



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7946/2
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Subsea 7 Australia Contracting Pty Ltd
Application received date: 10 August 2018

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 1586 ON PLAN 72986, EXMOUTH GULF
LOT 233 ON PLAN 219618, LEARMONTH
LOT 234 ON PLAN 193858, LEARMONTH
LOT 253 ON PLAN 219249, EXMOUTH GULF
Local Government Authority: EXMOUTH, SHIRE OF
Localities: EXMOUTH GULF and LEARMONTH

1.4. Application

| Clearing Area (ha) | No. Trees | Method of Clearing | Purpose category: |
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| 8 | | Mechanical Removal | Geotechnical investigations, subterranean fauna sampling and access tracks |

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 16 August 2018
Reasons for Decision: This amendment has been made to implement the Minister for Environment's appeal determination (Reference C007/18). The Minister determined that the clearing permit be amended in the following manner:

- Condition 1 be amended to replace 'associated works' with 'access tracks';
- Condition 7 to state 'avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing' with the term 'etc' removed;
- Include a condition to require the permit holder to record and report on activities undertaken in relation to condition 9; and
- Include a condition to require the permit holder to, in the event priority flora is located within the application area, avoid such species by adjusting tracks and drill pad locations within the approved clearing footprint area.

2. Site Information

Clearing Description The application is to clear eight hectares of native vegetation (within a 19.86 hectare footprint) within Lot 233 on Deposited Plan 219618, Lot 234 on Deposited Plan 193858, Learmonth and Lot 253 on Deposited Plan 21949 and Lot 1586 on Deposited Plan 72986, Exmouth Gulf, for the purpose of undertaking a subterranean fauna sampling program and geotechnical investigations (Figure 1).

Vegetation Description The application area has been mapped as the following Beard vegetation associations:

- 117: Hummock grasslands, grass steppe; soft spinifex
- 662: Shrublands; Acacia sclerosperma & snakewood scrub (also with some waterwood)
- 663: Hummock grassland; shrub steppe; mixed acacia scrub & dwarf scrub with soft spinifex & Triodia basedowii

(Government of Western Australia, 2018)

Vegetation Condition Completely Degraded; No longer intact, completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994).
To
Very Good; Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery, 1994).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

This amendment has been made to implement the Minister for Environment's appeal determination (Reference C020/17).

A reassessment against the clearing principles was not undertaken. An assessment of the clearing principles can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 7946/1

Planning instruments and other relevant matters

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 7946/1.

4. References

Government of Western Australia. (2018). 2017 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of December 2017. WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
<https://catalogue.data.wa.gov.au/dataset/dbca-statewide-vegetation-statistics>

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