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Pastoral Land Board
Via 'Development Applications Online'

To the Pastoral Land Board,

RE: Pastoral Land Clearing Application – Mountain Valley, NT Portion 6518, PPL 1080, Roper District, 203.77 hectares

We object to the application by Phil Hickey, representing Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to clear 203.77 hectares of native vegetation for gravel extraction for roadworks.

Gravel extraction for roadworks is not a pastoral use that may be applied for in Section 91F Pastoral Land Act 1992, under which this application is made (reproduced below).

This is clarified in 91F(3) which states *"To avoid doubt, a clearing permit only permits a pastoral lessee to clear land subject to the lessee's pastoral lease and does not permit the lessee to use the land for a non-pastoral purpose"*.

On the basis of this application being ineligible under 91F and the NTG offices being closed over the holiday period to clarify this, we have not reviewed the detail of this proposal. We would like the opportunity to review this proposal when made under the correct legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Adrian Tomlinson and Jacqueline Arnold

Extract from the Pastoral Land Act 1992

91D Permitted clearing

The Board may, by *Gazette* notice, determine that clearing pastoral land in circumstances specified in the notice is permitted without a clearing permit.

Examples for section 91D

1 Clearing land to build a fence.

2 Clearing land to build a track.

91E Board may issue guidelines

(1) The Board may issue guidelines for clearing pastoral land.

(2) The Board must publish the guidelines in any manner that makes the guidelines publicly available in the Territory.

91F Application for clearing permit

(1) A pastoral lessee may apply to the Board for a permit (a ***clearing permit***) to conduct clearing for all or part of the land the subject of the lessee's pastoral lease.

(2) An application for a clearing permit must be:

(a) in the form approved by the Board; and

(b) accompanied by any application fee determined by the Minister.

(3) To avoid doubt, a clearing permit only permits a pastoral lessee to clear land subject to the lessee's pastoral lease and does not permit the lessee to use the land for a non-pastoral purpose.

Note for subsection (3)