



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 6148/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Onslow Rodeo Association
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	8 November 2014 – 8 November 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 purposes of extending the rodeo arena and establishing a camping area and road.

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

Lot 127 on Deposited Plan 186673, Onslow

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3.15 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 6148/1.

**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*:
- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - 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.



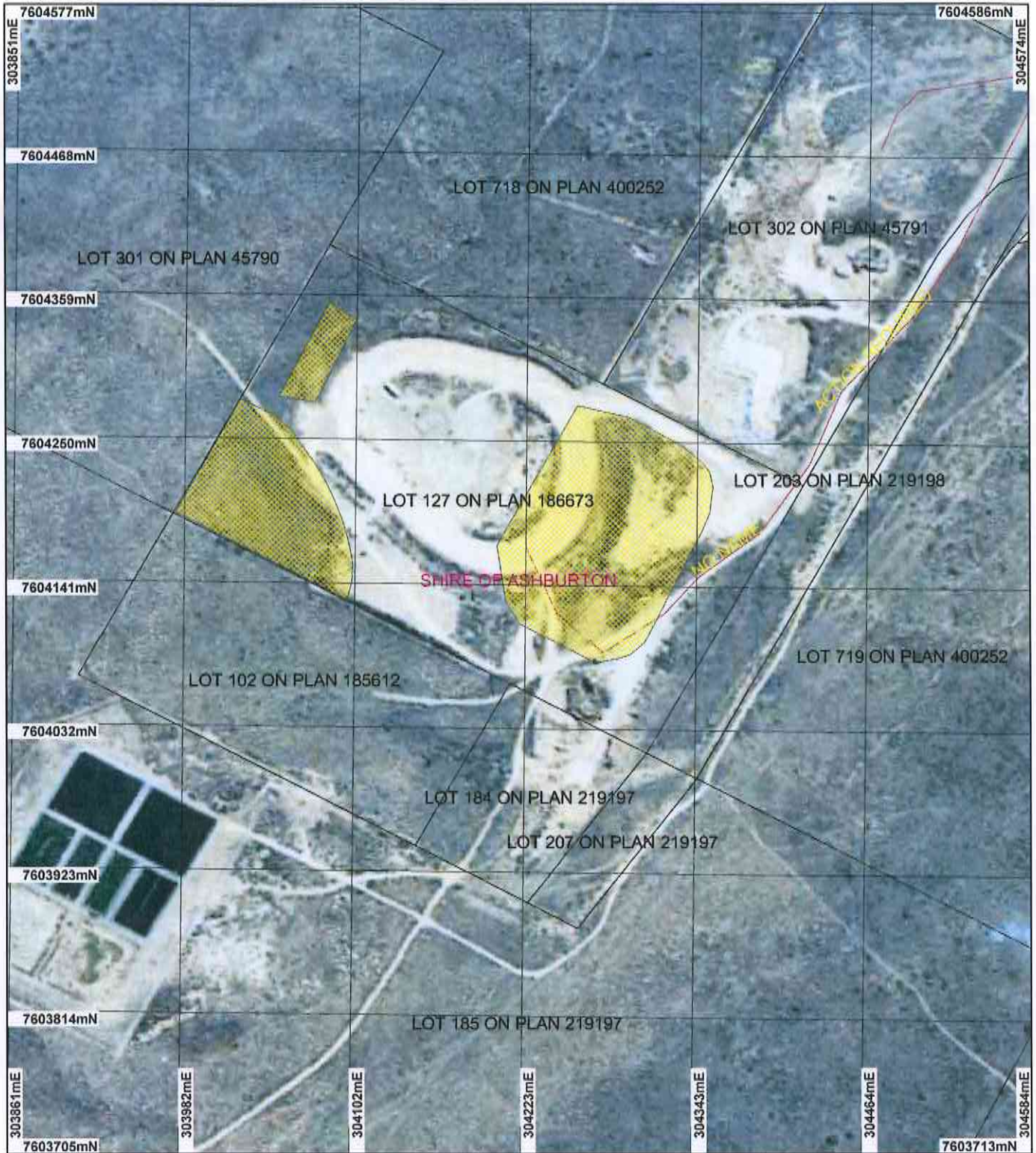
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SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

*Officer delegated under Section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*





9 October 2014



# Plan 6148/1



## LEGEND

-  Road Centrelines
-  Areas Approved to Clear
-  Cadastre
-  Local Government Authorities
- Onslow 1.4m Orthomosaic - Landgate 2001\_1



Scale 1:4000  
(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994  
Note: the data in this map have not been projected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

*M Wamock* Date 9/10/14

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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.: 6148/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Onslow Rodeo Association

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 127 ON PLAN 186673 (Lot No. 127 ONSLOW ONSLOW 6710)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Ashburton

### 1.4. Application

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

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 9 October

## 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 676: Succulent steppe; samphire (Shepherd et al 2001).	The application is to clear 3.15 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 127 on Deposited Plan 186673, Onslow, for the purposes of extending the rodeo arena and establishing a camping area and a road.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (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 3.15 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 127 on Deposited Plan 186673, Onslow, for the purposes of extending the rodeo arena and establishing a camping area and a road.

The proposed clearing area is degraded with multiple off-road vehicle tracks. The vegetation proposed to be cleared is well represented in the local area (95 per cent) (Government of Western Australia 2013). Weed management practices will assist in ensuring that weeds are not spread into surrounding vegetation.

No rare flora species, priority flora species or priority/threatened ecological communities have been mapped in the local area (10 kilometre radius). Given the degraded condition of the vegetation, the application area is not likely to consist of an area of high biodiversity, have a detrimental impact on fauna habitat, rare flora or threatened ecological communities or be significant as a remnant in an extensively cleared area.

No wetlands or watercourses have been mapped within the application area; the area does not appear to be located in the immediate vicinity of any salt flats, drainage lines or tidal area (Department of Parks and Wildlife 2014). Annual rainfall is 400 millimetres. The proposed 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 low annual rainfall, the predominant loams (Northcote et al. 1960 - 1968) and the absence of watercourses in the immediate vicinity, wind and water erosion should be minimal. The proposed clearing is therefore not likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

There are no conservation areas within the local area therefore the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on the environmental values of any conservation area.

Considering the above, the application is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

**Methodology**

**References:**

- Department of Parks and Wildlife (2014)
- Government of Western Australia (2013)
- Northcote et al. (1960-1968)

**GIS Datasets:**

- Hydrology, linear
- IBRA Australia
- DPaW Tenure
- Soils, statewide
- RIWI Act Areas
- Pre-European Vegetation
- Clearing Regulations - Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- SAC Biodatasets Accessed July 2014

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

**Comments**

The application area is within the land use of 'Parks, Recreation and Drainage' according to the Town Planning Scheme Zones. The Shire of Ashburton (2014) has granted Planning Approval for the proposal.

The application area encompasses an area in which there exists one registered Indigenous Heritage Site. It is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that no Aboriginal Sites of Significance are damaged through the clearing process. The proponent is advised to liaise with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs regarding their obligations under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

The application area is within the Pilbara Surface Water Area and proclaimed Pilbara Groundwater Area. Approvals under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 may be required for the proposal. The proponent is advised to liaise with the Department of Water to determine if approvals are required.

**Methodology**

**Reference:**

- Shire of Ashburton (2014)

**GIS Datasets:**

- RIWI Act, Groundwater Areas
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- Town Planning Scheme Zones

**4. References**

- Department of Parks and Wildlife (2014) Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 6148/1, received 2 July 2014. Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia (DER Ref: A778054).
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