



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 5960/1
File Number: DER2014/000064-1
Duration of Permit: From 12 April 2014 to 12 April 2016

PERMIT HOLDER

Bradley Ian Lynch

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 4793 on Deposited Plan 203466, Forest Hill
Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 58672, Forest Hill
Lot 5 on Diagram 96612, Forest Hill

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 2.25 hectares of native vegetation within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 5960/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

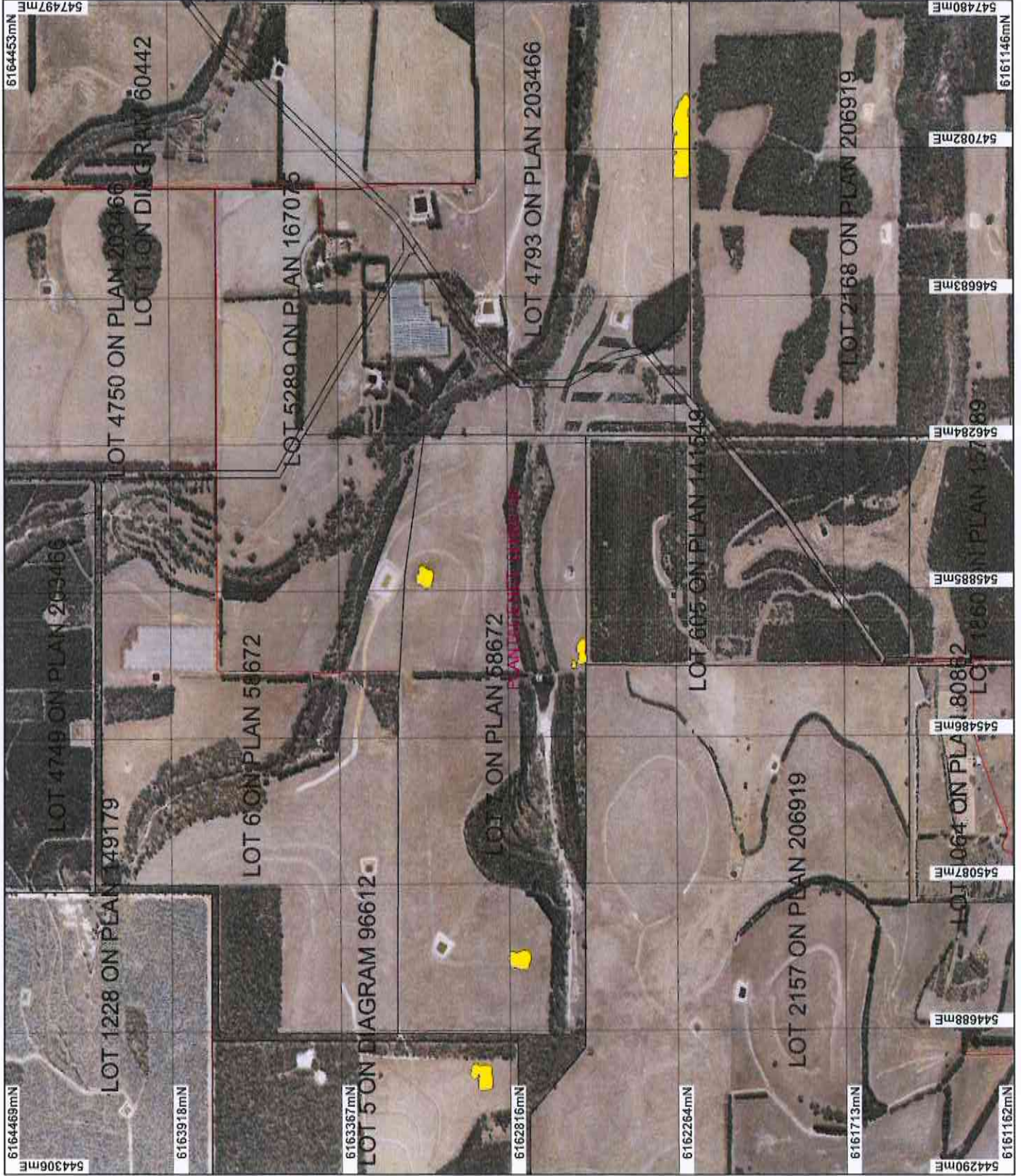
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M Warnock
MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

