



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 7207/1
Permit Holder:	Jundaru Aboriginal Corporation
Duration of Permit:	29 October 2016 – 29 October 2021

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of constructing a camping ground

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 149 on Deposited Plan 220384, Peedamulla

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 11.48 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7207/1.

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.

5. Type of clearing authorised

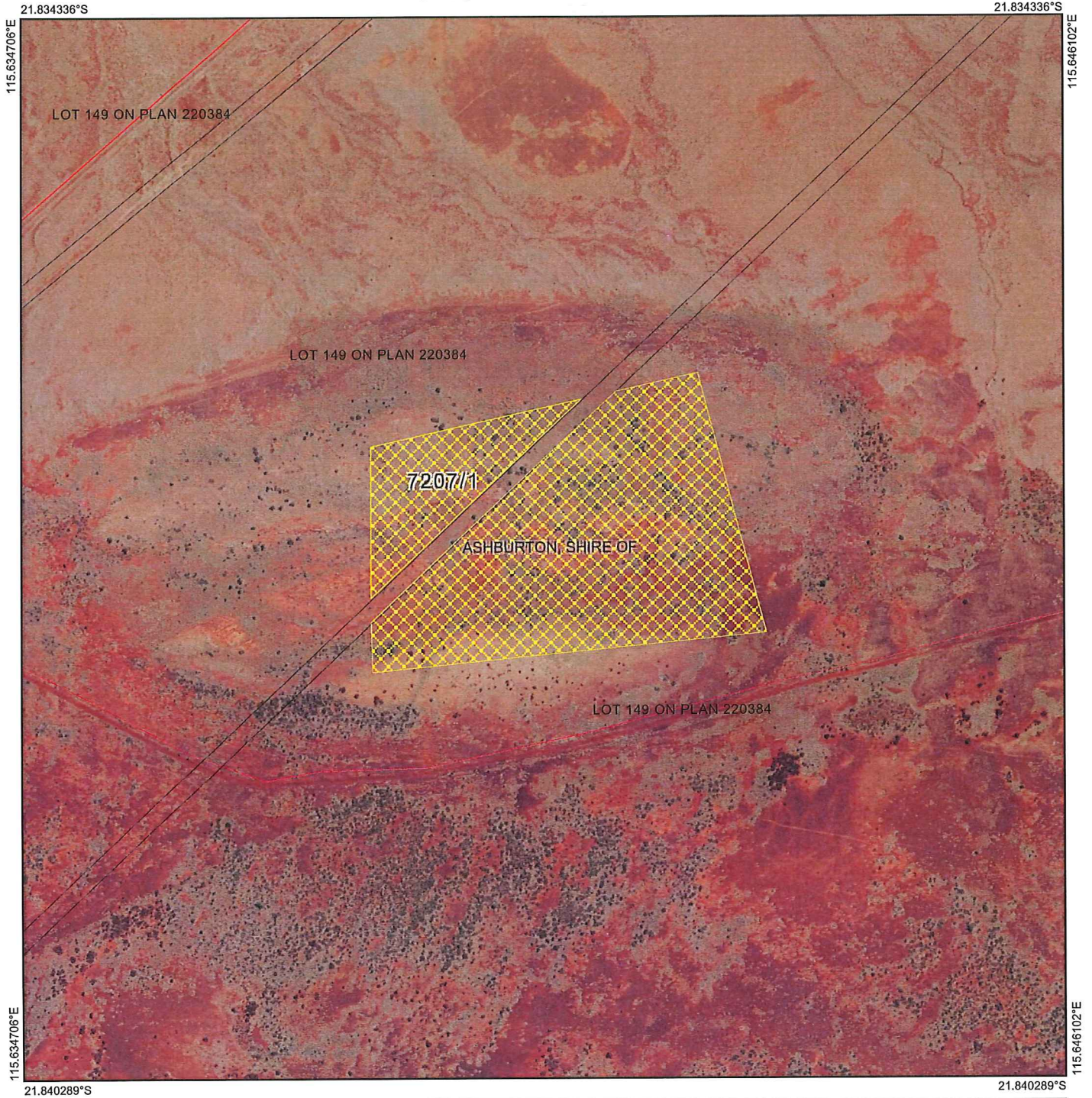
This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the right to access land under the *Land Administration Act 1997* or any other written law.

