



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 7180/1
Permit Holder:	Department of Mines and Petroleum
Duration of Permit:	From 8 October 2016 to 8 October 2021

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 landscape remediation.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Un-allocated Crown Land (PIN 1021062), Coolgardie

Lot 224 on Plan 40371, Coolgardie

Lot 350 on Plan 47444, Coolgardie

Lot 351 on Plan 47444, Coolgardie

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 5 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7180/1.

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. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

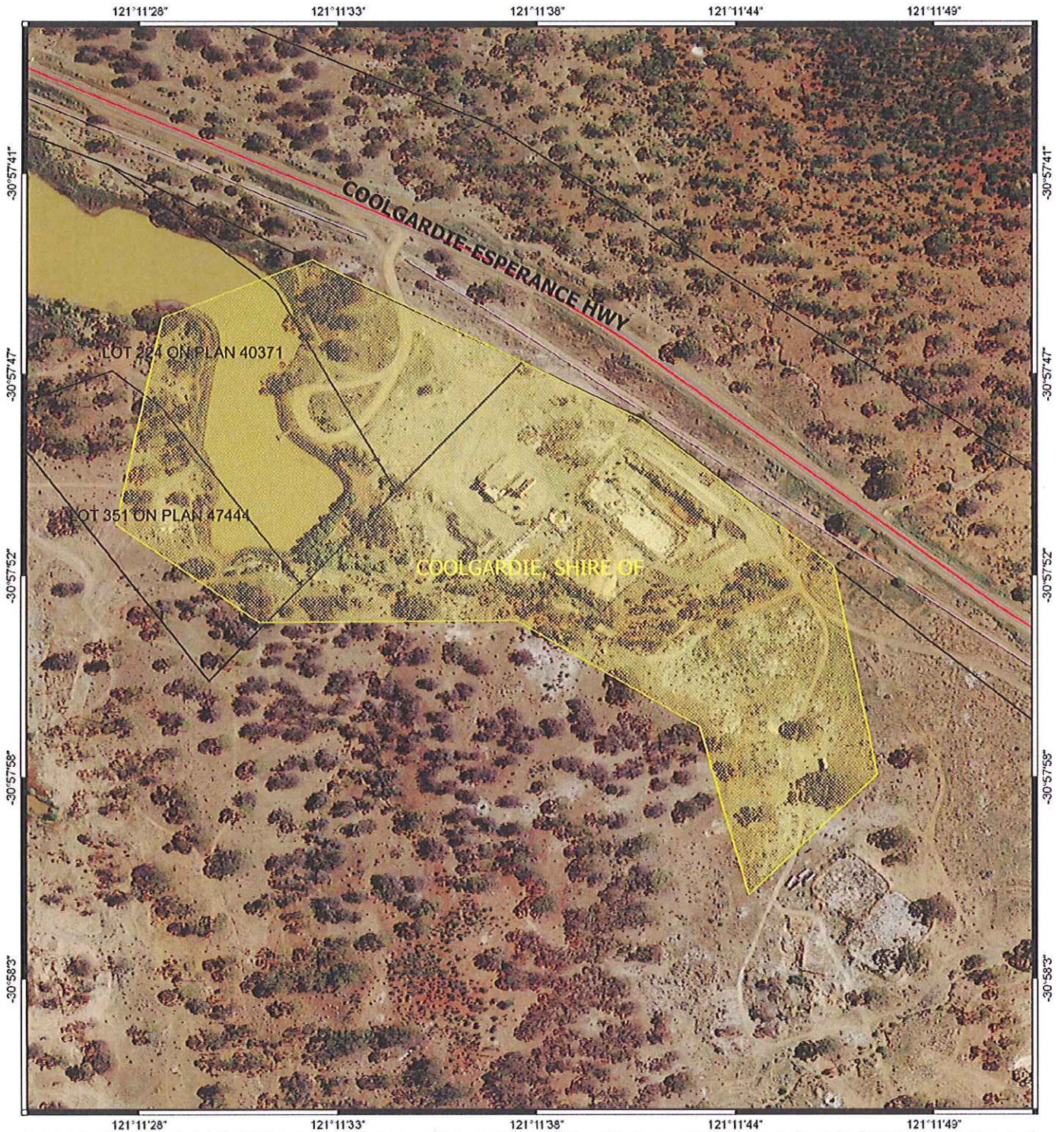
- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

