

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:

CPS 7362/1

Permit Holder:

Telstra Corporation Limited

Duration of Permit:

6 January 2017 – 6 January 2022

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 construction of a telecommunication tower and associated infrastructure.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Windy Harbour Road reserve (PIN 11623711), Windy Harbour

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.065 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7362/1.

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

[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;
 - (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;

soil disease status means soil types either infested, not infested, uninterpretable or not interpreted with a pathogen;

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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MANAGER

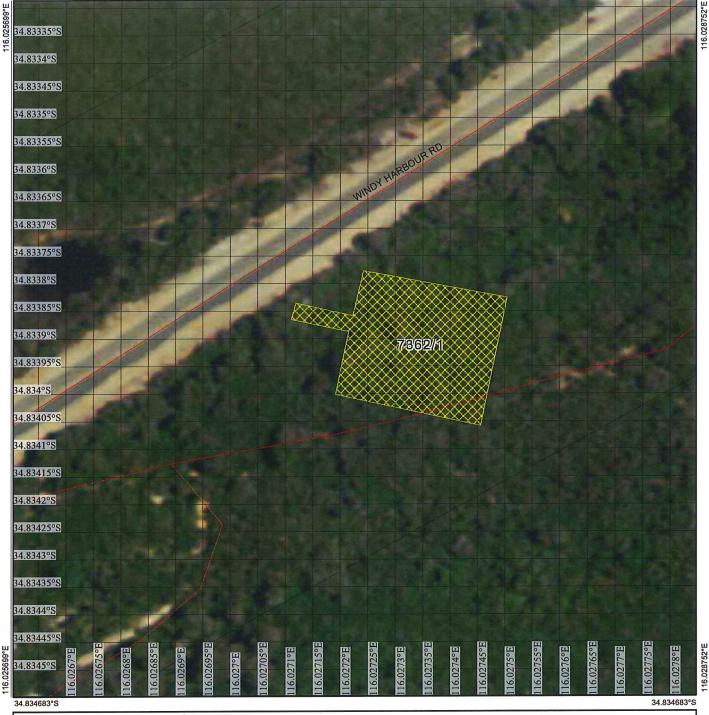
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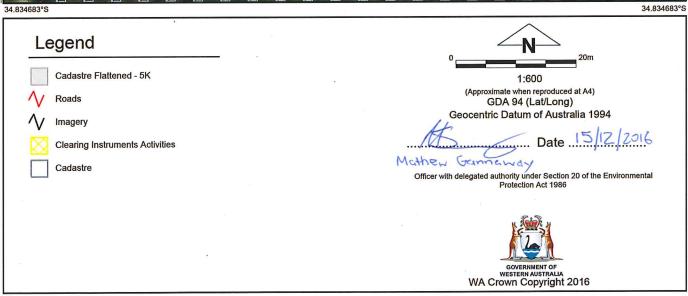
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15 December 2016

Plan 7362/1

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

7362/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Telstra Corporation Limited

1.3. Property details

Property:

ROAD RESERVE - 11623711, WINDY HARBOUR

Colloquial name: Local Government WINDY HARBOUR ROAD MANJIMUP, SHIRE OF

Authority:

South Coast

DER Region: DPaW District:

DONNELLY

Localities:

WINDY HARBOUR

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha) No

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

0.065

Mechanical Removal

Telecommunication tower and associated

infrastructure

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit

Grant

Application: Decision Date:

ication:

15 December 2016

Reasons for Decision:

The clearing application was received on 14 November 2016 and has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s510 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing may be at varience to clearing principle (h) and is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The incorporation of weed and dieback measures will mitigate potential impacts to surrounding conservation reserves and areas of remnant vegetation.

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

The vegetation under application has been mapped as:

Beard vegetation association 990: is

described as low forest: peppermint (Agonis flexuosa) (Shepherd et al, 2001).

Mattiske vegetation complex BWP:

consists of mosaic of low open woodland of *Melaleuca preissiana*, low open woodland of

Clearing Description

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Vegetation Condition

Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994).

Comment

The vegetation condition and description was determined via aerial imagery and a site inspection of an adjacent Lot undertaken by Department of Environment Regulation (DER) in November 2014 (DER, 2014) for clearing permit assessment CPS 6328/1.

CPS 7362/1 application area overlaps a portion of the granted CPS 6734/1. CPS 6734/1 was granted to the Shire of Manjimup in December 2015 to construct a road on Lot 12349 on Deposited Plan 215937 (Reserve 38881) and Windy Harbour Road reserve (PIN 11623711), Windy Harbour.

Access to the proposed telecommunication

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tower will be via this road.

Melaleuca cuticularis, open heath of Myrtaceae-Proteaceae spp. and sedgelands of Restionaceae spp. on low lying flats in hyperhumid and perhumid zones (Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

Mattiske vegetation complex MR:

consists of low woodland of *Agonis* flexuosa-Banksia attenuata in gullies between beach ridges supporting coastal complex in the hyperhumid zone (Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The application is to clear 0.065 hectares of native vegetation within Windy Harbour Road reserve (PIN 11623711), Windy Harbour, Shire of Manjimup, for the purpose of installing a telecommunication tower and associated infrastructure. The vegetation is considered to be in very good (Keighery, 1994) condition (DER, 2014).

The application area is located adjacent to the D'Entrecasteaux National Park and within a designated Environmentally Sensitive Area. The disturbance caused by the proposed clearing will increase the risk of weeds and dieback being introduced into the D'Entrecasteaux National Park. Weed and dieback management practices will assist in mitigating this risk.

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, wetlands, watercourses, land degradation, impacts to conservation areas, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and flooding.

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

Methodology

References: DER (2014) Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases: Hydrography linear

SAC Biodatasets accessed November 2016

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

The application was advertised in *The West Australian* on 5 December 2016 by the Department of Environment Regulation inviting submissions from the public within a seven day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

Shire of Manijmup has provided development approval for the telecommunication infrastructure.

Methodology

References:

Shire of Manjimup (2016)

4. References

DER (2014) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 6328/1. Site inspection undertaken 11 November 2014. Department of Environment Regulation, Western Australia (DER Ref: A847548).

Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.

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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. CPS 7362/1 Page 2 of 3

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