Samara Rogers
A/MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

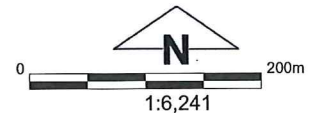
29 September 2016

Plan 7207/1



Legend

-  Roads
-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority



(Approximate when reproduced at A4)
GDA 94 (Lat/Long)

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7207/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Jundaru Aboriginal Corporation

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 149 ON PLAN 220384, PEEDAMULLA
Colloquial name:
Local Government: ASHBURTON, SHIRE OF
Authority:
Localities: PEEDAMULLA

1.4. Application

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

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 29 September 2016
Reason for Decision: The applicant has applied to clear 11.48 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of camping grounds.

The clearing permit application received on 15 August 2016 has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The Delegated Officer determined that the clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. State policies 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 Beard vegetation association mapped within the application area is 605: described as Hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; <i>Acacia pachycarpa</i> & waterwood over soft spinifex (Shepherd et al. 2001).	The proposed clearing of 11.48 hectares within Lot 149 on Deposited Plan 220384, Peedamulla is for the purpose of camping grounds.	Very Good; Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery, 1994). To Excellent; Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery, 1994).	The condition of the vegetation within the application area was established through a flora and fauna survey conducted in May 2016 by Biota Environmental Sciences Pty Ltd (2016). The application area consists of four vegetation types. The majority of the application area consists of <i>Corymbia hamersleyana</i> scattered low trees over <i>Acacia atkinsiana</i> open shrubland over open hummock grassland. Areas of <i>Acacia tumida</i> var. <i>pilbarensis</i> tall open shrubland over scattered hummock grasses also occur. Small areas of <i>Acacia xiphophylla</i> tall open shrubland over open hummock grassland and <i>Acacia aptaneura</i> low woodland over open hummock grassland are also present (Biota Environmental Sciences Pty Ltd 2016).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The clearing permit application is to clear up to 11.48 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of a commercial camping ground.

The application area consists of four vegetation types in a very good to excellent (Keighery, 1994) condition. The majority of the application area consists of *Corymbia hamersleyana* scattered low trees over *Acacia atkinsiana* open shrubland over open hummock grassland. Areas of *Acacia tumida* var. *pilbarensis* tall open shrubland over scattered hummock grasses also occur. Small areas of *Acacia xiphophylla* tall open shrubland over open hummock grassland and *Acacia aptaneura* low woodland over open hummock grassland are also present (Biota Environmental Sciences Pty Ltd 2016).

A targeted flora survey of the application area was conducted in May 2016 and did not identify any rare or priority flora species within the application area. In addition, no priority ecological communities or threatened ecological communities were identified (Biota Environmental Science Pty Ltd 2016).

A fauna survey identified three habitat types within the application area, they being hummock grassland, small stand of Mulga and scattered hummock grasses on rocky outcrops (Biota Environmental Science Pty Ltd 2016). These fauna habitat types are common and widespread throughout the local area.

Given the above and the extent of native vegetation in the local area (99 per cent) (Government of Western Australia 2015), the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community or significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

As no wetlands or watercourses are mapped within the application area and there will be vegetation remaining adjacent to the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on riparian vegetation, 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, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

Methodology References:
Biota Environmental Science Pty Ltd (2016)
Government of Western Australia (2015)
Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases
-Hydrography, linear
-Sac Bio datasets (1/9/2016)
-Pre-European vegetation

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments The application area is for the purpose of establishing a tourist campground. Facilities include 20 unpowered campsites, ablution block and kitchen shelter.

The Shire of Ashburton advised that the Shire do not object to the issue of a clearing permit subject to the applicant being advised that:

1. The clearing does not constitute permission to commence operation or undertake and other works;
2. Planning approval is required for any development or change of use to the land;
3. That separate approvals may be required under separate health and building legislation prior to any works commencing (Shire of Ashburton, 2016).

The applicant is advised to contact the shire and obtain this approval prior to conducting clearing authorised under this permit.

No Aboriginal sites of significance have been mapped within the application area.

The application area is zoned rural under the Town of Ashburton's town planning scheme.

The applicant has submitted an application for a permit to diversify to the Department of Lands which is currently under assessment.

Methodology References:
Shire of Ashburton (2016)

GIS Databases
-Town Planning Scheme zones
-Aboriginal sites of significance

4. References

- Shire of Ashburton (2016) Direct interest response for CPS 7207/1 – Junduru Aboriginal Corporation – Lot 149 on Deposited Plan 220384. DER ref A1157554
- Biota Environmental Science Pty Ltd (2016) Peedamulla Campgrounds Rare Flora and Level 1 Fauna Survey. Prepared for Tourism of Western Australia, July 2016. DER ref A1143680
- Government of Western Australia (2015). 2015 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of June 2015. WA Department of Parks and Wildlife, Perth.
- 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, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.