



Your reference :
Our reference : DOC15/23818
Contact : Damon Oliver, 6229 7112

Mr Geoffrey Mason
'Castlesteads'
Boorowa, NSW 2586

Dear Mr Mason

**APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO HARM THREATENED SPECIES, POPULATIONS,
ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES OR TO DAMAGE THEIR HABITATS**

I refer to your application for a licence to harm threatened species, populations or ecological communities, and/or damage their habitats under section 91 of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act) by the removal of dead standing paddock trees, received by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Queanbeyan, on 27 January 2015.

I have considered the application and supporting information provided and I have determined that the proposed action is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. Therefore, a licence is not required under the TSC Act for the proposed action.

A certificate to this effect has been issued (enclosed) under section 95 of the TSC Act subject to the conditions prescribed in the certificate.

You should note that it is an offence under section 133(4) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 to contravene or fail to comply with any condition or restriction attached to the certificate.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Damon Oliver, Senior Team Leader, Ecosystems and Threatened Species on 6229 7112.

Yours sincerely

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Certificate No.: C0000863
Application Ref No. A01497-2015
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Section 95(2) Certificate

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995



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Issued To:

Geoffrey Mason
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Boorowa, NSW 2586

Certificate no. : C0000863
Issue Date: 13 February 2015
Expiry date: 31 August 2015

I certify that the Proposed Action as described below is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats and consequently the Proposed Action does not require a licence under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

An act that is the subject of this certificate is a defence against prosecution under sections 118A-118D of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed action:

Up to 159 dead standing paddock trees are proposed for removal across a total area of 1300 ha. Of these, it is estimated that 20 of the trees contain hollows that may constitute habitat for threatened species, particularly the Superb Parrot. The proposal will facilitate more efficient farming practices by allowing the use of wider boom spray machinery in cropping areas that have scattered dead and living trees. The application states that, where possible, removal of dead standing trees will be avoided, particularly large dead trees that may constitute Superb Parrot nesting habitat. To ameliorate the impact of the proposal, the following measures were provided in the application.

1. The creation of offset areas across the property, as presented in map (Figure 1) provided by the applicant that will be retained for the protection of Superb Parrot habitat and the White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Woodland Endangered Ecological Community.
2. These offset areas in total comprise approximately 820 living trees and 300 dead trees and 30,000 immature trees that were planted in the last 13 years, since 2001.
3. The total available offset areas cover approximately 150 ha and includes fenced off riparian areas and other uncropped areas that are infrequently grazed by livestock.

RELEVANT CONDITIONS

The holder of the certificate must ensure that:

1. Every effort is made to avoid removing dead trees that are large and contain hollows that may constitute threatened species habitat, particularly the Superb Parrot.

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2. No dead trees with large stick nests will be removed.
3. The removal of dead standing trees must only occur between January and August to avoid disturbance or impact to the breeding cycle of the Superb Parrot.
4. Proposed offset areas are to be retained in perpetuity to secure habitat for threatened species including the Superb Parrot and the White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Woodland Endangered Ecological Community.

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INFORMATION AND WARNINGS

- This certificate is issued under section 95(2) of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.
- It is an offence against section 133(4) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, for the holder of this certificate to contravene or fail to comply with any condition or restriction of this certificate.
- The maximum penalty for a corporation is 200 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of 20 penalty units for each day that the offence continues.
- The maximum penalty for an individual is 100 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of 10 penalty units for each day that the offence continues.

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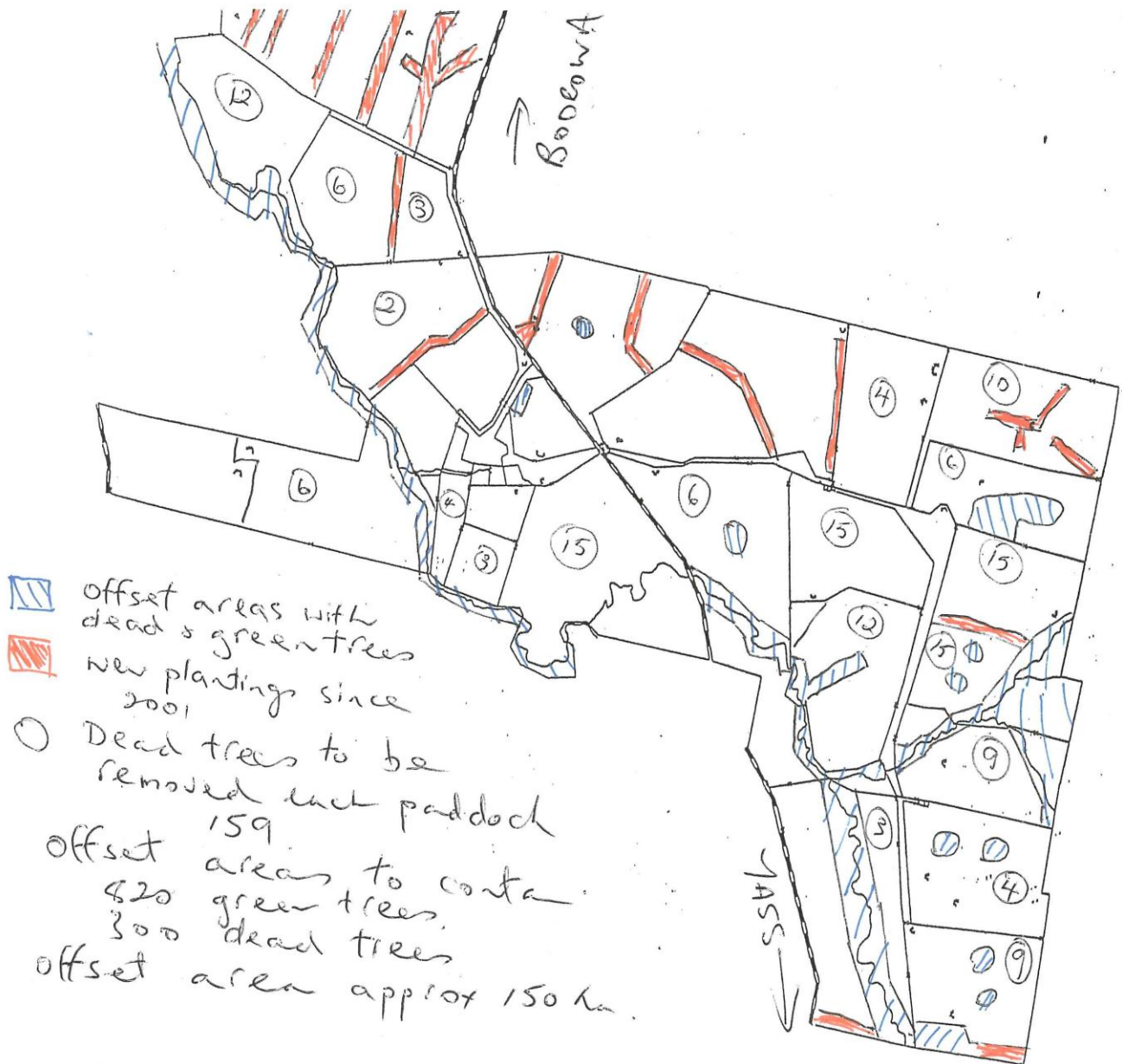


Figure 1 – estimated number of dead paddock trees to be removed in each cropping paddock and proposed offset areas on 'Castlesteads', Boorowa.