

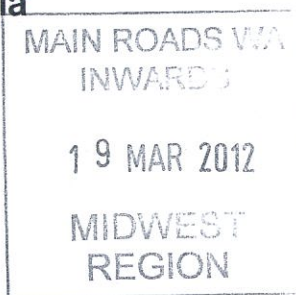
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Attn: Ms A Sutherland

Dear Sir

CPS 818/5 PROPOSED CLEARING OF NATIVE VEGETATION, GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY SLK 568

I refer to your letter of 20 February 2012 in which you seek advice regarding the land degradation impacts associated with the proposed land clearing of about 4.5 ha.

The site of this "borrow pit" has been mapped by the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) as occurring on an area of Kalli land system that abuts and Sherwood land system, to the west, on Wanarie Station.

The Kalli land system is generally of low pastoral potential and is described as gently undulating sand plain edged by stripped surfaces on laterite and granite supporting tall acacia shrublands over wanderrie grass understorey.

Accelerated soil erosion is the most likely land degradation hazard both on-site and off-site, if surface water is not managed within the disturbance area or on the access track to the pit, which is likely to traverse a number of drainage lines.

Should you require further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9368 3282.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Watson
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