



Planning and Development Act 2005

Shire of Halls Creek

Notice of planning proposal – Proposal to establish a shooting Range on Reserve 23136, Lot 510 P67205

Public comments are invited on a proposal by the Shire of Halls Creek to develop a shooting range on an old gravel pit located at Lot 510, DP067205 as part of its public works program.

The proposal

1.1 Site Location

The Site is 2.9km from Halls Creek, measured from the Post Office to the turnoff on the Great Northern Highway, and 2.5km from Red Hill.

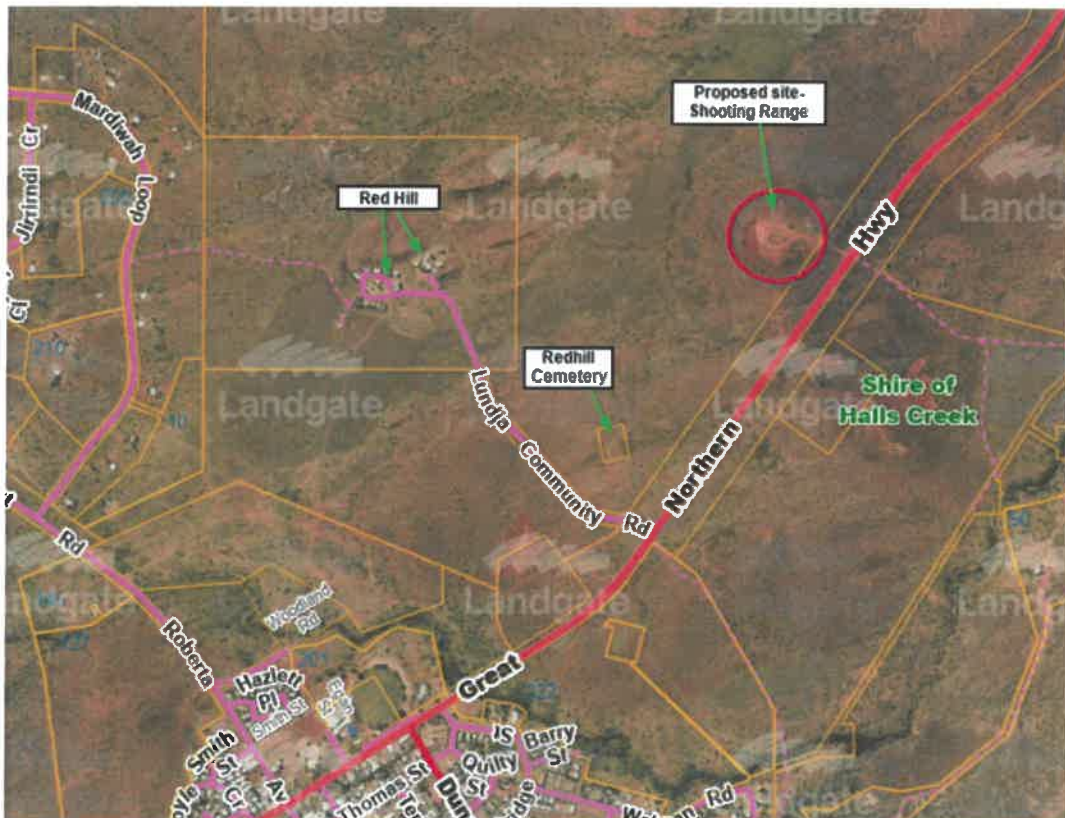


Figure 1- Site location in-relation to residential settlements

The site is on Lot 501, DP067205 on Reserve 23136. Reserve 23136 is the Town Common and vested under the management of the Shire.

2. Safety considerations

- 2.1 The site is 2.9km from the Halls Creek Post Office and 2.5km from Red Hill. As shown in the image below, the shooting range would be just over a km from Red Hill as the crow flies. The topography of the land is such that it provides natural barriers in the form of undulations and hills from Halls Creek Town, Red Hill and Mardiwah Loop.

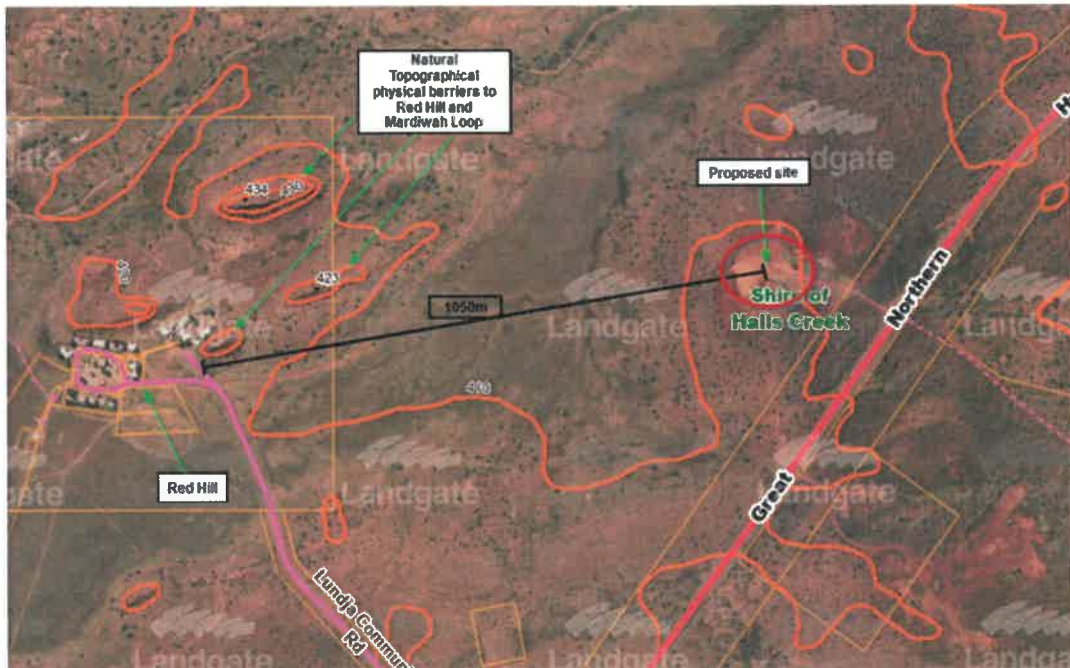


Figure 2 Image showing topographical features of the land

2.2 *Indictive Firing Position and Direction*

The proponents propose to position the firing Shade such that all shots will be fired away from residential areas and the Great Northern Highway.



