

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7552/1

File Number:

2017/000528-1

Duration of Permit: 21 July 2017 to 21 July 2019

PERMIT HOLDER

Mr Keith Reginald Gibellini

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 1 on Diagram 55688, Palgarup

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 12 native trees within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7552/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

5. Weightell

Simon Weighell A/MANAGER CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

21 June 2017

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Legend 100m Roads 1:2,977 (Approximate when reproduced at A4) GDA 94 (Lat/Long) Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 Imagery Clearing Instruments Activities S. Weighell Date 21/6/17 Local Government Authority Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 Cadastre GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

7552/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Mr Keith Gibellini

1.3. Property details

Property:

Localities:

Local Government

Authority: DER Region: **DPaW District:** Lot 1 on Diagram 55688, PALGARUP

Shire of Manjimup

South Coast DONNELLY **PALGARUP**

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

12

Method of Clearing Mechanical Removal For the purpose of:

Orchard

Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

Reasons for Decision:

Granted

21 June 2017

The clearing permit application was received on 11 April 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 determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to have any significant environmental impacts.

2. Site Information

Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

The application area is mapped as Mattiske vegetation complex Yornup (YR), described as "Mosaic of open woodland of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Corymbia calophylla, open woodland of Melaleuca cuticularis, open woodland of Melaleuca preissiana-Banksia littoralis-Banksia seminuda, tall shrubland of Myrtaceae spp. and sedgelands on broad depressions in humid and subhumid zones" (Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

Clearing Description

The application is for the proposed clearing of 12 native trees within Lot 1 on Diagram 55688, Palgarup, for the purpose of an orchard.

Vegetation Condition

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

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The application is for the proposed clearing of 12 paddock trees.

Given the completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation, lack of understorey species and relatively small size of the application area; the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves within the local area, significant fauna habitat or significant remnant vegetation within a highly cleared landscape.

As no wetlands or watercourses are located within 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, clearing the vegetation within the application area is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

Methodology

References: Keighery (1994) GIS Datasets: SAC bio-data sets, accessed June 2017 Hydrography linear Parks and Wildlife tenure

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

The Shire of Manjimup (2017) advises that there are no planning or other matters that would affect the application and the land is zoned by Local Planning Scheme No. 4 as "General Agriculture" and planning approval for clearing vegetation is not required (Shire of Manjimup, 2017).

The application is located within Zone B of the Warren River Water Reserve under the *Country Areas Water Supply Act* 1947 (CAWS Act). The catchment has been subject to CAWS Act native vegetation clearing controls since December 1978 to prevent salinisation of water resources. Although the subject land falls within Zone B, a high salinity risk zone of the gazetted Warren River Water Reserve, it falls outside of the watershed boundary of the catchment. Department of Water Policy and Guidelines for the "Granting of Licences to Clear Indigenous Vegetation" provide for the grant of a licence if such a case arises. Consequently, the Department of Water has no objection to the proposed clearing under the CAWS Act (Department of Water, 2017).

The application is located within the Donnelly River System Surface Water Area as proclaimed under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914* (RIWI Act). There is no requirement for a licence 'to take' water under the RIWI Act. To minimise the risk of impacts to groundwater and surface water relating to nutrient and herbicide/pesticide use from orchard activities, the Department of Water recommends that best practice measures are implemented consistent with "Water Quality Protection Note 34 – Orchards Near Sensitive Water Resources" (Department of Water, 2017).

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

The clearing permit application was advertised on the Department of Environment Regulation's website on 1 May 2017 with a 14 day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

Methodology

References: Department of Water (2017)

Shire of Manjimup (2017)

GIS Datasets:

Aboriginal sites of significance

4. References

Department of Water (2017) Advice received in relation to Clearing Permit Application CPS 7552/1 - Mr Keith Gibellini - (DER Ref:A1433405).

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

Mattiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment Australia.

Shire of Manjimup (2017) Advice received in relation to Clearing Permit Application CPS 7552/1 - Mr Keith Gibellini – Planning approval not required (DER Ref:A1429340).