



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 6631/1

File Number: 2011/006915-1

Duration of Permit: 10 October 2015 to 10 October 2017

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of York

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Quellington Road reserve (PIN 11580928, PIN 11580930, PIN 11580932 and PIN 11436890),
Quellington

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1.2 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 6631/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

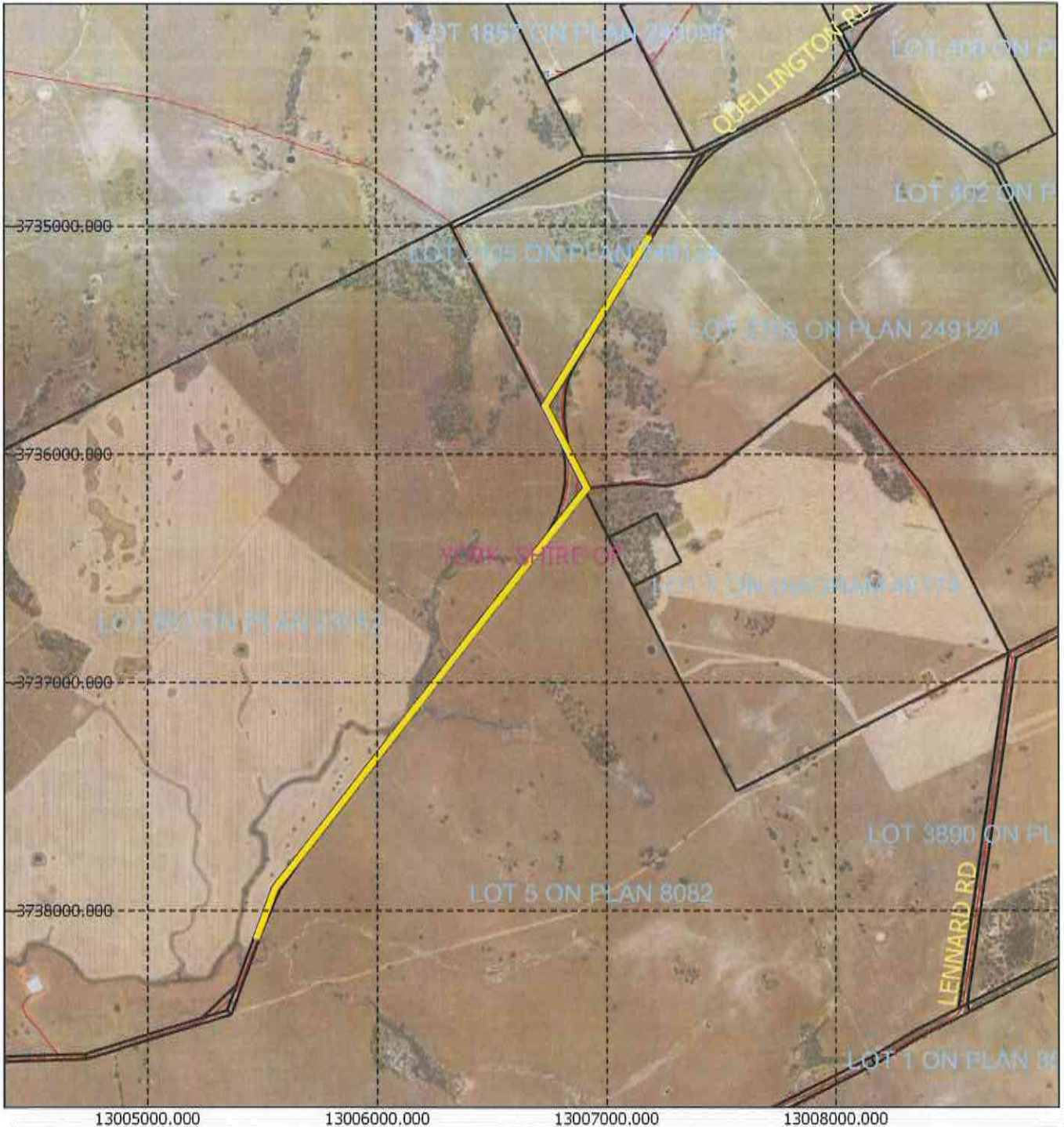
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M Warnock
SENIOR MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

