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Dear Sir or Madam

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL – AGRICULTURE INTENSIVE (TURF PRODUCTION) ON LOT 5 CLARKE ROAD, NEERGABBY

With regard to the abovementioned proposal, please find enclosed EPA Referral Form DMA. A copy of the form and the applicant's proposal has been emailed to your Department.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully

KEVIN TANG
MANAGER STATUTORY PLANNING

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Form DMA and proposal







Referral of a Proposal by a Decision-making authority to the Environmental Protection Authority under Section 38(5) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

Section 38(5) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the EP Act) provides that a decision-making authority that has notice of a proposal that appears to it to be a significant proposal or a proposal of a prescribed class is to refer the proposal the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for a decision on whether or not it requires assessment under the EP Act. This form sets out the information requirements for the referral of a proposal by a decision-making authority.

Before completing this form, decision-making authorities are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the EPA's *General Guide on Referral of Proposals* [see Environmental Impact Assessment/Referral of Proposals and Schemes].

A referral under section 38(5) by a decision-making authority must be made on this form. This form will be treated as a referral provided all required information is included to the extent that it is pertinent to the proposal being referred. Referral documents are to be submitted in two formats – hard copy and electronic copy. The electronic copy of the referral will be provided for public comment for a period of 7 days, prior to the EPA making its decision on whether or not to assess the proposal.

CHECKLIST

Before you submit this form, have you

	Yes	No
Completed all applicable questions		
Included Attachment 1 – location maps	~	
Included Attachment 2 – Supporting information (if applicable)	/	
Enclosed the CD of all referral information, including spatial data and contextual mapping.		/

Following a review of the information presented in this form, please consider the following question. (A response is Optional)

NSIDER THE PROPO SESSMENT?	SAL REQUIRES FO	ORMAL ENVIRONMENTAL
YES	NO	⊠ NOT SURE
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REFERROR'S DECLARATION

1, Kevin TANG	(full	name)	submit	this	referral	to	the
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Position Manager Hatutory Plandy	Responsible Authority €
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1. DMA, PROPOSAL, PROPONENT AND LOCATION INFORMATION

1.1 REFERRING DMA

Name	Shine of Gingin
Postal Address	7 Brockman St, Gingin WA
DMA contact for the proposal Name Phone Email	Kevin Tang 9575 2211 mail@gingin.wa.ga.ay

1.2 PROPONENT

Name of person/entity proposing to implement the proposal	Savatoga Holdings P/L
Joint Venture parties (if applicable)	
Postal Address	124 Movine Tenace Somento WA 6020.
 Key proponent contact for the proposal Name Address Phone Email 	Damen Kükwood As above 0428928309

1.3 PROPOSAL

Title	Agriculture Intensive (Tur)
Description	Tierf Production

1.4 LOCATION

Name of the Shire in which the proposal is located	Shine of Gingin
For urban areas – street address lot number suburb nearest road intersection	Shine of Gingin Lot 21 Chitna Road Grugin, WA 6053
For remote localities – nearest town distance and direction from that town to the proposal site	Gingin 30Km
Electronic spatial data - GIS or CAD on CD, geo-referenced and conforming to the following parameters: GIS: polygons representing all activities	Enclosed: Yes No

and named
CAD: simple closed polygons representing all activities and named
datum: GDA94
projection: Geographic (latitude/longitude) or Map Grid of Australia (MGA)
format: Arcview shapefile, Arcinfo coverages, Microstation or AutoCAD

2. APPROVALS/CONTROL MECHANISMS

What approval(s) is (are) required from you as a Decision Making Authority?	Planning Approval
Is an amendment to a planning scheme proposed or required to enable implementation of the proposal?	Yes /No
If yes, please provide details.	
Have you sought comments from a State Government Agency or Local Authority regarding this proposal?	Yes No
If yes, name all agencies and Local Authorities contacted.	Department of Parks and Wildlife
What conditions can you place on the proposal to manage environmental impacts?	planning conditions

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

In what ways do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment and warrant referral to the EPA?	the proposed turf area will encroach on one of Swam (akes protected under Environmental Protection Owan Coastor Plain (akes) Policy
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4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please attach copies of relevant information you have received or can provide on the proposal and list documents below.

Document	Description/Title
1.	Applicant's Summission document (5041)
2.	
3.	



