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Metho	dology	GIS Databases: -Threatened Ecological Communities - CALM 15/07/05 -DoE site inspection TRIM ref AD198
		vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area s been extensively cleared.
Comm	nents	Proposal is not at variance to this Principle There has been a moderate level of clearing carried out in the Bioregion (58.7% remaining), which is considered to be of least concern for biodiversity conservation, while in the local government area only 47.8% remains which is considered depleted for biodiversity conservation (AGPS, 2001 and Department of Natural Resources and Environment, 2002). Beard vegetation association 3 is well-represented with 72.1% remaining (Hopkins et al., 2001; Shepherd et al., 2001), which is considered to be of least concern for biodiversity conservation (AGPS, 2001 and Department of Natural Resources and Environment, 2002). Only 10.1% of Beard vegetation type 3 is protected in secure tenure. The benchmark of 15% representation in conservation reserves (JANIS, 1997) has no been met for this vegetation complex. However, given the large area of this association remaining (2.1 million hectares) this is not considered to be a significant issue.
Metho	dology	Shepherd et al. (2001), Hopkins et al. (2001), Department of Natural Resources and Environment (2002), JANIS (1997), AGPS (2001)
		vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment ated with a watercourse or wetland.
Comm	nents	Proposal is not at variance to this Principle The proposal is not at variance with this Principle as the vegetation is not closely associated with any wetlands or watercourses. The nearest watercourse is a minor drain, which runs through the rifle range reserve approximately 580m south of the area under application.
Metho	dology	GIS Database: -Hydrography, linear - DOE 01/02/04 -DoE site inspection TRIM ref AD198
		vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable gradation.
Comm	nents	Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle The area is not prone to erosion by wind or water and there is unlikely to be any change in acidity. Salinity risk in the area is moderate, with the Land Monitor data set showing that low-lying areas in the locality are at risk of becoming saline. The applicant has noted that the drainage line going through the property is slightly saline and has offered to replant an area on the reserve to offset the removal of the native vegetation. This will ensure that the hydrological function of the vegetation being removed is replaced, which will reduce the risk of salinisation in watercourses downstream.
Metho	dology	DoE site inspection TRIM ref AD198 GIS Database: -Salinity Risk Land Monitor 25m - DOLA 00
		vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on ironmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.
Comm		Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle The nearest conservation area is on the southern boundary of the property. There are three un-named Nature Reserves (Reserve numbers 3739, 3772 and 7838) which have a purpose of 'preservation and conservation of flora and fauna'. The proposal for the clearing is on the northern boundary of the rifle range and is not associated with the Nature Reserves and is unlikely to reduce connectivity in any significant way.
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Methodology	GIS Database: -CALM managed Lands and Water - CALM 01/06/04
	-CALM managed Lands and Water - CALM 01/06/04
	vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration juality of surface or underground water.
Comments	Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle The area under application is not associated with a proclaimed, gazetted or declared catchment or water source. Removal of the native vegetation is unlikely to contribute to sedimentation, erosion, turbidity or eutrophication due to the small area involved and the fact that vegetation will be retained around the area proposed to be cleared.
Methodology	DoE site inspection TRIM ref AD198 GIS database: - Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs) - DOE 09/08/05 - Hydrographic catchments- subcatchments- 23/03/2005
	vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the ce or intensity of flooding.
Comments	Proposal is not at variance to this Principle
	The site is not prone to flooding as it is relatively high in the landscape and only a small area is proposed to be cleared.
Methodology	DoE site inspection TRIM ref AD198
Planning in	strument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.
Comments	
Commente	It is the Department's view that the granting of Lease 89/1990 of Reserve 16447 to the Department of Defence had the effect of extinguishing native title rights and interests over the area of the Lease. Alternatively, the

It is the Department's view that the granting of Lease 89/1990 of Reserve 16447 to the Department of Defence had the effect of extinguishing native title rights and interests over the area of the Lease. Alternatively, the grant of a clearing permit is merely a secondary approval that removes the EP Act's prohibition on the applicant exercising a right to clear native vegetation that arises under its periodical sublease from the Department of Defence. The proposal is not at variance with any other known planning instrument or decision.

Methodology

Assessor's recommendations

Purpose	Method	Applied area (ha)/ trees	Decision	Comment / recommendation
Recreation	Mechanica Removal	0.9	Grant	It is recommended that the application to clear 0.9ha of native vegetation for the purpose of recreation be granted as the proposal is not at variance with Clearing Principles (e), (f), and (j); not likely to be at variance with Clearing Principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i) . To minimise the risk of salinisation and to assist in the maintenance of biodiversity values, the applicant has offered to replant an area of 3.5ha to native species. It is recommended that this be made a condition of the permit .

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6. Glossary

Term	Meaning
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management
DAWA	Department of Agriculture
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DoE)
DoE	Department of Environment
DolR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DoE)