



MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT;  
LABOUR RELATIONS

Statement No.

000495

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

CLEARING OF NATIVE VEGETATION ON VICTORIA LOCATION 10598,  
COCKLESHELL GULLY ROAD, SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN (ASSESSMENT No. 1130)

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This statement allows the clearing of 870 hectares of native vegetation and is subject to the retention of 335 hectares of vegetation located as shown in Attachment 1, and to the following conditions and procedures:

**1 Implementation**

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

- 1-1 Subject to these conditions and procedures and to the reservation of the area shown in Attachment 1, 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.
- 1-2 Where, in the course of the detailed implementation referred to in condition 1-1, the proponent seeks to change the designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority 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.

**2 Proponent**

- 2-1 The proponent for the time being nominated by the Minister for the Environment under section 38(6) or (7) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 is responsible for the implementation of the proposal until such time as the Minister for the Environment has exercised the Minister's power under section 38(7) of the Act to revoke the nomination of that proponent and nominate another person in respect of the proposal.
- 2-2 Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister referred to in condition 2-1 shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the proposal in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.
- 2-3 The proponent shall notify the Department of Environmental Protection of any change of proponent contact name and address within 30 days of such change.

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### **3 Environmental Management**

- 3-1 Within 12 months of the serving of the final authority advice under section 45(7) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, the proponent shall prepare an environmental management plan for the area of approximately 1200 hectares, the subject of the proposal, with appropriate actions, monitoring, auditing and reporting to ensure compliance with the conditions and procedures in this statement and the on-going protection of the environment.
- 3-2 The proponent shall implement the above-mentioned environmental management plan.

### **4 Environmental Values**

- 4.1 The proponent shall maintain the environmental values of the areas of vegetation to be retained as shown in Attachment 1, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on the advice of the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

### **5 Impact of Land Clearing on Wetlands and Watercourses**

- 5.1 The proponent shall:
- 1 Protect the environmental values of the wetlands and watercourses on the property;
  - 2 Provide and maintain buffers around the wetlands and watercourses; and
  - 3 Prepare and implement a water quality monitoring and management programme as part of the environmental management plan Condition 3.

### **6 Impact of Land Clearing on Groundwater Levels**

- 6.1 To ensure that clearing of native vegetation does not result in adverse changes in groundwater levels the proponent shall prepare and implement a groundwater monitoring programme as part of the environmental management plan Condition 3.

### **7 Risk of Spreading Dieback (phytophthora)**

- 7.1 The proponent shall ensure that the proposed land clearing does not increase the risk of spreading dieback (phytophthora fungus).

### **8 Time Limit on Approval**

- 8-1 If the proponent has not substantially commenced the project within five years of the date of this statement, then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in this statement shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment shall determine any question as to whether the project has been substantially commenced.

Any application to extend the period of five years referred to in this condition shall be made before the expiration of that period to the Minister for the Environment.

Where the proponent demonstrates to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Department of Environmental Protection that the environmental parameters of the proposal have not changed significantly, then the Minister may grant an extension not exceeding five years.

**9 Compliance Auditing**

To help determine environmental performance and compliance with the conditions, periodic reports on the implementation of the proposal are required.

- 9-1 The proponent shall submit periodic Performance and Compliance Reports, in accordance with an audit programme prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection in consultation with the proponent.

