

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question On Notice**

**Wednesday, 28 March 2018**

**1091. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment**

I refer to pastoral leases in the Kimberley and land clearing over the past five years to the present, and I ask:

- (a) which of the pastoral leases have been subject to land clearing applications and for how many hectares;
- (b) which of the pastoral leases have approval for land clearing and for how many hectares;
- (c) which of the pastoral leases have been cleared and for how many hectares; and
- (d) which of the pastoral leases have been cleared without a clearing permit and how many hectares were cleared?

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**Answer**

(a) In the past five years, since May 2013, 34 clearing permit applications and applications to amend a clearing permit, have been made under Part V, Division 2 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, for 21 pastoral leases in the Kimberley Land Division. A breakdown of each application is provided in Table 1 of tabled paper #.

(b) Table 2 of tabled paper # provides details of granted clearing permit applications relating to pastoral leases within the Kimberley Land Division.

(c-d) There is no consolidated dataset containing information on all pastoral leases in the Kimberley which have been cleared lawfully, unlawfully, or in accordance with a statutory approval or exemption. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is currently working towards improving the storage and use of datasets that are collected as part of statutory reporting requirements.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has investigated 12 matters involving seven pastoral leases where approximately 810 hectares have been cleared. Information regarding the pastoral lease where these clearing incidents were investigated is currently not publicly available as alleged offences have not been proven through the Courts.



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES**

Table 1: Clearing Permit applications, including amended applications, for clearing within pastoral leases within the Kimberley Land Division

Application number	Lease name	Permit holder	Hectares applied
7270/1	ANNA PLAINS	Anna Plains Cattle Co Pty Ltd	120
6593/1	FLORA VALLEY	Northern Minerals Ltd	127.1
6828/1	GIBB RIVER	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	469
4501/2	GOGO	Gogo Station Pty Ltd	723
6663/1	GORDON DOWNS	Northern Minerals Ltd	127.1
7854/1	IVANHOE	Argyle Concrete and Quarry Suppliers Pty Ltd	4
2892/3	IVANHOE	Main Roads Western Australia	60
818/12	IVANHOE	Main Roads Western Australia	30
2892/2	IVANHOE	Main Roads Western Australia	60
4661/3	IVANHOE	Mr Ken Spurge	16.85
6318/1	KILTO	Jamie Burton	142.5
3129/2	KIMBERLEY DOWNS	Kimberley Diamond Company NL	364
7906/1	KIMBERLEY DOWNS	POZ Minerals Limited	80
6787/1	LARRAWA	Mr Kevin Brockhurst	6.98
7345/1	LISSADELL	Baldy Bay Pty Ltd	150
7345/2	LISSADELL	Baldy Bay Pty Ltd	147
6739/1	MARGARET RIVER	Yougawalla Pastoral Co Pty Ltd	426
6280/1	MOOLA BULLA	SAWA Pty Ltd	28.035
6084/2	MOWANJUM	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	76
6084/3	MOWANJUM	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	223
6084/4	MOWANJUM	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	116
6084/5	MOWANJUM	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	116
6084/1	MOWANJUM	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	76
7557/1	MT ANDERSON	Department of Water	1
6556/1	NAPIER DOWNS	Mr David Martin	12.435
7122/1	NITA DOWNS	Forshaw Pastoral Company Pty Ltd	250
7342/1	NITA DOWNS	Forshaw Pastoral Company Pty Ltd	200
7864/1	NOONKANBAH	Department of Communities	1.2
7315/1	NOONKANBAH	Noonkanbah Rural Enterprises Pty Ltd	4
7953/1	ROEBUCK PLAINS	Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd	422
6653/1	TEXAS DOWNS/MABEL DOWNS	IronRinger Resources Pty Ltd	1.6
6694/1	TEXAS DOWNS/MABEL DOWNS	IronRinger Resources Pty Ltd	0.75
6713/1	THEDA	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	12.26
6037/1	YEEDA	Yeeda Pastoral Company Pty Ltd	67

**Table 2: Granted clearing permits relating to pastoral leases within the Kimberley Land Division**

Application number	Lease name	Permit holder	Hectares Approved
7270/1	ANNA PLAINS	Anna Plains Cattle Co Pty Ltd	120
6828/1	GIBB RIVER	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	293
2892/3	IVANHOE	Main Roads Western Australia	60
818/12	IVANHOE	Main Roads Western Australia	30
4661/3	IVANHOE	Mr Ken Spurge	16.85
6318/1	KILTO	Jamie Burton	142.5
3129/2	KIMBERLEY DOWNS	Kimberley Diamond Company NL	364
6787/1	LARRAWA	Mr Kevin Brockhurst	6.98
7345/1	LISSADELL	Baldy Bay Pty Ltd	150
6084/4	MOWANJUM	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	116
7557/1	MT ANDERSON	Department of Water	1
7122/1	NITA DOWNS	Forshaw Pastoral Company Pty Ltd	250
7342/1	NITA DOWNS	Forshaw Pastoral Company Pty Ltd	200
7315/1	NOONKANBAH	Noonkanbah Rural Enterprises Pty Ltd	4
6694/1	TEXAS DOWNS/MABEL DOWNS	IronRinger Resources Pty Ltd	0.75
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