

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS 7663/1

Permit Holder: Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Duration of Permit: 13 January 2018 to 13 January 2023

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of road realignment and gravel extraction.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 38 on Plan 221065

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7663/1.

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.

5. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the activities described in condition 1 of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

6. Type of clearing authorised -Crown land (including unallocated)

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the right to access land under the *Land Administration Act 1997* or any other written law.

PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

7. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

The Permit Holder shall:

(a) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared.

- (b) at an *optimal time* following clearing authorised under this Permit, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the area(s) that are no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit by:
 - (i) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding 5 metres of uncleared land;
 - (ii) ripping the pit floor and contour batters within the extraction site; and
 - (iii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 7(a) on the cleared area(s).
- (c) within 24 months of laying the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area in accordance with condition 7(b) of this Permit:
 - (i) engage an *environmental specialist* to determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*; and
 - (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 7(c)(i) of this Permit will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, *revegetate* the area by deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area and ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used.

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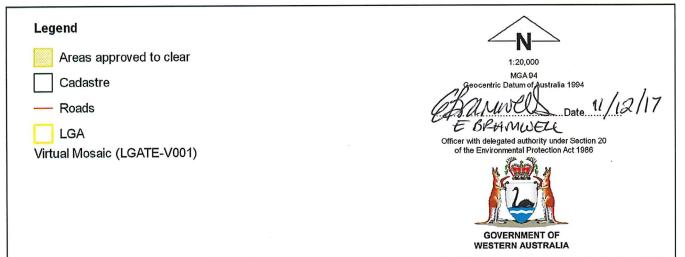
CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

11 December 2017

Plan 7663/1







Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

7663/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 38 ON PLAN 221065, WEST LYONS RIVER

Local Government Authority:

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Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Localities:

West Lyons River

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal Extractive industry and road construction

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Grant

Decision Date:

11 December 2017

Reasons for Decision:

This application for a clearing permit was received on 28 June 2017.

The application 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 the clearing principles.

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The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. As the proposed clearing is of a temporary nature, the clearing permit includes a condition requiring that areas that are no loger required for the purpose for which they were cleared are revegetated.

2. Site Information

Vegetation Description:

The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 181, Shrublands; mulga and

snakewood scrub (Shepherd et al., 2001). Beard vegetation association 181retains

approximately 99 per cent of its pre-European extent within the Gascoyne Interim Biogeographic

Regionalisation of Australia bioregion (Government of Western Australia, 2016).

Vegetation Condition:

Good; Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to

regenerate (Keighery, 1994).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application is to clear three hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of sourcing gravel and realigning an existing road to imp[rove public safety. The local area surrounding the application area contains approximately 99 per cent native vegetation.

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

GIS data sets:

SAC biodata sets (accessed July 2017)

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

The application area is located on Lot 38 on Plan 221065, being unallocated Crown land. The applicant provided authority from the former Department of Lands (DoL) stating that DoL has no objections to the Shire's proposal to undertake realignment works and establish gravel pits on this land.

Native title notification was sent to the Wajarri Yamatji native title claimants and Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.

No Aboriginal Sites of Significance have been mapped within the application area.

The application was advertised on 18 July 2017 for a 21-day public submission period. No submissions have been received.

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GIS data sets: Aboriginal Sites Register System

4. References

Government of Western Australia (2016) 2016 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of October 2016. WA Department of Parks and Wildlife, Perth.

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.