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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONME

**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

**CLEARING OF 20 ha OF LAND FOR PASTURE , 16 km WEST OF COOLUP
SHIRE OF MURRAY (778)**

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This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1 Proponent Commitments

The proponent has made a number of environmental management commitments in order to protect the environment.

- 1-1 In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments (which are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement) made in the Consultative Environmental Review and in response to issues raised following public submissions. These commitments are consolidated in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 688 as Appendix 5. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

2 Implementation

Changes to the proposal which are not substantial may be carried out with the approval of the Minister for the Environment.

- 2-1 Subject to these conditions, the manner of detailed implementation of the proposal shall conform in substance with that set out in any designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted by the proponent to the Environmental Protection Authority with the proposal. Where, in the course of that detailed implementation, the proponent seeks to change those designs, specifications, plans or other technical material in any way that the Minister for the Environment determines on the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is not substantial, those changes may be effected.

3 Retention of Vegetation

- 3-1 The proponent shall retain vegetation not to be cleared under this proposal.
- 3-2 The proponent shall manage all vegetation to be retained under this proposal to the requirements of the Minister for Primary Industry.

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Procedure

- 1 The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for verifying compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, with the exception of conditions stating that the proponent shall meet the requirements of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.
- 2 If the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency or proponent is in dispute concerning compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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PROPONENT'S COMMITMENTS

CLEARING OF 20 ha OF LAND FOR PASTURE 16 km WEST OF COOLUP, SHIRE OF MURRAY (778)

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The proponent has made the following environmental commitments:

Commitments made in CER and Response to Submissions

- 1 I am not intending to change the land use, merely removing immature growth.
- 2 The land will be fertilised with super each year to the same extent as it has in the past.
- 3 Shelter belts will be retained for shelter and also nutrient uptake.
- 4 Cattle numbers will be maintained at acceptable levels and with fencing and management as requested, I see no reason for degeneration of the shelter belt.
- 5 Loching (*sic*) of the drains will ensure that drainage will be internalised in winter preventing water and nutrients moving from the land.
In relation to nutrient management specific matters have been proposed to reduce nutrient levels within collected surface waters. A dam located in the north east of Location 1473 collects runoff from neighbouring properties. A loch system to be installed across the dam will aid water retention allowing the majority of sediment contained within the drainage waters to settle out, thereby reducing a majority of the nutrient loading to Lake McLarty. Additionally a vegetated belt surrounding the dam will assist with nutrient assimilation. Similarly another loch system has been proposed for the southern cleared portion of the land, to control nutrient flow.
- 6 The outer fringe of vegetation closest to the Reserve will be maintained. I propose to maintain a wildlife corridor varying between 50 - 100 metres adjacent to the Reserve.

Intended Clearing Practice as outlined to the Appeal Committee

- 7 Parkland clear leaving sizeable clumps of large vegetation and understorey.
- 8 To leave all large timber and only remove undergrowth to allow the movement of a fertiliser spreader through the vegetation.
- 9 To leave a 15 metre buffer around all drainage lines.
- 10 To leave wet areas (NW corner) and weaker sand areas fully vegetated.
- 11 To install a loch (*sic*) system to control water and nutrient flow from neighbouring properties.
- 12 To fence a small area in the cleared part of the paddock and plant trees to control surface salt which was appearing due to evaporation.
- 13 Leave a wildlife corridor adjacent to the reserve of between 50 - 100 metres.
- 14 To fence the paddock such that sufficient uncleared vegetation was in each of three paddocks to protect the land from any north-west wind.