



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7285/1

File Number: DER2016/001866

Duration of Permit: From 13 January 2018 to 13 January 2020

PERMIT HOLDER

The Buggy Club Incorporated

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 5607 on Deposited Plan 208673, Pinjar

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1.3 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7285/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Dieback and 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* and *dieback*:
- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *dieback* or *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.

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

dieback means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation;

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.

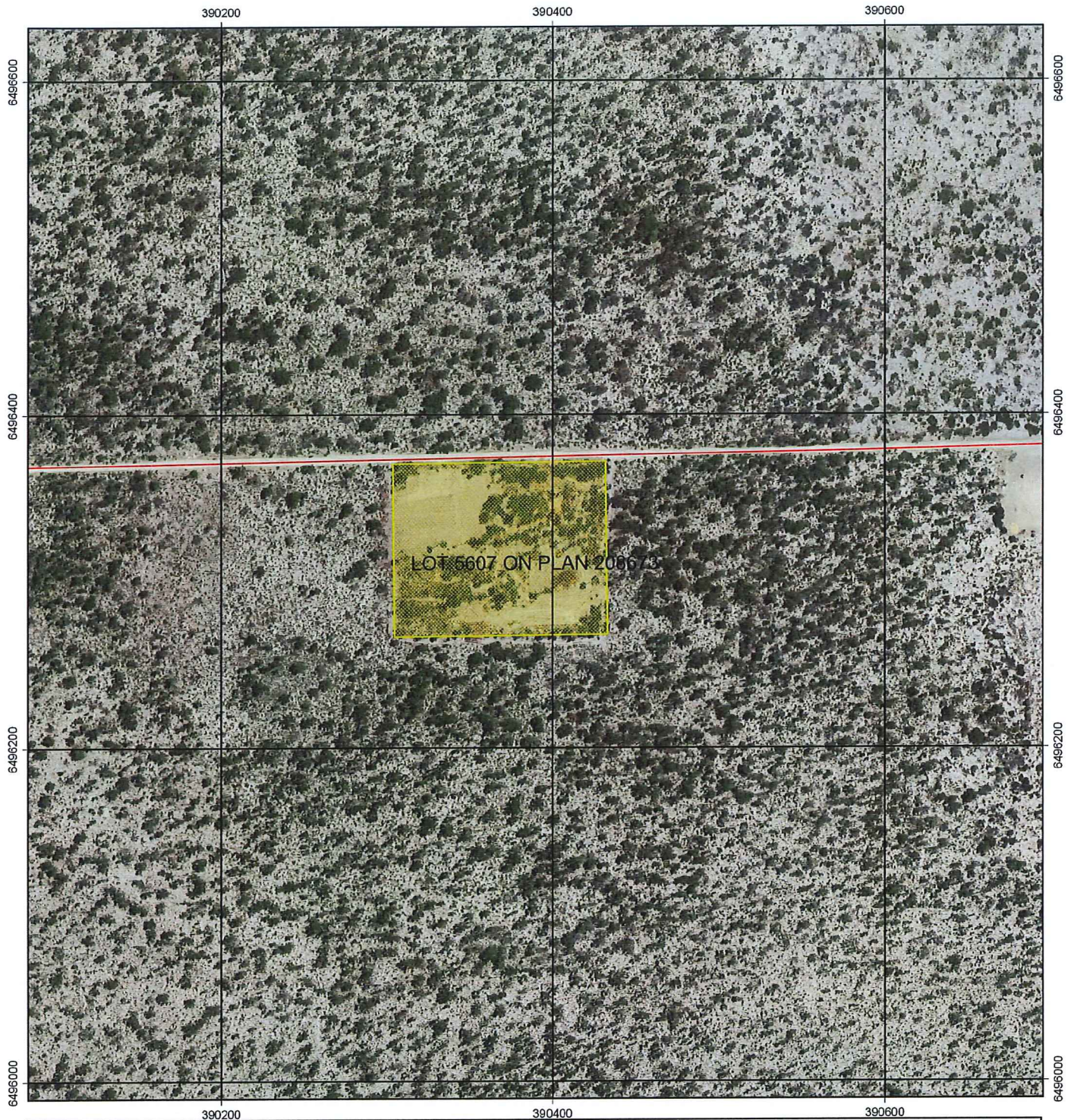


Mathew Gannaway
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

15 December 2017

Plan 7285/1



Legend

-  Areas approved to clear
 -  Roads
 -  LGA
 -  Cadastre
- Virtual Mosaic (LGATE-V001)



1:3,320

MGA 94
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date 13/12/17

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



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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7285/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Miss Samantha Stirling
Application received date: 19 September 2016

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 5607 on Deposited Plan 208673, Pinjar
Local Government Authority: Wannereroo, City of
Localities: Pinjar

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
1.3		Mechanical Removal	Recreation

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 15 December 2017

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). It has been concluded that the proposed clearing may be at variance to principle (h) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining principles.