Figure 3 Direction of fire



Figure 4 Image from the top of the ridge-Direction of Fire.

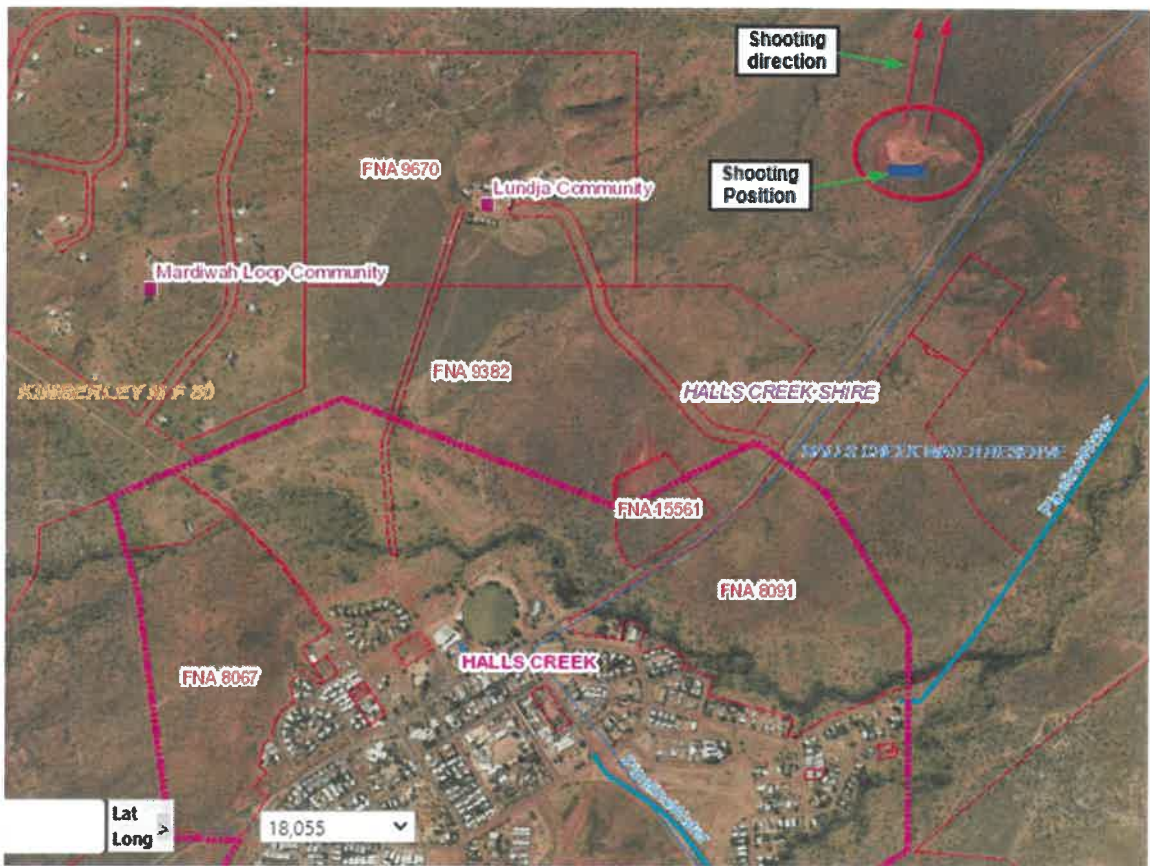


Figure 5 Indicative firing shed and firing direction in relation to residential areas and the GNH.

2.3 – Fireproof safety ridges

The site, being an old gravel pit, is similar to a dug-out and has ridges covering in over 50% of the circumference. The proponents propose to increase the height of the ridge in the firing direction and extend it further northwards. This should increase the circumference of the ridge and bring it close to 75%. This should ensure that there will be no stray bullets towards residences or towards the Great Northern Highway.



Figure 6 View of the earth bank-Red Hill direction



Figure 7 View of the earth bank-GNH

3. Benefits

3.1 Training for officers Authorised to use firearms

WA Police will provide one of its officers to ensure that all persons using the facility have firearm safety awareness training. The Officer will also assist in the continuous training of other WA Police members and Shire Rangers, who are all authorised to use firearms. This will also be of benefit to National Parks and Indigenous Rangers.

3.2 A significant number of residents in Halls Creek are holders of firearm licences and own firearms. The Range will provide continuous training to ensure safe use of firearms and increased proficiency.

3.3 The Range will also provide recreational shooting as a sport. Diversifying recreational facilities would be a benefit to the community.

3.4 The Range could also be used for Archery, thus further providing diversity in recreation activities.

Whilst the facility will be developed by the Shire under its public works program, a committee will be formed to run the shooting club.

If more information is required, please contact Musa Mono, Director Health and Regulatory Services, email dhrs@hcshire.wa.gov.au or call 08 9168 6007, mobile 0409 427 866.

Comments must be submitted on or before 4.00pm on Monday 1 August 2022. Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire office Front Desk – 7 Thomas Street during working hours or emailed to hcshire@hcshire.wa.gov.au.



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