



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	10133/1
Duration of Permit:	From 12 August 2023 to 11 August 2028
Permit Holder:	Edna May Operations 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

Miscellaneous Licence 77/358
Mining Lease 77/1111
Mining Lease 77/1287
Mining Lease 77/1303

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3.8 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Period in which clearing is Authorised

The Permit Holder must not clear any native vegetation after 12 August 2025.

PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. 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.

6. Weed 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*:

- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- ensure that no known *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and

- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

7. Revegetation plan

- (a) The Permit Holder shall *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* areas within the area shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1;
- (b) When undertaking activities under condition 7(a), the Permit Holder must implement and adhere to the document ‘Revegetation Plan – Symes Find Project, July 2023’ as retained on Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety File No. A0376/202301 as Doc ID 10326065, or future versions as approved by the *CEO*; and
- (c) The Permit Holder must commence *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* by 13 August 2025.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. 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

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (b) the date that the area was cleared; (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); (d) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 4; and (e) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with Condition 5.
2.	In relation to the revegetation plan pursuant to Condition 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a description of the <i>revegetation</i> and <i>rehabilitation</i> activities undertaken each year, once commenced, outlined in a report produced by an <i>environmental specialist</i> ; (b) the location and size of the areas <i>revegetated</i> and <i>rehabilitated</i> (in hectares) recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA94, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (c) the date that <i>revegetation</i> and <i>rehabilitation</i> works began; (d) at least two photographs of the areas <i>revegetated/rehabilitated</i> recorded annually at the same location each year; (e) the species composition, structure, density of the areas <i>revegetated/rehabilitated</i> recorded annually; (f) a description of the extent of bare ground cover, <i>weed</i> cover and vegetation condition of the areas <i>revegetated/rehabilitated</i>, recorded annually; (g) a species list identifying those species <i>planted</i> or <i>direct seeded</i>; (h) a description of any remediation works undertaken; and (i) a copy of the <i>environmental specialist</i> report and activities undertaken during monitoring.

9. 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 8 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 11 August 2028, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 8 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 9(a) or 9(b) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
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.
completion criteria	means a measurable outcome based on suitable <i>reference sites</i> , used to determine <i>revegetation/rehabilitation</i> success.
condition/s	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.
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.
direct seeding	means a method of re-establishing vegetation through 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 is required to provide under this Permit, 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.
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.
planting / planted	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 seeding</i> and/or <i>planting</i> ,

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	so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
site preparation	means management of existing site topsoil and preparation of the finished soil surface for revegetation, for example by ripping or tilling the soil surface and respreading site topsoil and chipped native vegetation
vegetation condition	means the rating given to native vegetation which refers to the impact of disturbance on each of the layers and the ability of the community to regenerate (Keighery 1994)
vegetation establishment period	means a period of at least two summers after the revegetation during which time replacement and infill revegetation works may be required for areas in which revegetation has been unsuccessful, and involves regular inspections of revegetation sites to monitor the success of revegetation
weed/s	<p>means any plant –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>; or (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

END OF CONDITIONS



20/7/2023
GENERAL MANAGER - MCES - TRAVIS INMAN

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
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).

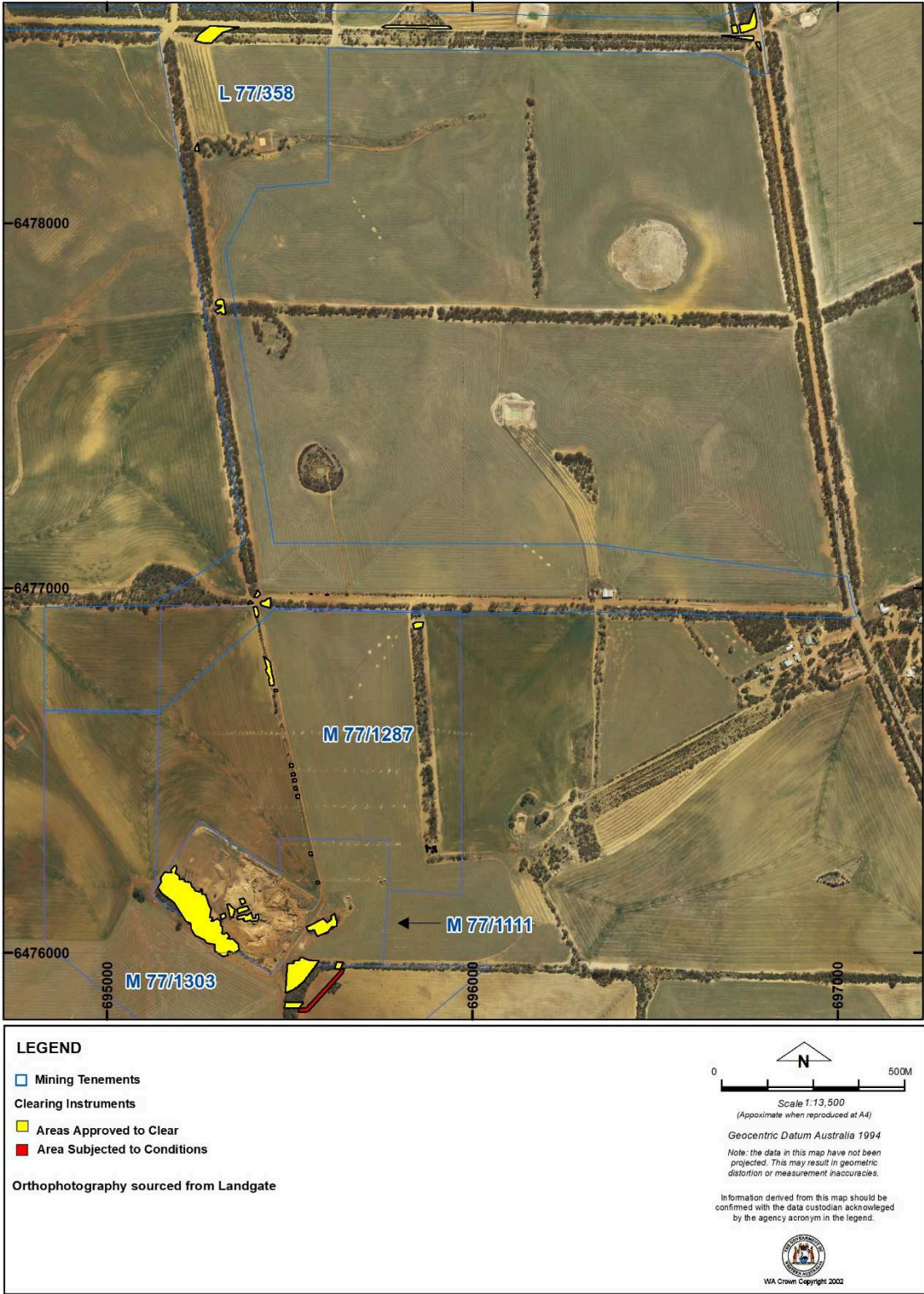


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur