

#### **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

**Purpose Permit number:** CPS 10439/1

**Permit Holder:** Telstra Corporation

**Duration of Permit:** From 18 April 2024 to 18 April 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 upgrading optic fibre telecommunication facilities.

### 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 30 on Deposited Plan 212147, Emu Flat

Lot 5 on Deposited Plan 203378, Cundeelee

Lot 4 on Deposited Plan 203373, Zanthus

Lot 1 on Deposited Plan 203342, Forrest

Lot 2 on Deposited Plan 203348, Forrest

Lot 4 on Deposited Plan 203359, Forrest

### 3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 3.83 hectares of *native vegetation* within the areas cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1-6 of Schedule 1.

### 4. Period during which clearing is authorised

The permit holder must not clear any *native vegetation* after 18 April 2029.

#### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

### 5. 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.

### 6. 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.

### 7. Directional clearing

The permit holder must:

- (a) conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner towards *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.

## 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   | Specifications |  |
|-----|---|----------------|--|
| 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 GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; |
|     |   | (c)            | the date that the area was cleared;  |
|     |   | (d)            | direction of clearing;   |
|     |   | (e)            | the size of the area cleared (in hectares);  |
|     |   | (f)            | actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and  |
|     |   | (g)            | actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6.  |

# 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.   |  |  |
| 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**

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NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

25 March 2024

# **Schedule 1**

The boundary of the areas authorised to be cleared are shown in the maps below (Figure 1-6).

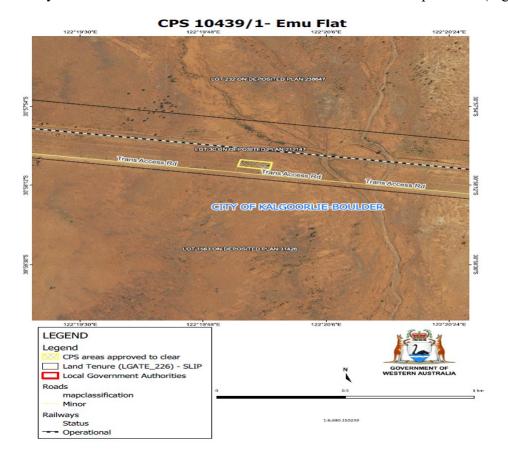


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur at Emu Flat site.

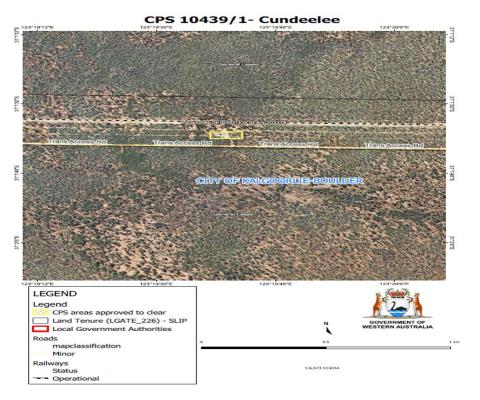


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur at Cundeelee site.

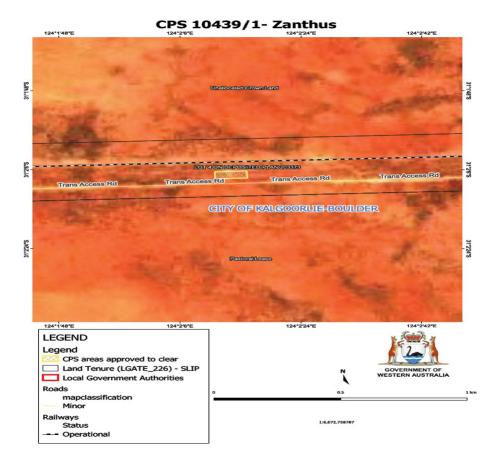


Figure 3: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur at Zanthus site.

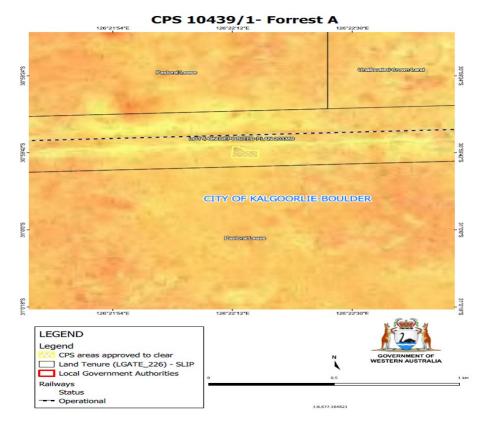


Figure 4: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur at Forrest A site.

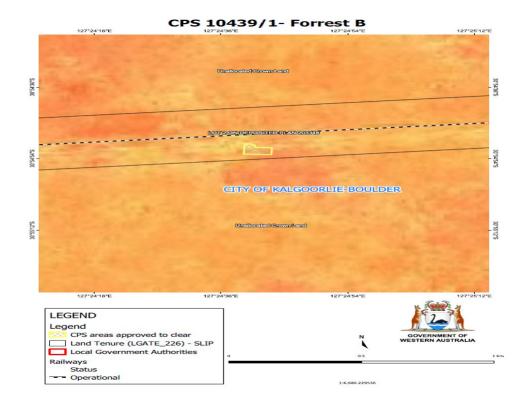


Figure 5: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur at Forrest B site.

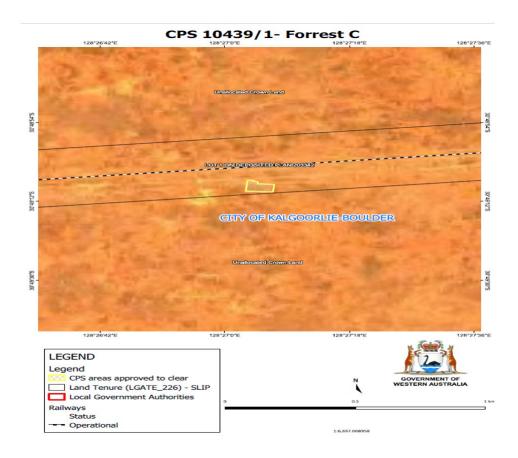


Figure 6: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur at Forrest C site.