The application area is within a portion of the Gngangara-Moore River State Forest and the proposed clearing has the potential to increase the spread of weeds and dieback into the surrounding vegetation within the State Forest. Weed and dieback management practices will assist to minimise this risk.

Given the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant a clearing permit subject to weed and dieback management conditions.

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

Vegetation Description

Hedde vegetation Bassendean complex-north ranges from low open forest and low open woodland of *Banksia* species and *Eucalyptus tottiana* (Coastal Blackbutt) to low woodland of *Melaleuca* species and sedgeland which occupy the moister sites (Hedde et al., 1980).

Beard vegetation association 949 is described as low woodland comprising *Banksia* (Shepherd et al., 2001).

Clearing Description

The applicant proposes to clear 1.3 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 5607 on Deposited Plan 208673, Pinjar, for the purpose of constructing a radio controlled buggy club.

Vegetation Condition

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).

Comment

The condition and description of the application area was determined via a site inspection undertaken by former Department of Environment Regulation (DER) Officers.

The application area comprises exotic pines (*Pinus pinaster*) with occasional scattered *Banksia* sp., and *Nuytsia floribunda* over *Xanthorrhoea* sp., and areas of *Jacksonia* sp., over sparse understory containing occasional native shrubs and exotic grasses (DER, 2016).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application to clear up to 1.3 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a radio controlled buggy club is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The application area comprises exotic pines (*Pinus pinaster*) with occasional scattered *Banksia* sp., and *Nuytsia floribunda* over *Xanthorrhoea* sp., and areas of *Jacksonia* sp., over sparse

understorey containing occasional native shrubs and exotic grasses (DER, 2016). The application area has undergone significant historical disturbance, and is considered to be in a degraded to completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition (DER, 2016). Given the condition and description of the application area (DER, 2016), it is not considered to contain a high level of biodiversity or constitute a significant remnant.

Given the degraded to completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the application area, lack of native understorey species (DER, 2016) and extent of surrounding native vegetation within the surrounding Gngangara-Moore River State Forest, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, or significant fauna habitat.

There are no wetlands or watercourses mapped within the application area and given the extent of clearing, relatively flat topography and presence of highly permeable sandy soils (DER, 2016), 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.

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Given the above, the proposed clearing may be at variance to principle (h) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters

The application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper on 24 October 2016 inviting submissions from the public within a 21 day period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

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

The application area is within the Gngangara-Moore River State Forest, managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (formerly Department of Parks and Wildlife). The applicant has been issued with a lease subject to conditions over the application area for the permitted use of 'Radio controlled motorised buggy activities'. The Department of Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife) provided authority for the applicant to undertake the extent of clearing proposed (Parks and Wildlife, 2016).

The application area is within the Gngangara Underground Water Pollution Control Area, which is a Priority 1 (P1) Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA). The former Department of Water (DoW, 2016) advised that "according to Water Quality Protection Note 25: Land Use Compatibility Tables for Public Drinking Water Source Areas (LUCT) the land uses 'club premises' and 'private recreation' are incompatible in P1 areas. As such, the DoW is unable to support the proposed clearing for a radio controlled buggy club. It should also be noted that the DoW is yet to be referred a development application for this land use" (DoW, 2016). The applicant should liaise with the former DoW (now Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Water and Land Use Planning) to address the risks to the P1 PDWSA.

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

The applicant has obtained development approval from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (Western Australian Planning Commission, 2017).

4. References

- Department of Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife) (2016) Direct Interest Response for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7285/1 (DER Ref A1332377).
- Department of Water (DoW) (2016) Direct Interest Response regarding Public Drinking Water Source Areas for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7285/1. Department of Water, Western Australia (DER Ref A1332148).
- Department of Environment Regulation (DER) (2016) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7285/1. Site inspection undertaken 11 November 2016. Department of Environment Regulation, Western Australia (DER Ref. A1332351).
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