Farm: (08) 9575 7520 Mob: 0428 928 309

Farm Address: Lot 21 Chitna Road,

Gingin, WA 6053

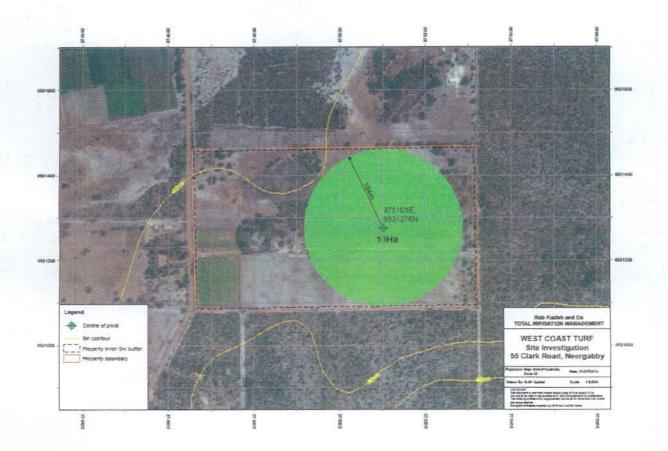
Postal Address: 124 Marine Tce, Sorrento, WA 6020 ABN 40 329 786 439

SITE DESCRIPTION

Saratoga Holdings Pty Ltd as Trustee for the JPD Trust, trading as West Coast Turf is currently negotiating to Purchase 55 Clark Rd, Neergabby, with the view to start turf production as soon as possible. The land is located at Lot 5, 55 Clark Rd, Neergabby, Gingin. WCT currently farms 30 acres of turf on Chitna road Gingin, approximately 4km west of this new site.

To give a brief history of the land to be purchased the previous owners had planned to operate a turf farm on the site and have gained some approvals to do so. There is a current water licence (GWL 150450) attached to the property which is allocated to the irrigation of 10Ha for turf farming. There has been some basic irrigation previously installed on the front south west corner of the property, however this is not adequate for the viable development of a commercial turf farm.

The following satellite imagery shows where we plan to place the new irrigation infrastructure.



As shown in the satellite imagery the pivot site is towards the rear of the property that has been predominately cleared in the past as farmland. The intention is install the pivot to within 5m of the boundary on both sides of the property. We are aware that a buffer of approx 20m will be required from our neighbors and to accommodate this the sections along the northern and southern boundaries will not planted out with turf.

A line of acacia trees will be planted along the fence line adjacent to length of the pivot (184m) on both the northern and southern boundaries that will act as an additional spray barrier.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

West Coast Turf intends to produce two varieties of turf:

Kikuyu (Pennesetum clandestinum)

Buffalo (Stenotaphrum secundatum) - Variety ST15 (Neergabby)

To follow are a list of products WCT anticipates will be used during production, this has been formulated from over 22 years of experience growing turf in the Gingin area.

We currently engage the services of Ken Johnson (08) 9367 3568 from Sports Turf Technologies to continually monitor nutrient levels on all our turf varieties. Through the leaf and soil tests carried out WCT will adjust the fertiliser program to suit the needs of the turf.

Pre Planting Requirements

Product	Rate of Nutrient (kg	nt (kg/ha)	
	N	P	K
300kg/ha of Western Minerals Cropping Blending Base	-	10	20
1 applications of Composted Manure at 4 tonnes/ha per application	8	20	2

Products Required Per Crop

Product	Rate of Nutrient (kg/ha)		
	N	P	K
2 applications of Composted Manure at 4 tonnes/ha per application	16	40	8
0.5 tonne/ha Lime sand	-	-	-
0.5 tonne/ha Gypsum	-	-	-
1 application of Sulphate of Ammonia at 200kg/ha per application	100	-	
1 application of Muriate of Potash at 200kg/ha per application	-	2	200
Weekly NPK Blended Fertiliser applied by fertigation	100	50	100
Flexi-N applied by fertigation	50	-	-
2 Applications of Iron & Manganese	-		-
Total	174	120	330

IRRIGATION

As shown above WCT plans install a pivot to follow are some of the basic stats

Lindsay Zimmatic Non-tow 3 Span (61m) Irrigator

Galvanized 6 5/8" Main Pipe

Field Boss - Advanced Main Panel

Sprinklers - Nelson Yellow Plate Spinners

Standard Speed Centre Drives - 0.55kw each

14.9 x 24 Wheel Assemblies

Remote Mobile Phone Controller

It has been calculated that the centre pivot will put out 5-6mm or water each rotation which takes 5 hours. Given evaporation rates, water retention of the soil at this location, and other known climatic conditions in the Gingin area the following water schedule has been devised.

