



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose permit number:</b>	10683/1
<b>Duration of permit:</b>	11 November 2025 to 10 November 2030
<b>Permit holder:</b>	Kimberley Metals Group 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**

General Purpose Lease 80/21  
General Purpose Lease 80/22  
Mining Lease 80/625-I  
Miscellaneous Licence 80/82  
Miscellaneous Licence 80/84  
Miscellaneous Licence 80/85

**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 121 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded 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 (3) months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

### **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:

- (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 control

- (a) 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*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) ensure that no known *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) at least once in each 12 month period for the term of this permit, the permit holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within the area shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

## 7. Vegetation management – watercourse and wetland surface flow

- (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 maintain the existing surface flow by use of culverts.

## 8. Fauna management – Gouldian finch (*Chloebia gouldiae*)

- (a) prior to clearing *suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting trees* during the *Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting season* within the area shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to identify and inspect *suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting trees* within these areas for hollows, and evidence of *active nesting use*.
- (b) if any hollow bearing trees are identified under condition 8(a), the permit holder shall retain that tree, where practicable.
- (c) the permit holder must not clear any *suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting trees* with hollow(s) identified under condition 8(a) that show evidence of *active nesting use*, during the *Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting season*.
- (d) where *suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting trees* with hollow(s) are identified under condition 8(a), the permit holder must include the following in a report submitted to the CEO:
  - (i) the number of tree(s) with hollows identified under condition 8(a);
  - (ii) the number of hollow bearing tree(s) retained under condition 8(b), and for any hollow bearing tree(s) not retained the reasons why the tree(s) could not be retained;
  - (iii) the methodology used to inspect tree hollows;
  - (iv) the number and location of any *active nesting use* trees identified under condition 8(a), recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and
  - (v) for any *suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting trees* cleared outside of the *Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting season*, the date that the *suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting tree* was cleared.

## 9. Fauna management

- (a) The permit holder must:
  - (i) engage a *fauna specialist* to traverse the area shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 ahead of clearing machinery immediately prior to, and for the duration of clearing, to identify the presence of any native vertebrate fauna; and
  - (ii) conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner in one direction, towards adjacent native vegetation, to allow fauna to move into adjacent native vegetation ahead of the clearing activity.

- (b) clearing activities must cease in any area where native vertebrate fauna are identified under condition 9(a), until those individual(s) have, after being encouraged to disperse by the *fauna specialist*, independently moved on from that area to adjoining native vegetation.
- (c) where native vertebrate fauna do not independently move on after being encouraged to disperse under condition 9(b), the *fauna specialist* must remove and relocate those individual(s) to adjoining *suitable habitat*.
- (d) where *conservation significant vertebrate fauna* are identified under condition 9(a), the permit holder must include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO* within three (3) months of undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit:
  - (i) the species and number of each *conservation significant fauna* individual(s) identified, and whether they required removal and relocation;
  - (ii) the date each individual was identified and/or removed and relocated;
  - (iii) the location where each individual was identified and/or removed and relocated to, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (iv) the name and relevant qualifications of the *fauna specialist(s)* engaged under condition 9(a) and condition 9(b); and
  - (v) details pertaining to the circumstances of any death of, or injury sustained by, *conservation significant fauna* individual(s).

**10. Flora management – priority flora**

- (a) prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the boundaries of the areas authorised to be cleared under this permit must be identified and demarcated using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.
- (b) prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the locations of *recorded priority flora* within the area shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, must be demarcated and avoided with a minimum 20 metre buffer, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

**PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

**11. 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"> <li>(a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;</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 in accordance with condition 4;</li> <li>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and</li> <li>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6.</li> </ul>
2.	In relation to vegetation management pursuant to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to <i>riparian</i></li> </ul>

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	condition 7	(b) <i>vegetation</i> in accordance with condition 7; and the size and location of <i>riparian vegetation</i> cleared using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.
3.	In relation to fauna management for the Gouldian finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) pursuant to condition 8	(a) results of the <i>suitable Gouldian finch (Chloebia gouldiae) nesting tree</i> inspection undertaken in accordance with condition 8; and (b) a copy of the <i>fauna specialist's</i> report in accordance with condition 8(d).
4.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 9	(a) actions taken to avoid impacts to fauna in accordance with condition 9; and (b) a copy of the <i>fauna specialist's</i> report in accordance with condition 9(d).
5.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 10	(a) actions taken to demarcate and avoid <i>recorded priority flora</i> with a 20 metre buffer.

