



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 6026/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	10 May 2014 – 10 May 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 a waste facility.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 72898 (Reserve 51158), La Grange

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 9 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 6026/1.

**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.

### 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*:
- (i) 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.

### **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;

*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 Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



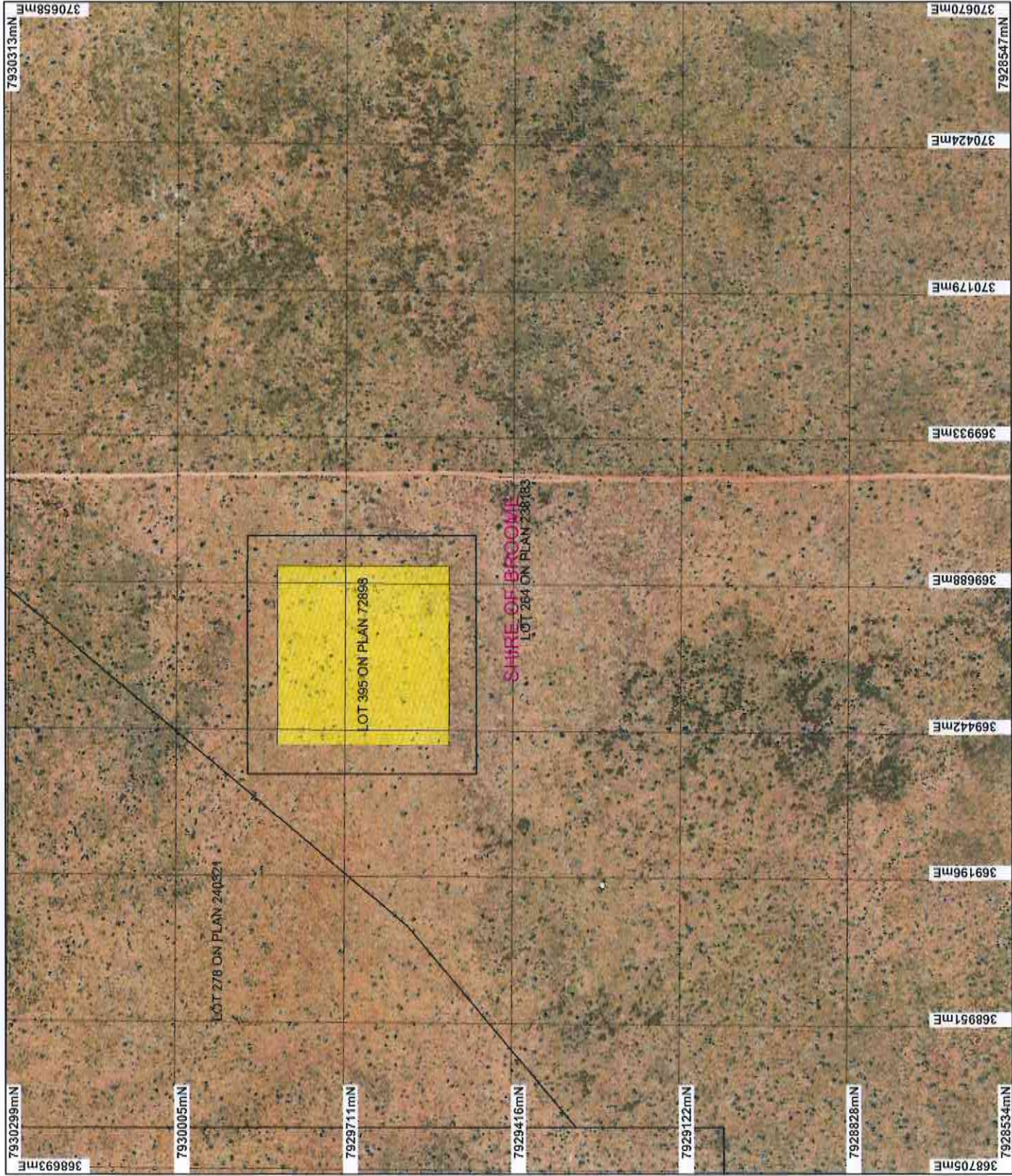
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10 April 2014



# Plan 6026/1



**LEGEND**

- Road Centrelines
- Cadastral Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear
- Local Government Authorities Lagrange 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2004

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(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6026/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 395 ON PLAN 72898 (LAGRANGE 6725)  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

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

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 10 April 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 is described as: 699: Shrublands, pindan; Acacia eripoda shrubland with scattered low bloodwood (Eucalyptus dicromophloia) & E. setosa over soft & curly spinifex on sandplain (Shepherd et al 2001).	The application is to clear 9 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 72898 (Reserve 51158), La Grange, for the purpose of constructing a waste facility.	Pristine: No obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation was determined through aerial imagery.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The application is for the proposed clearing of 9 hectares within Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 72898 (Reserve 51158), La Grange, for the purpose of constructing a waste facility.

No rare flora species, priority flora species, priority ecological communities or threatened ecological communities have been mapped in the local area (10 kilometre radius). The vegetation proposed to be cleared is well represented in the local area (99 per cent). The application area is therefore not likely to consist of an area of high biodiversity, have a detrimental impact on fauna habitat or be significant as a remnant in an extensively cleared area.

The application area is at least one kilometre from the nearest mapped wetland or watercourse. The clearing is therefore not likely to contain riparian vegetation, cause or exacerbate the incidence of flooding or cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.

Given the extent of the application area (9 hectares), and the predominantly sandy soil type (Northcote et al. 1960 - 1968), the clearing may cause land degradation in the form of wind erosion. Impacts will be minimised by the surrounding vegetation acting as a buffer, and the proposed end land use.

The closest conservation area is at least 40 kilometres from the application area, therefore the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on the environmental values of any conservation area.

Considering the above, the application may be at variance to Principle (g) and is not likely to be at variance to any of the remaining clearing principles.

- Methodology**    **References**  
- Government of Western Australia (2013)  
- Northcote et al. 1960-1968)

- GIS Databases**  
- Hydrology, linear  
- IBRA Australia  
- DEC Tenure  
- Soils, statewide  
- RIWI Act Areas  
- Pre-European Vegetation  
- Clearing Regulations - Environmentally Sensitive Areas  
- SAC Biodatasets Accessed March 2014  
- Lagrange 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2004

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

**Comments**

The application area is within the Canning-Kimberley Groundwater Area. The Department of Water has advised that there are coastal wetlands approximately 1.3 km west of the application area and these have been identified as potentially groundwater dependent and of high conservation value. The separation distance is adequate to protect this vegetation as long as best practices are employed to minimise any contamination risks to groundwater (DoW, 2014).

The proponent has stated that no groundwater is to be used. There is a monitoring bore onsite, however the schematics supplied with the clearing permit application indicate that its location, as well as the location of a future groundwater monitoring bore, is not consistent with prior recommendations of the Department of Water (DoW, 2014).

Department of Environment Regulation's Industry Regulation has issued Works Approval for this project.

The Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc has been issued a lease over Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 72898.

The Shire of Broome advises that planning approval has been granted.

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

No public submissions have been received.

- Methodology**    **References:**  
- DoW (2014)
- GIS Datasets:**  
- RIWI Act, Groundwater Areas  
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance  
- Town Planning Scheme Zones

### **4. References**

- DoW (2014) Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 6026/1, received 9 April 2014. Department of Water, Western Australia (DER Ref: A746819).
- 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.
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