10 September 2015

Plan 6631/1



Legend

-  Areas approved to clear
-  Iga
-  Roads
-  Cadastre
-  Virtual Mosaic



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MGA 94
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

M Warnock
Date: 10.9.15
M Warnock

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6631/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Shire of York

1.3. Property details

Property: ROAD RESERVE - 11580928, QUELLINGTON
ROAD RESERVE - 11580930, QUELLINGTON
ROAD RESERVE - 11436890, QUELLINGTON
ROAD RESERVE - 11580932, QUELLINGTON
Colloquial name: Quellington Road Reserve
Local Government Authority: YORK, SHIRE OF
DER Region: Greater Swan
DPaW District: CENTRAL WHEATBELT
LCDC: YORK
Localities: QUELLINGTON

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
1.2		Mechanical Removal	Road construction or upgrades

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit: Granted
Application:
Decision Date: 10 September 2015

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
Beard Vegetation Association 352 is described as medium woodland; York gum (Shepherd et al, 2001).	The clearing of 1.2 hectares of native vegetation is for the purpose of road widening.	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994) To 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 Department of Environment Regulation (DER, 2015).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is for the proposed clearing of up to 1.2 hectares of native vegetation within Quellington Road Reserve for the purpose of road widening.

A site inspection of the application area undertaken by the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) described the vegetation under application as degraded to completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) open roadside vegetation consisting of scattered Acacia and York gum species with the occasional wandoo (DER, 2015). The understorey shows significant signs of disturbance consisting predominately of weeds or completely devoid of native species (DER, 2015).

Given the long, linear and degraded condition of the vegetation under application, lack of understorey species, evidence of disturbance and lack of hollow bearing trees (DER, 2015), clearing the vegetation proposed is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves within the local area or significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape (Parks and Wildlife, 2015a; Parks and Wildlife, 2015b; DER, 2015).

The application area falls within a small sedgeland community that is associated with a drain that exists in the Road reserve. Given this, the proposed clearing may impact upon vegetation growing in association with this artificial waterbody. However, the site inspection undertaken by DER determined that the proposed clearing is unlikely to significantly impact upon this riparian vegetation, given the drain and sedgeland vegetation is set back from the existing road within close proximity to the cadastral boundary of the adjoining property.

Given the linear nature of the application area and the degraded condition of the vegetation, clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

Given the above, clearing the vegetation under application may be at variance to Principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing Principles.

Methodology

References:

- DER (2015)
- Keighery (1994)
- Parks and Wildlife (2015a)
- Parks and Wildlife (2015b)

GIS Datasets:

- SAC Bio Datasets (Accessed September 2015)
- Parks and Wildlife tenure
- Hydrography, linear DOW
- NWLRA, Extent of Native Vegetation
- Pre-European vegetation

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

The proposed clearing falls within the Avon River System Surface Water Area. The Department of Water (DoW, 2015) has advised that under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914, a permit to 'interfere with bed and banks' may be required to undertake the proposed clearing. The applicant is encouraged to contact the Department of Water's Swan Avon Region office on 6250 8000 to discuss water management options.

No Aboriginal Sites of Significance have been mapped within the application area.

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

Methodology

References

- DoW (2015)

GIS Databases

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- Town Planning Scheme Zones

4. References

- DER (2015) Site Inspection Report for CPS 6631/1. Department of Environment Regulation. Western Australia. (A956227).
- DoW (2015) Advice for Clearing Permit CPS 6631/1. Department of Water. Western Australia. (DER Ref: A945187).
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Parks and Wildlife (2015a) Regional advice for Clearing Permit CPS 6631/1. Department of Parks and Wildlife. Western Australia (DER Ref: A956219)
- Parks and Wildlife (2015b) Species and Communities advice for Clearing Permit CPS 6631/1. Department of Parks and Wildlife. Western Australia (DER Ref: A966773)
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.