Emma Bramwell
A/ MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION


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

8 September 2016

Plan 7180/1



Legend

 Areas approved to clear

 Roads

 LGA

 Cadastre

Virtual Mosaic (LGATE-V001)



1:3,000

MGA94
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date 08/09/16
Emma Bramwell

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986





1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7180/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Department of Mines and Petroleum

1.3. Property details

Property: UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND, COOLGARDIE
LOT 224 ON PLAN 40371, COOLGARDIE
LOT 314 ON PLAN 40371, COOLGARDIE
LOT 350 ON PLAN 47444, COOLGARDIE
LOT 351 ON PLAN 47444, COOLGARDIE
Colloquial name: Pro-force plant site
Local Government Authority: COOLGARDIE, SHIRE OF
DER Region: Goldfields
Localities: COOLGARDIE

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
5	-	Mechanical Removal	Restoration

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 8 September 2016
Reasons for Decision: The clearing application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and the Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

State and other relevant policies have been taken into consideration in the decision to grant a clearing permit.

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 9 which is described as Medium woodland, coral gum (<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>) and goldfields blackbutt (<i>E. le soufii</i>) (Shepherd et al., 2001).	The application is to clear five hectares of native vegetation at a disused gold processing facility for the purpose of landscape remediation.	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).	The condition of the vegetation under application was determined via digital, aerial imagery and information supplied by the applicant (Department of Mines and Petroleum, 2016).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is to clear up to five hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of landscape remediation. The vegetation within the application area comprises natural regeneration (regrowth) in degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition around a disused gold processing facility, and includes a portion of an adjacent gorge.

The site has been disused since 2004 and contains public safety hazards such as an unsealed vertical shaft, a five metre deep excavation trench, quantities of scrap metal and an unsealed processing pond (DMP, 2016). The site is located adjacent to a gorge that is a public use area frequented by tourists and the local community (DMP, 2016). Following hazard remediation, the site is proposed to be ripped and seeded with native species (DMP, 2016). Although a portion of the adjacent seasonally inundated gorge is located within the project footprint, no vegetation growing in association with this wetland will be removed (DMP, 2016).

According to available databases, no threatened or priority flora, fauna or ecological communities have been recorded within the application area. The local area (10 kilometre radius around the application area) is well-vegetated. On this basis, it is considered that the application area is unlikely to comprise a high level of biodiversity, comprise significant fauna habitat, include or be necessary for the continued existence of rare flora or a threatened ecological community, or be significant as a remnant in an extensively cleared landscape.

Noting the condition of the vegetation, the extent of the proposed clearing and the applicant's advice that no riparian vegetation will be cleared, it is considered that the proposed clearing is unlikely to cause appreciable land degradation, impact on the environmental values of nearby conservation areas, cause deterioration in water quality, or cause or exacerbate flooding.

Noting the applicant's commitment to revegetate the site, it is considered that the proposed works are likely to have a beneficial effect on the diversity and condition of native vegetation on the site.

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

Methodology References:
DMP (2016)
Keighery (1994)

GIS Datasets:
SAC Biodatasets

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments The application area is located adjacent to a gorge that is frequented by tourists and contains numerous hazards from previous mining land uses. The vegetation within the application area comprises natural regeneration (regrowth) in degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition. Once hazards have been removed, the site will be revegetated through direct seeding (DMP, 2016). It is considered that the proposed works are likely to result in a net environmental benefit.

The Department of Parks and Wildlife advised that it does not have any objections or concerns regarding the application (Parks and Wildlife, 2016).

An Aboriginal Site of Significance has been mapped within the application area. The applicant is advised to contact the Department of Aboriginal Affairs in relation to obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

The clearing permit application was advertised in *the West Australian* on 1 August 2016 with a seven day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

Methodology References:
DMP (2016)
Parks and Wildlife (2016)

GIS Datasets:
Aboriginal sites of significance

4. References

- Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) (2016) Information submitted in support of clearing permit application CPS 7180/1. DER ref: A1130785.
- Department of Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife) (2016) Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 7180/1. DER ref: A1134410.
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- 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.