

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7980/2

File Number: 2018/000254

Duration of Permit: 1 September 2018 to 30 June 2021

PERMIT HOLDER

Carribean Investments Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 2380 on Deposited Plan 133583, Capel

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than seven hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7980/2.

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*.

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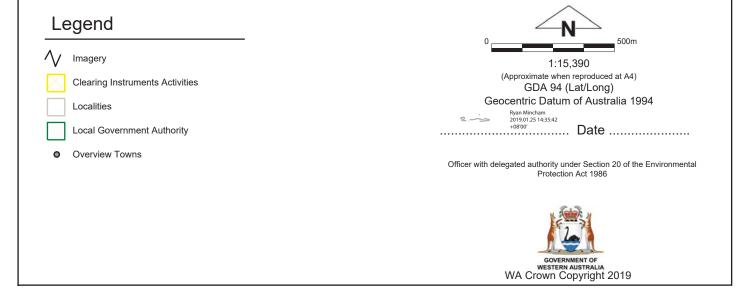
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Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7980/2 Permit type: Area Permit

Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Carribean Investments Pty Ltd

Property details

Property:

LOT 2380 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 133583, CAPEL **Local Government Authority:** CAPEL, SHIRE OF **DWER Region:** Greater Swan **DBCA District: BLACKWOOD CAPEL** Localities:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha) No. Trees **Method of Clearing** For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal Cropping

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

Reasons for Decision:

Amended

25 January 2019

This clearing permit amendment gives effect to the determination of the Minister for Environment (Minister) to allow appeal C011 of 2018. The Minister has requested the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) amend Clearing Permit CPS 7980/1 to require the permit holder to:

- avoid and minimise clearing, where possible; and
- keep records in relation to the implementation of management conditions and make records available at DWER's request.

Condition 2 from the original clearing permit (CPS 7980/1) has been removed from this permit.

On 15 January 2019, correspondence was received from Carribean Investments Pty Ltd requesting that the amended permit have an extended expiry date until June 2021, due to seasonal limitations in executing the proposed clearing within the duration of the permit. The request for an extension of the amended permit was considered by the Delegated Officer to be acceptable, due to time elapsed during the appeal process and processing of the subsequent amendment. The permit expiry date has been adjusted in the amended permit.

Site Information

Clearing Description: The application is to clear up to seven hectares of native vegetation Lot 2380 on Deposited Plan

133583, Capel, for the purpose of hay and crop production.

Vegetation Description: The application area is mapped as Mattiske vegetation complex:

Southern River Complex, described as Open woodland of Corymbia calophylla (Marri) - Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) - Banksia species with fringing woodland of Eucalyptus rudis (Flooded Gum) -

Melaleuca rhaphiophylla (Swamp Paperbark) along creek beds (Mattiske et al., 1998)

A site inspection determined the vegetation to comprise of an open marri-jarrah woodland with no midstorey and a ground cover of predominately weeds (DWER, 2018).

Vegetation Condition:

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

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Degraded; Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management (Keighery, 1994).

The application area has been parkland cleared and is currently being grazed (DWER, 2018).

Comment: The local area referred to in this assessment is defined as the area within a 10 kilometre radius of

the application area. Aerial imagery indicates that the local area retains approximately 35 per cent

native vegetation cover.



3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The assessment against the 10 clearing principles outlined in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* has not changed and can be found in the Decision Report for application CPS 7980/1.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

The assessment against planning instruments and other relevant matters has not changed and can be found in the Decision Report for application CPS 7980/1.

4. References

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (2018) Site Inspection for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7980/1 - Carribean Investments Pty Ltd (DWER Ref: A1703530).

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.