



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) (CI)*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 8099/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Director of National Parks
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	13 October 2018 to 13 October 2023

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

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purpose of rehabilitation and revegetation.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Unallocated Crown land (PIN: 1097162), Christmas Island

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1.45 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 8099/1.

**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.

### PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

**5. Weed control**

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:

- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

**6. 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:

- 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;
- the date that the area was cleared;
- the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
- actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 5 of this Permit.

## 7. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 6 of this Permit, when requested by the *CEO*.

## 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*;

*fill* means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

*mulch* means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

*weed/s* means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*;  
or
- (b) published in a former Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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Mathew Gannaway  
MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION



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

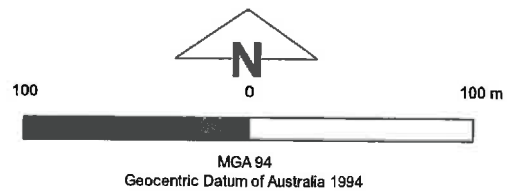
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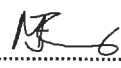
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## Legend

-  cadastre
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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8099/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Director of National Parks  
Application received date: 12 June 2018

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Unallocated Crown Land (PIN: 1097162), Christmas Island  
Local Government Authority: Shire of Christmas Island  
Localities: Christmas Island

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
1.45		Mechanical Removal	Restoration

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 13 September 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 (WA) (Ct)*. 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 clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts and had regard to the purpose of clearing being to facilitate rehabilitation of a previously cleared area.

## 2. Site Information

**Clearing Description** The applicant proposes to clear 1.45 hectares of native vegetation within unallocated Crown land (PIN: 1097162), Christmas Island, for the purpose of rehabilitation and revegetation.

**Vegetation Description**

Site 24 North East: Vegetation Types



Figure 1. Vegetation mapping of the application area

**Vegetation  
Condition**

Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).

### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The applicant proposes to clear 1.45 hectares of native vegetation within unallocated Crown land (PIN: 1097162), Christmas Island, for the purpose of rehabilitation and revegetation.

The application area has previously been cleared and mined, and now consists of secondary regrowth, swordfern and weeds. Due to the previous disturbance and the resulting degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the application it is not likely to contain high biodiversity, rare flora or significant fauna habitat.

No priority flora or threatened ecological communities have been recorded on Christmas Island.

Christmas Island retains approximately 75 per cent native vegetation, of which 84 per cent (63 per cent of total island area) is protected as National Park. The application area has been previously cleared and mined, therefore the application area is not considered to be a significant remnant in an area that has been extensively cleared.

Perennial surface water features on Christmas Island are limited to spring fed streams on coastal or sloping areas of the island. No watercourses are located within the application area.

Given that the application is for the purpose of rehabilitation, the proposed clearing is not likely to lead to appreciable land degradation.

The application area is located adjacent to Christmas Island National Park. The disturbance caused by the proposed clearing may increase the risk of weeds being spread into the National Park. Weed management practices will assist in minimising this risk.

The assessment has found that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing Principles.

### Planning instruments and other relevant matters

The rehabilitation of former mining areas is undertaken as part of the Christmas Island Minesite to Forest Rehabilitation Program. The program is funded by a conservation levy paid to the Territory Administration by Phosphate Resources Limited as a provision of the mining lease.

The application was advertised online on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's website on 29 June 2018 for a 21 day submission period. Also advertised in *The Islander* on 13 July 2018. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

### 4. References

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