

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

## PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7510/1

File Number:

2017/000323-1

Duration of Permit: 27 May 2017 to 27 May 2019

## PERMIT HOLDER

Ms Jean Anne Smith

## LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 427 on Deposited Plan 181363, Kununurra

# **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than six native trees within the areas cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7510/1.

## **CONDITIONS**

Nil

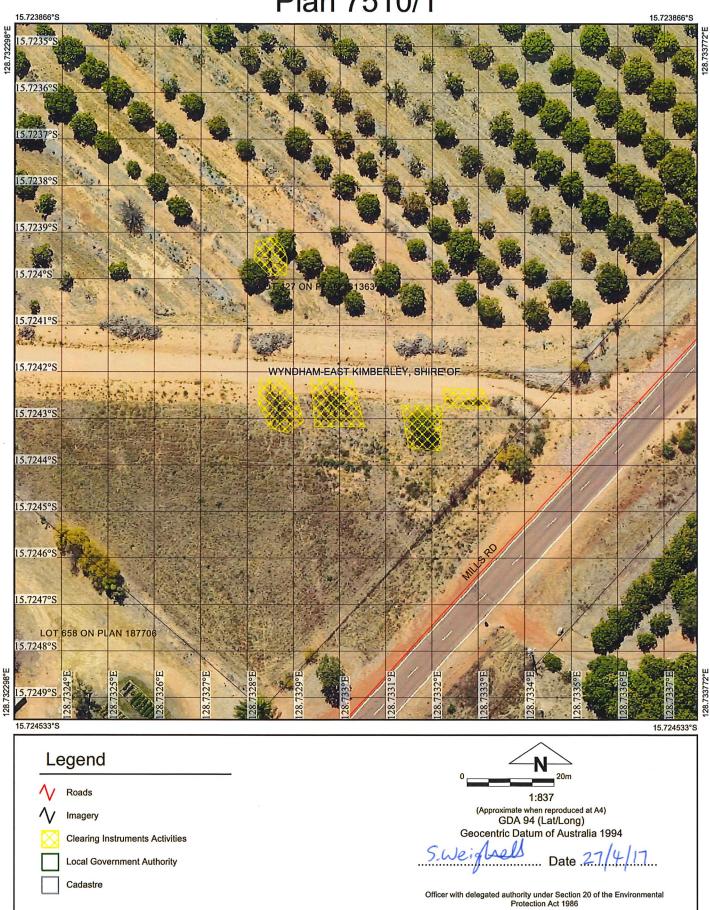
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CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

27 April 2017







# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

## 1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

7510/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Ms Jean Anne Smith

1.3. Property details

Property:

Local Government Authority:

DER Region: Localities: Lot 427 on Plan 181363, Kununurra Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

Kimberley Kununurra

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing Mechanical Removal For the purpose of:

Agriculture

1.5. Decision on application

**Decision on Permit Application:** 

**Decision Date:** 

Reasons for Decision:

Grant

27 April 2017

The clearing permit application was received on 27 February 2017 and has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 510 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and it has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The Delegated Officer has determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to result in any significant environmental impacts.

#### 2. Site Information

## 2.1. Existing environment and information

### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard vegetation association 909 is described as grasslands, high grass savanna woodland; bloodwood, stringybark & woolybutt over upland tall grass & curly spinifex on sandplain (Shepherd et al., 2001).

**Clearing Description** 

The application is to clear six boab (*Adansonia* gregorii) trees within Lot 427 on Deposited Plan 181363, Kununurra, for the purpose of agriculture.

Vegetation Condition

Completely Degraded; No longer intact, completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994). Comment

The condition of the vegetation under application was determined via aerial imagery.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The application is to clear six boab trees within Lot 427 on Deposited Plan 181363, Kununurra, for the purpose of agriculture. A review of aerial imagery indicates that the six trees under application are within an area that has undergone significant historical disturbance and is in a completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, wetlands, watercourses, land degradation, conservation areas, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and flooding. The assessment has found that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The clearing permit application was advertised in the *West Australian* newspaper on 20 March 2017, by the Department of Environment Regulation inviting submissions from the public within a 14 day period. No submissions from the public were received.

Methodology

References:

Keighery (1994)

GIS Databases:

- Hydrography, linear
- Department Parks and Wildlife tenure
- SAC bio datasets accessed April 2017

### 4. References

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.