

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 10352/1

File Number: DMS11709/2023

Duration of Permit: From 29 June 2024 to 28 June 2026

PERMIT HOLDER

Tronox Management Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 70/1333 Mining Lease 70/1413

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 0.75 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded yellow in Figures 1-3 of Schedule 1.

CONDITIONS

1. Authorised Activity

When undertaking any vegetation clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration in accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder shall only use the following methods:

- (a) pruning;
- (b) driving an off-road vehicle or equipment over vegetation; and
- (c) raised blade for clearing.

2. Clearing not authorised (tree diameter)

The Permit Holder must not clear standing trees that have a diameter (measured at 150 centimetres from the base of the tree) of 10 centimetres or greater, for all species.

3. Directional clearing

The Permit Holder shall must:

- (a) conduct all clearing authorised under this permit in one direction towards adjacent vegetation; and
- (b) allow a reasonable time for fauna present within the area being cleared to move into that adjacent native vegetation ahead of the clearing activity.

4. 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:

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

5. 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*.

6. Vegetation Management

- (a) where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing riparian vegetation; and
- (b) where a *watercourse* or *drainage line* or *wetland* is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall ensure that the existing surface flow is maintained, or reinstated downstream into existing natural drainage lines.

7. Flora management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing within areas shaded red in Figures 1 and 3 of Schedule 1, the Permit Holder shall engage a *botanist* to conduct a *targeted flora survey* of the Permit Area for the presence of threatened flora listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice* and *priority flora*.
- (b) Where *threatened flora* or *priority flora* are identified in relation to Condition 7(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the *targeted flora survey* in a report to the *CEO*;
 - (ii) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of identified threatened flora, unless approved by the CEO; and
 - (iii) no clearing of identified priority flora occurs, unless first approved by the CEO; and
 - (iv) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified *priority flora*, unless first approved by the CEO.

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	(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 in accordance with Condition 3;
		(e)	actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 4;
		(f)	actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> and <i>dieback</i> in accordance with Condition 5;
		(g)	actions taken in accordance with Condition 6; and
		(h)	actions taken in accordance with Condition 7.

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 28 June 2026, 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	
СЕО	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.	
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.	
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.	
dry conditions	means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches.	
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (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.	
priority flora	means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' <i>Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia</i> (as amended).	
soil disease status	means soil types either infested, not infested, uninterpretable or not interpreted with a pathogen.	
targeted flora survey	means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of flora and vegetation of the Permit Area, focusing on habitat suitable for flora species that are being targeted and carried out during the optimal time to identify those species. Where target flora are identified in the Permit Area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the Permit Area into local context.	
threatened flora	means those plant taxa listed as threatened flora under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .	
weed/s	means any plant — (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.	

Term	Definition
Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice	means those plant taxa gazetted as a threatened flora pursuant to section 19(1) of the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (as amended).
Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice	means those fauna taxa gazetted as threatened fauna pursuant to section 19(1) of the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (as amended).

END OF CONDITIONS

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Danielle Risbey | Acting General Manager Mine Closure and Environmental Services Resource and Environmental Compliance Division 06 June 2024

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

SCHEDULE 1

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

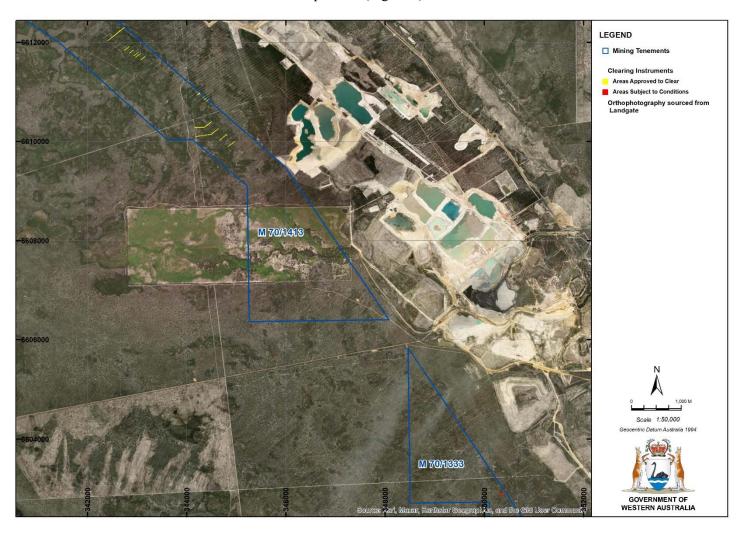


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur. Areas shaded in red are subject to Conditions.