Month	Rotations / week	Water App / Week	Est Evap / Week	Month	Rotations / week	Water App / Week	Water App / Week
January	14	70mm	59.5mm	July	1	5mm	10.5mm
February	14	70mm	56mm	August	1	5mm	14mm
March	9	45mm	45.5mm	September	5	25mm	21mm
April	5	25mm	28mm	October	9	45mm	31.5mm
May	1	5mm	17.5mm	November	10	50mm	45.5mm
June	1	5mm	14mm	December	10	70mm	56mm

Start times vary from time to time however as a general farm practice if there is only one application of water a day the start time will be 10pm allowing the irrigation to be completed during off peak power consumption periods.

Given WCT plan to crop two different varieties of turf the watering schedule proposed above might need slight adjustments. The Buffalo Grass which is purely stoloniferous (surface roots) compared to the Kikuyu that is rhizonmatous (deep rooting) will require less water to keep the root mass moist meaning watering rates will be slightly different.

DRAINAGE CONTROLS

Due to the free draining and soil types plus the fact the land is reasonable flat there is little to no surface drainage or side ways water movement on this property. There are no man made or mechanical drains. All drainage is natural through the soil profile. Please be aware that turf will be growing on all parts of the irrigated land and will therefore,

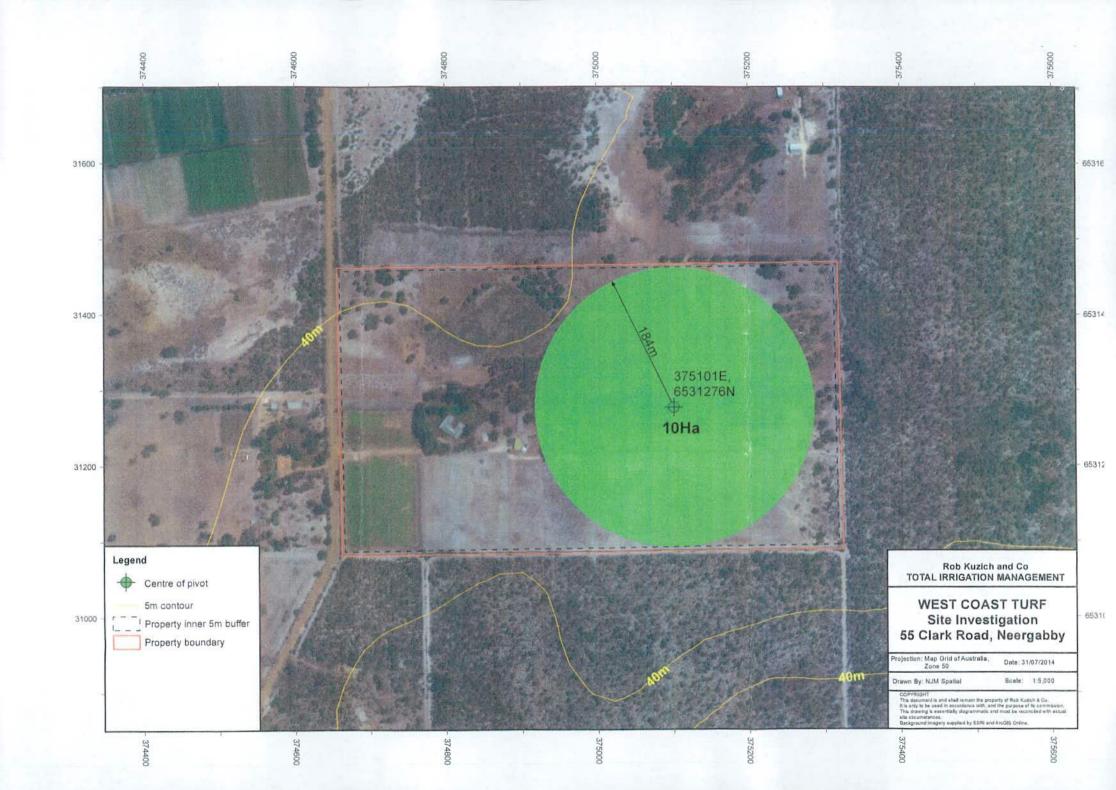
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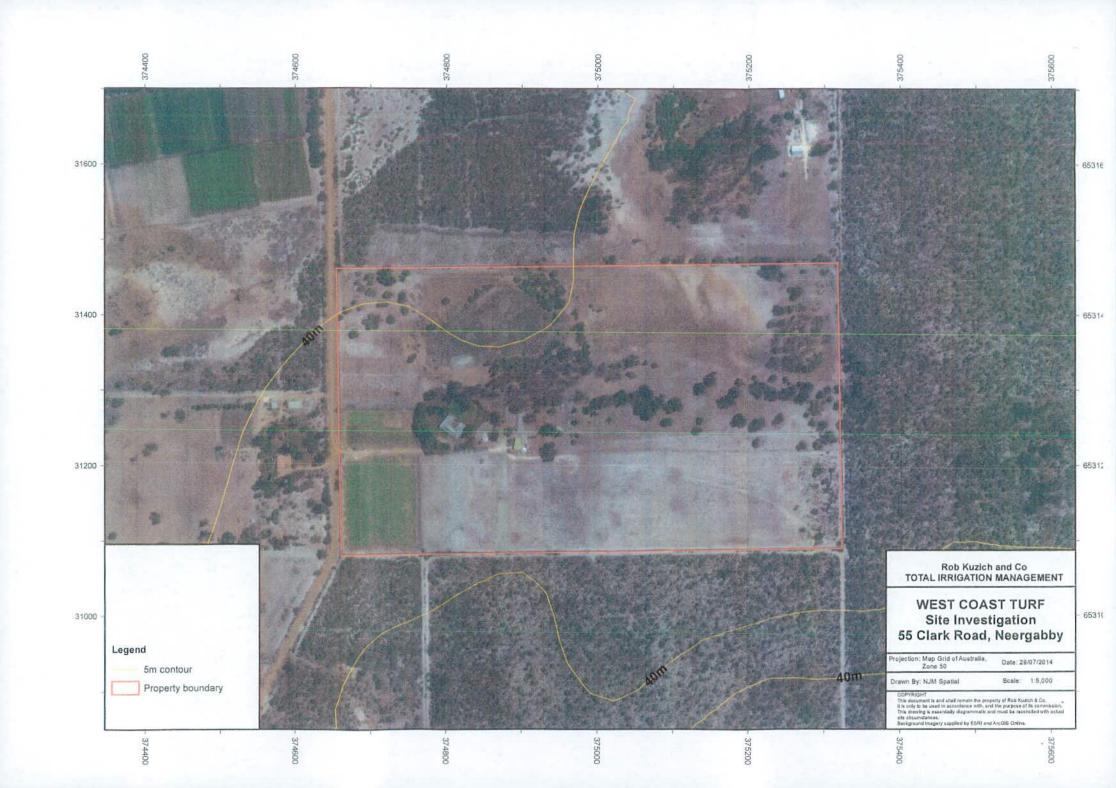
Environmental Guidelines For The Establishment And Maintenance Of Turf And Grassed Areas, Dept. of Environment Protection and Waters and Rivers Commission December 2001

