

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS 10408/1

Permit Holder: Robe River Mining Company Pty Ltd

Duration of Permit: From 29 September 2024 to 29 September 2029

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* subject to the following conditions of this permit.

PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* for the purpose of access tracks and undertaking maintenance works upon the West Angelas monitoring bore legacy network within Karijini National Park.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 301 on Plan 72977, Karijini

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 7.4 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

4. Avoid, minimise, and reduce impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the *native vegetation* authorised 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 management

When undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must take the following measures to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *weeds*

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) 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.

6. Directional clearing

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

7. Flora management – *Priority Flora*

Prior to undertaking any clearing under this permit, the permit holder must ensure that the boundaries of the area to be cleared are identified and demarcated using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. Records that must 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	Spec	cifications
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	(a)	the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area;
		(b)	the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
		(c)	the date that the area was cleared;
		(d)	the size of the area cleared (in hectares);
		(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> in accordance with condition 5.

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications		
		(g) actions taken to conduct directional clearing in accordance with condition 6		
		(h) actions taken to demarcate the clearing boundary in accordance with condition 7.		

9. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 8 of this permit when requested by the *CEO*.

DEFINITIONS

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

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition		
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .		
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.		
condition	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.		
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.		
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.		
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.		
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)		
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.		
weeds	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.		

END OF CONDITIONS

Ryan Mincham

MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

6 September 2024

Schedule 1

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

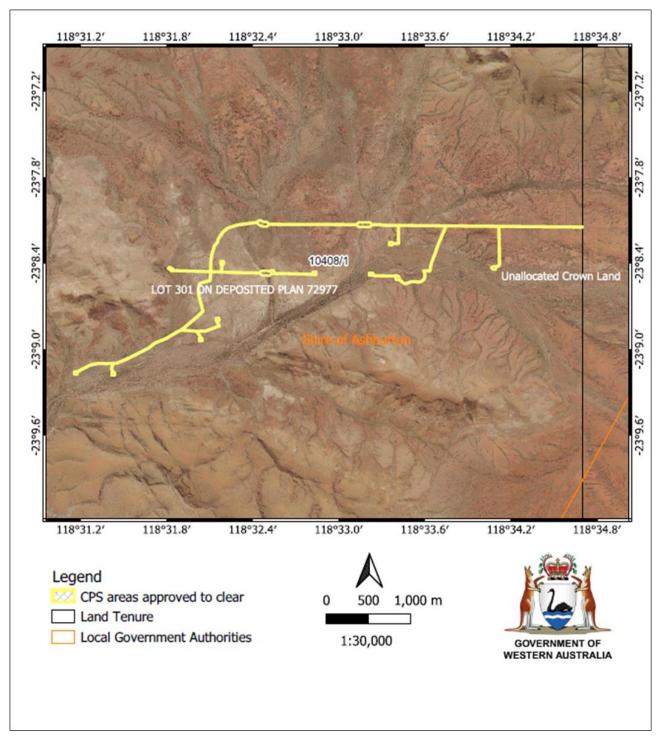


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur