



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	10080/2
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	From 19 August 2023 to 18 August 2043
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Beach Energy (Perth Basin) Pty Ltd

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### **PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED**

**1. Land on which clearing is to be done**

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**2. Clearing authorised (purpose)**

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of a petroleum appraisal well.

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 4.87 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

**4. Type of Clearing Authorised**

The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

**5. Period in which clearing is Authorised**

The Permit Holder must not clear any native vegetation after 18 August 2028.

### **PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

**6. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing**

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared under this Permit, the Permit Holder must apply the following principles, set out in descending order of preference:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

## 7. Weed and dieback control

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no known *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared;
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared; and
- (d) only move soils in *dry conditions*.

## 8. Offset

- (a) within six months of commencement of clearing and no later than 5 April 2024, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* an *offset proposal* for approval, prepared in accordance with the *WA Environmental Offsets Policy* (2011) and *WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines* (2014), using the *WA Environment Offsets calculator*.
- (b) the *offset proposal* must counterbalance the significant residual impacts (SRI) of the proposed clearing of *Zanda latirostris* (Carnaby's cockatoo) foraging habitat by one hundred percent.
- (c) the *offset proposal* must be prepared by an *environmental specialist*.
- (d) if it is necessary to modify the *offset proposal* approved by the *CEO*, then the permit holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the *CEO* for the *CEO's* approval, prior to implementing the modified *offset proposal*.
- (e) the permit holder must implement the latest version of the *offset proposal* approved by the *CEO*.

## 9. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

The Permit Holder shall:

- (a) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared;
- (b) within 12 months following completion of petroleum extraction, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the areas cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 by:
  - (i) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction;
  - (ii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under Condition 9(a) on the cleared area;
- (c) within 4 years of undertaking *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* in accordance with Condition 9(b) of this Permit:
  - (i) engage an *environmental specialist* to determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*; and
  - (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under Condition 9(c)(i) of this Permit will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, *revegetate* the area by deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area and ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used.
- (d) where additional *planting* or *direct seeding* of native vegetation is undertaken in accordance with Condition 9(c)(ii) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall repeat Condition 9(c)(i) and 9(c)(ii) within 24 months of undertaking the additional *planting* or *direct seeding* of native vegetation.
- (e) where a determination by an *environmental specialist* that the composition, structure and density within areas *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* will result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, as determined in Condition 9(c)(i) and (ii) of this Permit, that determination shall be submitted for the *CEO's* consideration. If the *CEO* does not agree with the determination made under Condition 9(c)(ii), the *CEO* may require the Permit Holder to undertake additional *planting* and *direct seeding* in accordance with the requirements under Condition 9(c)(ii).

## **PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

### **10. Records to be kept**

The Permit Holder must maintain records relating to the listed relevant matters in accordance with the specifications detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Records that must be kept**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Relevant matter</b>	<b>Specifications</b>
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;</li> <li>(b) the date that the area was cleared;</li> <li>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</li> <li>(d) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 6; and</li> <li>(e) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> and <i>dieback</i> in accordance with Condition 7.</li> </ul>
2.	In relation to the offset condition pursuant to Condition 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a copy of the <i>offset proposal</i> approved by the <i>CEO</i>;</li> <li>(b) the location of the offset implemented;</li> <li>(c) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</li> <li>(d) a description of activities undertaken to implement the approved <i>offset proposal</i>;</li> <li>(e) the size of the area of the offset (in hectares); and</li> <li>(f) results of the monitoring against the compliance with the the approved <i>offset proposal</i>.</li> </ul>
3.	In relation to the <i>revegetation</i> and <i>rehabilitation</i> management pursuant to Condition 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The location of any areas <i>revegetated</i> and <i>rehabilitated</i>, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;</li> <li>(b) a description of the <i>revegetation</i> and <i>rehabilitation</i> activities undertaken; and</li> <li>(c) the size of the area <i>revegetated</i> and <i>rehabilitated</i> (in hectares).</li> </ul>

### **11. Reporting**

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the *CEO* by 31 July each year for the life of this Permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this Permit, and setting out the records required under Condition of this Permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the *CEO* by 31 July of each year.
- (c) Prior to 18 August 2043, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 10 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 11(a) or 11(b) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 2 have the meanings defined.

**Table 2: Definitions**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.
condition/s	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.
dry conditions	Means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches.
department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.
direct seeding	Means a method of re-establishing vegetation through the establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species.
environmental specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist that is required to provide under this clearing permit and offset proposal, or who is approved by the <i>CEO</i> as a suitable environmental specialist.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
local provenance	means native vegetation seeds and propagating material from natural sources within 50 kilometres in the same Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) subregion of the area cleared.
mulch	means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation.
native vegetation	has the meaning given under section 3(1) and section 51A of the EP Act.
Offset	means a direct offset as described in the Government of Western Australia, WA Environmental Offsets Policy, September 2011.
offset proposal	means a documented plan that addresses the principles outlined in the Government of Western Australia, WA Environmental Offsets Policy, September 2011.
planting	means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species.
regeneration	means <i>revegetation</i> that can be established from in situ seed banks contained either within the topsoil or seed-bearing <i>mulch</i> .
rehabilitate / rehabilitated / rehabilitation	means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area.
revegetate / revegetated / revegetation	means the re-establishment of a cover of <i>local provenance</i> native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural <i>regeneration</i> , <i>direct</i>

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	<i>seeding</i> and/or <i>planting</i> , so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
weed/s	means any plant – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>; or</li> <li>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or</li> <li>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.</li> </ul>

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**END OF CONDITIONS**

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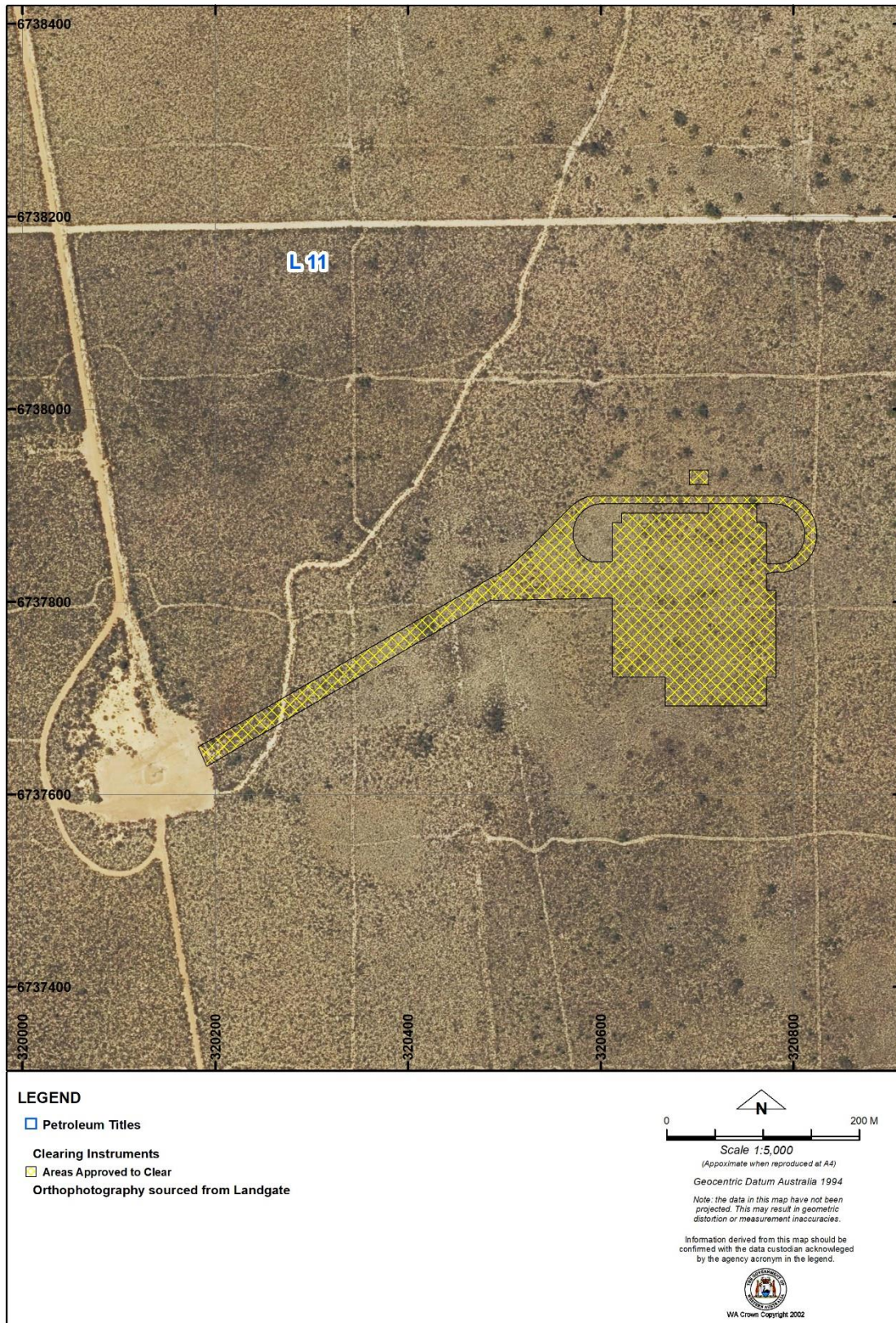
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of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*



# SCHEDULE 1

The boundary of the area authorised to be cleared is shown in the map below (Figure 1).



**Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.**