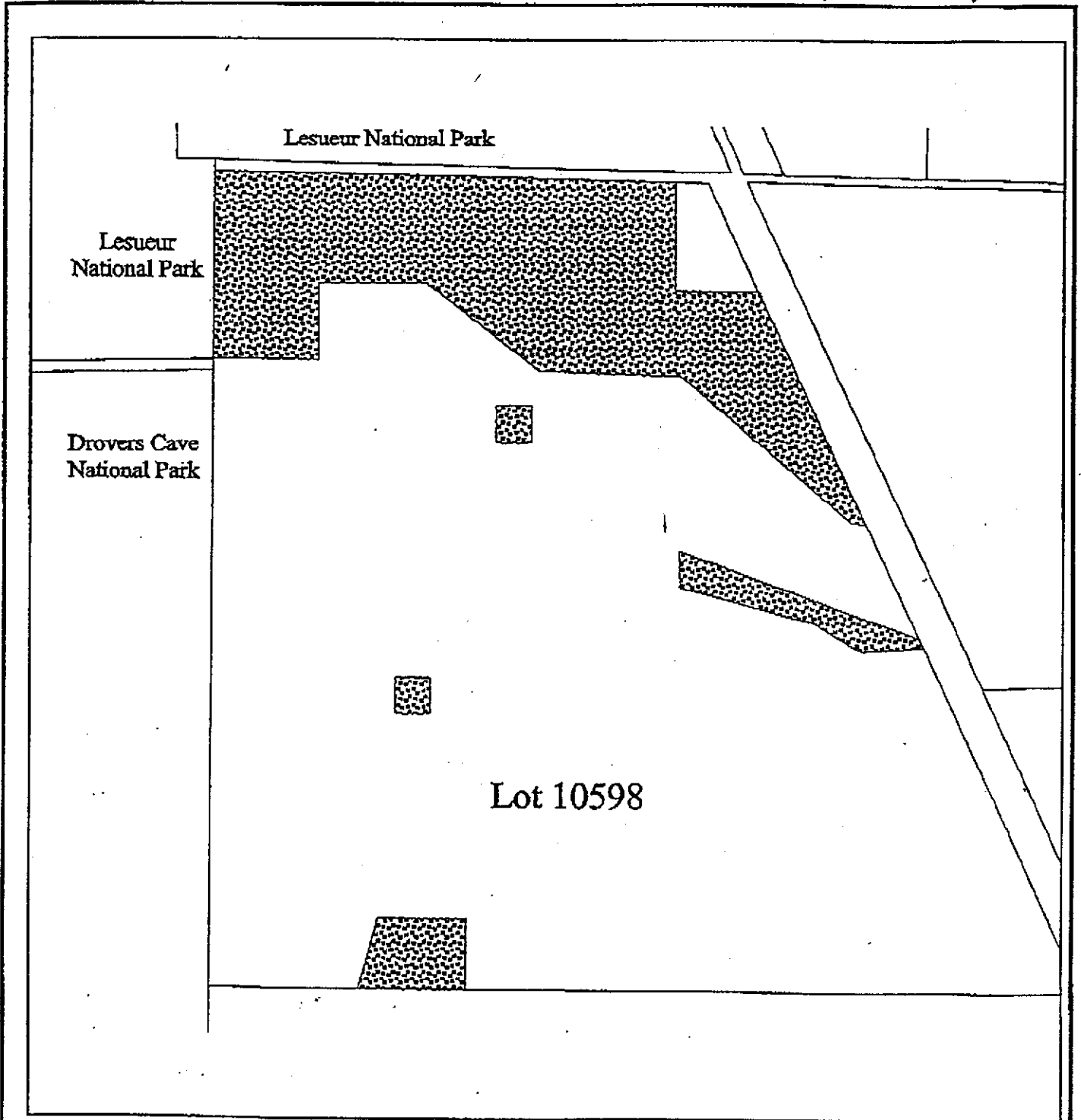
**Procedure**


- 1 Unless otherwise specified, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for assessing compliance with the conditions contained in this statement and for issuing formal clearance.
- 2 Where compliance with any condition is in dispute, the matter will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.
- 3 The area 335 ha of vegetation to be retained, as shown in Attachment 1, is to be reserved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation.
- 4 The largest area of vegetation to be retained, 285 ha adjacent to Lesueur National Park, as shown in Attachment 1, is to be established on a separate land title.

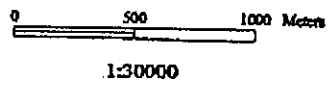
  
CHERYL/EDWARDES (Mrs) MLA  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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# Agreed Area to be Reserved (335 ha)



 Agreed area = 335 ha (19.6%)



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