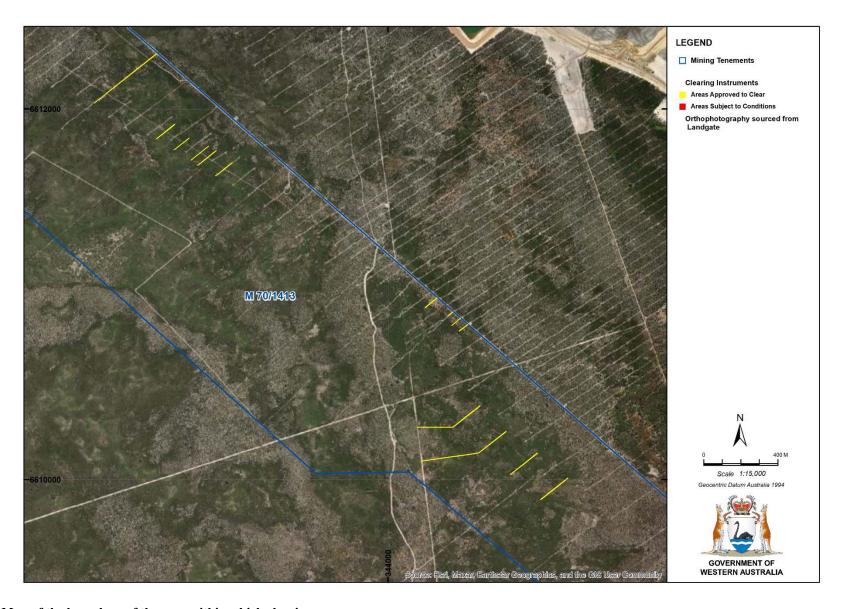


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

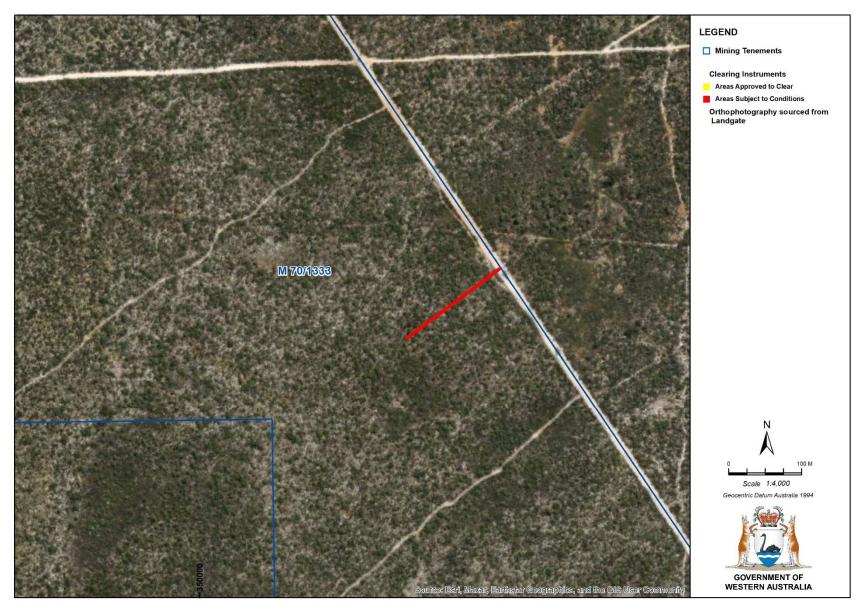


Figure 3: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur. Areas shaded in red are subject to Conditions.