13 March 2014

Plan 5960/1



LEGEND

- 89815 Centrelines
- Local Government Authorities Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear
- Mount Barker 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5960/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Bradley Ian Lynch

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 5 ON DIAGRAM 96612 (Lot No. 5 HARVEY FOREST HILL 6324)
LOT 7 ON PLAN 58672 (FOREST HILL 6324)
LOT 4793 ON PLAN 203466 (FOREST HILL 6324)
Local Government Area: Shire of Plantagenet

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
2.25		Mechanical Removal	Cropping

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 13 March 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
The vegetation under application is mapped as Beard vegetation association 3 which is described as medium forest; jarrah, marri (Shepherd et al, 2001).	The clearing of 2.25 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 58672, Lot 5 on Diagram 96612 and Lot 4793 on Deposited Plan 203466, Forest Hill, is for the purpose of cropping and improving agricultural efficiency.	Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation under application was determined via a site inspection undertaken by the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation (2014).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is to clear 2.25 hectares of native vegetation consisting of isolated paddock trees with no understorey. The application is to improve agricultural efficiency and allow for larger farm machinery.

The application is within a local area (10 kilometre radius) that is extensively cleared for agriculture, with approximately 20 percent native vegetation remaining. The vegetation is in completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition and is not a true representative of the mapped vegetation type.

The vegetation under application is within the breeding range for Carnaby's cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*), Baudin's cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*) and forest red-tailed black cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii* subsp. *naso*) which are listed as endangered or vulnerable under state and federal legislation respectively. These species nest in hollows of long-lived Eucalyptus and Corymbia trees (DotE, 2012). Given the limited number of breeding records in the area active nest hollows are not likely to be present within the application area.

Remnants of vegetation adjoining the application area are likely to contain potential habitat trees for black cockatoos in a better condition than the application area. Clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to be significant for black cockatoo's. The paddock trees proposed to be cleared are isolated from surrounding remnant vegetation on the property and therefore the proposed clearing is not likely to impact upon the linkage and connectivity of vegetation in the local area.

Given the condition of the vegetation, that there is no watercourses within the application area, the limited scale of clearing and as it does not adjoin a conservation reserve; the application is not likely to contain conservation significant flora or riparian vegetation, cause land degradation or flooding (Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation, 2014), is not likely to cause deterioration in water quality and is not likely to be representative of a threatened ecological community or impact a conservation reserve.

Given the above the application is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

Methodology References:
Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation (2014)
Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases:
- Hydrography, linear
- Mount Barker 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007
- NLWRA, Current Extent of Native Vegetation
- SAC Biodatasets, Accessed february 2014

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

Comments On the 19 April 2012 the applicant was granted a clearing permit to clear 50 native trees within a separate property (CPS 4876/1). On the 4 April 2013 Steven Lynch was granted a clearing permit to clear 1.3 hectares of native vegetation within an adjoining property (CPS 5471/1). No habitat trees were identified within the area and the permit has no conditions. Steven and Bradley Lynch have also submitted an application for a property to clear paddock trees which is currently being assessed (CPS 5959/1).

The Shire of Plantagenet (2014) has no objections to the proposed clearing.

The property is zoned rural and is actively farmed.

There are no known Aboriginal Sites of Significance within the application area.

No public submissions were received in relation to this application.

Methodology References:
Shire of Plantagenet (2014)

GIS Databases:
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
-Town Planning Scheme Zones

4. References

- Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation (2014); Land Degradation Advice and Assessment Report for clearing permit application CPS 5959/1 received 27 February 2014; Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DER Ref: A730723).
- 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.
- Shire of Plantagenet (2014); Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 5960/1 received 3 February 2014; Shire of Plantagenet (DER Ref: A721624).