11731092 (Mount Sheila 6751)

Local Government Area:

Shire of Ashburton

Colloquial name:

Nanutarra - Wittenoom Road

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or maintenance

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

Grant

9 January 2014

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Vegetation Condition

Mapped Beard Vegetation Association 567 is described as Hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; mulga & kanji over soft spinifex & Triodia basedowii (Shepherd et al 2001). Excellent: Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994)

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The application is to clear one hectare of native vegetation within the Nanutarra-Wittenoom Road reserve, Mount Sheila, for the purpose of upgrading a road intersection.

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, wetlands, watercourses, land degradation, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and flooding. The assessment has found that the clearing under application may be at variance with principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining principles.

There are numerous minor non-perennial watercourses that cross Nanutarra-Wittenoom Road. One of these watercourses crosses the area of road that is being upgraded.

No submissions have been received in relation to this application to clear.

Methodology

- Pre-European Vegetation
- IBRA WA (Regions Sub Regions)
- Mount Lionel 50cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2004
- Hydrography, linear
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- -SAC Biodata

4. References

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.

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