PESTICIDE USE AND STORAGE

WCT do not plan to store chemicals at the site of the new leased pivot. At present all pesticides for our current operation are stored on WCT property on Chitna road Gingin, in compliance with the Storage of Pesticices & Disposal of Pesticide Residues Act 1956. Pesticides will only be taken to the new site on a day-to-day basis as they are required and any residuals will then be returned to the chemical store at Chitna road.

All pesticides used on the farm are typical of commercial turf areas and only turf registered pesticides are used to control weeds and insects.







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Instrument No. GWL150450(5)

LICENCE TO TAKE WATER

Granted by the Minister under section 5C of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914

Annual Water	16115014					
Entitlement	161150 kL					
Lot 5 On Plan 12160 - Volume/Folio 1691/563 - Lot 5 Clarke Rd Neergabby						
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	Location of Activity Lot 5 On Plan 12160 - Volume					

This Licence is subject to the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

- 1 That should the licensee's draw adversely affect the aquifer or other users in the area, the Department of Water may reduce the amount that may be drawn.
- 2 Approval by the Department of Water is to be obtained prior to the construction of additional and replacement wells and the modification or refurbishment of existing wells.
- 3 The licensee shall not use water for non commercial purposes between 9 am and 6 pm except for the establishment of newly planted areas. For newly planted areas water may be used within these hours for a period of up to 28 consecutive days, commencing from the date of planting.
- 4 The annual water year for water taken under this licence is defined as 12:00 pm at 30 June to 12:00 pm at 30 June twelve months later.
- 5 The licensee must not, in any water year, take more water than the annual water entitlement specified in this licence.
- That the licensee shall have the irrigation project completed by 26 February 2011.

End of terms, conditions and restrictions



CONTRACT FOR SALE OF LAND OR STRATA TITLE BY OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

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