



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7963/1
File Number: 2018/000170
Duration of Permit: From 2 June 2018 to 2 June 2020

PERMIT HOLDER

Mr Aaron and Mrs Fiona Edwards

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 52 on Diagram 77958, East Chapman

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.41 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7963/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

2. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared;
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
- (d) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 1 of this Permit.

3. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 2 of this Permit, when requested by the *CEO* or *Delegated Officer*.

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

CEO: means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*; and

Delegated Officer: means the person appointed by the CEO to administer the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

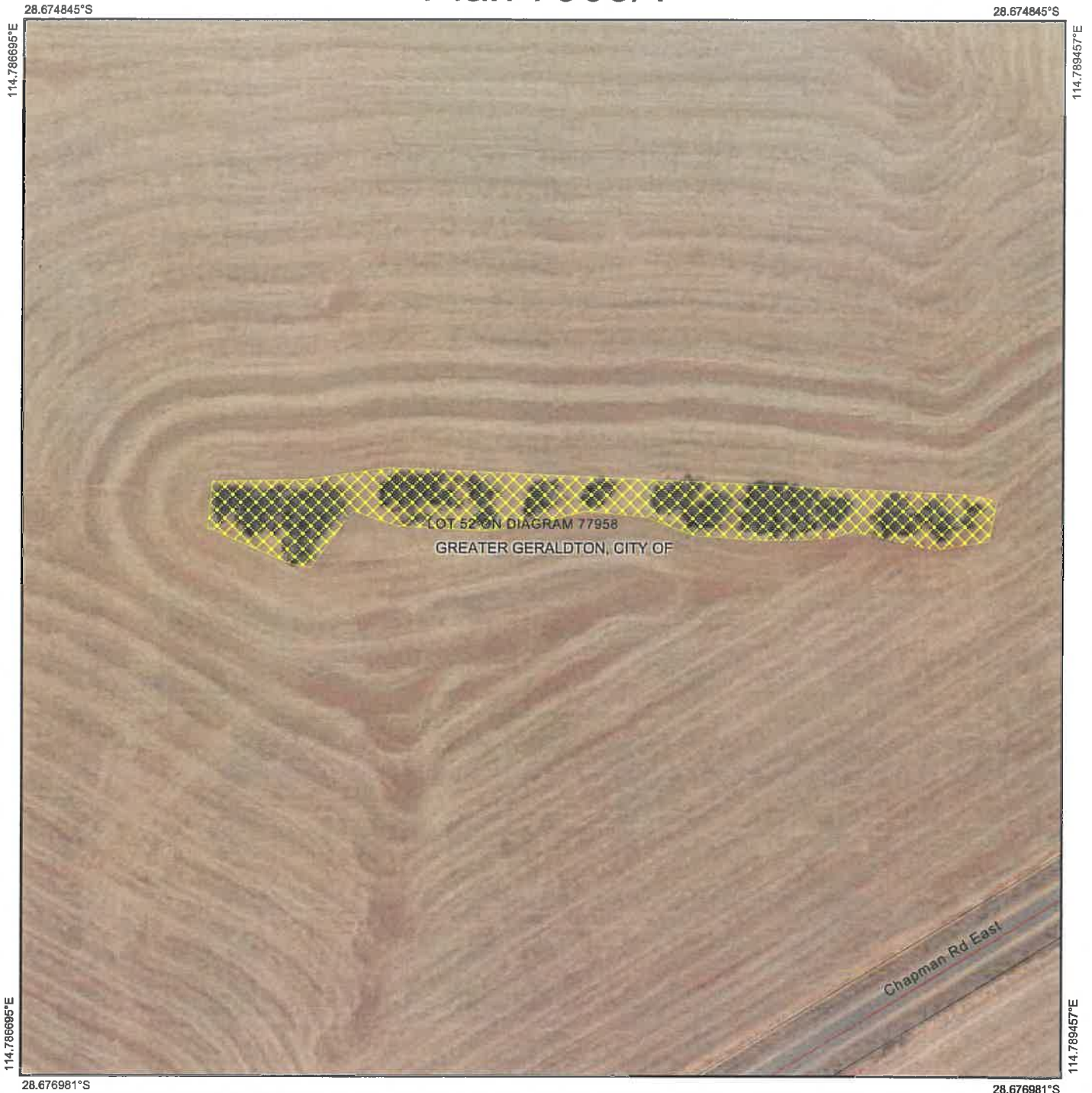


Mathew Gannaway
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION






*Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

3 May 2018

Plan 7963/1



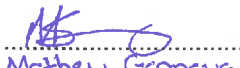
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-  Imagery
-  Roads
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority
-  Cadastre



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(Approximate when reproduced at A4)
GDA 94 (Lat/Long)
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date 3/05/2018

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986



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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7963/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Applicant's name: Mr Aaron Edwards
Mrs Fiona Edwards

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 52 on Diagram 77958, East Chapman
Local Government Authority: Greater Geraldton, City of
DER Region: Midwest
DPaW District: Geraldton
Localities: East Chapman

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.41		Burning	Cropping

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 3 May 2018
Application Received Date: 24 January 2018
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

In determining to grant a clearing permit subject to an avoid and minimise condition, the Delegated Officer found that the proposed clearing is unlikely to lead to an unacceptable risk to the environment.

2. Background

Existing environment and information

Clearing Description

The clearing of 0.41 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 52 on Diagram 77958, East Chapman for the purpose of cropping.

Vegetation Description

The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 35 which is described as shrub land including jam scrub with scattered York gum (Shepherd et al., 2001).

Vegetation Condition

Based on the photographs provided by the applicant and aerial imagery, the vegetation condition is considered to be in a completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

Soil Description

Soils within the application area are mapped as Northampton Soil Series which is described as red shallow loamy duplex soils with hard setting characteristics (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, 2017).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application is to clear up to 0.41 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of cropping. The vegetation within the application area consists predominantly of open jam scrub and scattered York gum trees over introduced pasture species and is considered to be in a completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

Given the completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation, lack of native understorey species, lack of hollow bearing trees and the 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 or significant fauna habitat.

The local area surrounding the application retains approximately 44 per cent native vegetation. The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 35 which retains approximately 16 per cent of the pre-European extents (Government of Western Australia, 2018). Although the mapped vegetation association is highly cleared, given the completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition, the vegetation is not consistent with the mapped vegetation association.

Given this and the relatively small amount of vegetation to be cleared, the proposed clearing is not likely to be considered a significant remnant.

As no wetlands or watercourses are mapped within the application area, vegetation remaining in the local area, the hard setting characteristics of the soils and given the relatively small size of 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, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

The clearing permit application was advertised on 14 February 2018 with a 21 day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

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

The application area is zoned rural under the town planning scheme.

4. References

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (2018). NatureMap - Fauna Species Report: Accessed at <http://www.naturemap.dpaw.wa.gov.au> . Accessed April 2018. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Western Australia.
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- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
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