## 12. 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 11 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 10 November 2030, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 11 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 12(a) or 12(b) of this permit.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**Table 2: Definitions**

Term	Definition
active nesting use	evidence of current Gouldian finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) nesting in tree hollows as identified by a <i>fauna specialist</i> .
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.
conservation significant vertebrate fauna	means those vertebrate fauna taxa listed as threatened or specially protected species under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (WA), or as priority fauna classes 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Threatened and Priority Fauna List for Western Australia (as amended from time to time), and/or listed as threatened under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
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,

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	which includes Part V Division 3.
drainage line(s)	means a natural depression that carries surface water runoff.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
fauna specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the CEO as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
Gouldian finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) nesting season	means from January to May, noting that breeding typically occurs until the end of April and nestlings can take up to 25 days to fledge.
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 <i>Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia</i> (as amended).
recorded priority flora	means individuals of those priority flora species found within the area shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 during the following surveys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anders Environmental Consulting (2022) <i>Matsu Iron Ore Project targeted flora survey - Final report. Prepared by Anders Environmental Consulting, for Habrok (Rydges) Pty Ltd, August 2022.</i></li> <li>Animal Plant Mineral Pty Ltd (APM) (2012) <i>Provisional Level 1 Biological Survey, RIOP Matsu Project, East Kimberley, Western Australia. Prepared by Animal Plant Mineral Pty Ltd, for Kimberley Metals Group Pty Ltd, March 2012.</i></li> <li>Animal Plant Mineral Pty Ltd (APM) (2013) <i>Kunzea sp. Keep River Regional Survey: A New Species to the Kimberley and Western Australia, Biological Survey of the Ridges Iron Ore Project Matsu Deposit. Prepared by Animal Plant Mineral Pty Ltd, for Kimberley Metals Group Pty Ltd, April 2013.</i></li> <li>Animal Plant Mineral Pty Ltd (APM) (2014) <i>Level 2 Floristic Survey and Vegetation Mapping, RIOP Matsu Project, East Kimberley, Western Australia. Prepared by Animal Plant Mineral Pty Ltd, for Kimberley Metals Group Pty Ltd, September 2014.</i></li> <li>Mattiske Consulting Pty Ltd (2021) <i>Targeted Flora Survey, Matsu Iron Ore Project. Prepared by Mattiske Consulting Pty Ltd, for Habrok (Rydges) Pty Ltd, September 2021.</i></li> <li>Mattiske Consulting Pty Ltd (2022) <i>Matsu Iron Ore Project: Targeted Conservation Significant Flora Survey of the Development Envelope. Prepared by Mattiske Consulting Pty Ltd, for Habrok (Rydges) Pty Ltd, May 2022.</i></li> </ul>
riparian vegetation	has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulation 2004.
suitable Gouldian finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) nesting trees	means any trees that have the potential to contain hollows suitable for Gouldian finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) nesting.
suitable habitat	means habitat known to support the native vertebrate fauna species requiring relocation, within the known current distribution of the species.
watercourse	has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> .

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weed(s)	means any plant – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="507 248 1415 309">(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>; or</li> <li data-bbox="507 315 1415 409">(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or</li> <li data-bbox="507 416 1415 454">(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.</li> </ul>
wetland(s)	means an area of seasonally, intermittently or permanently waterlogged or inundated land, whether natural or otherwise, and includes a lake, swamp, marsh, spring, dampland, tidal flat or estuary.

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**END OF CONDITIONS**

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 17 October 2025

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).

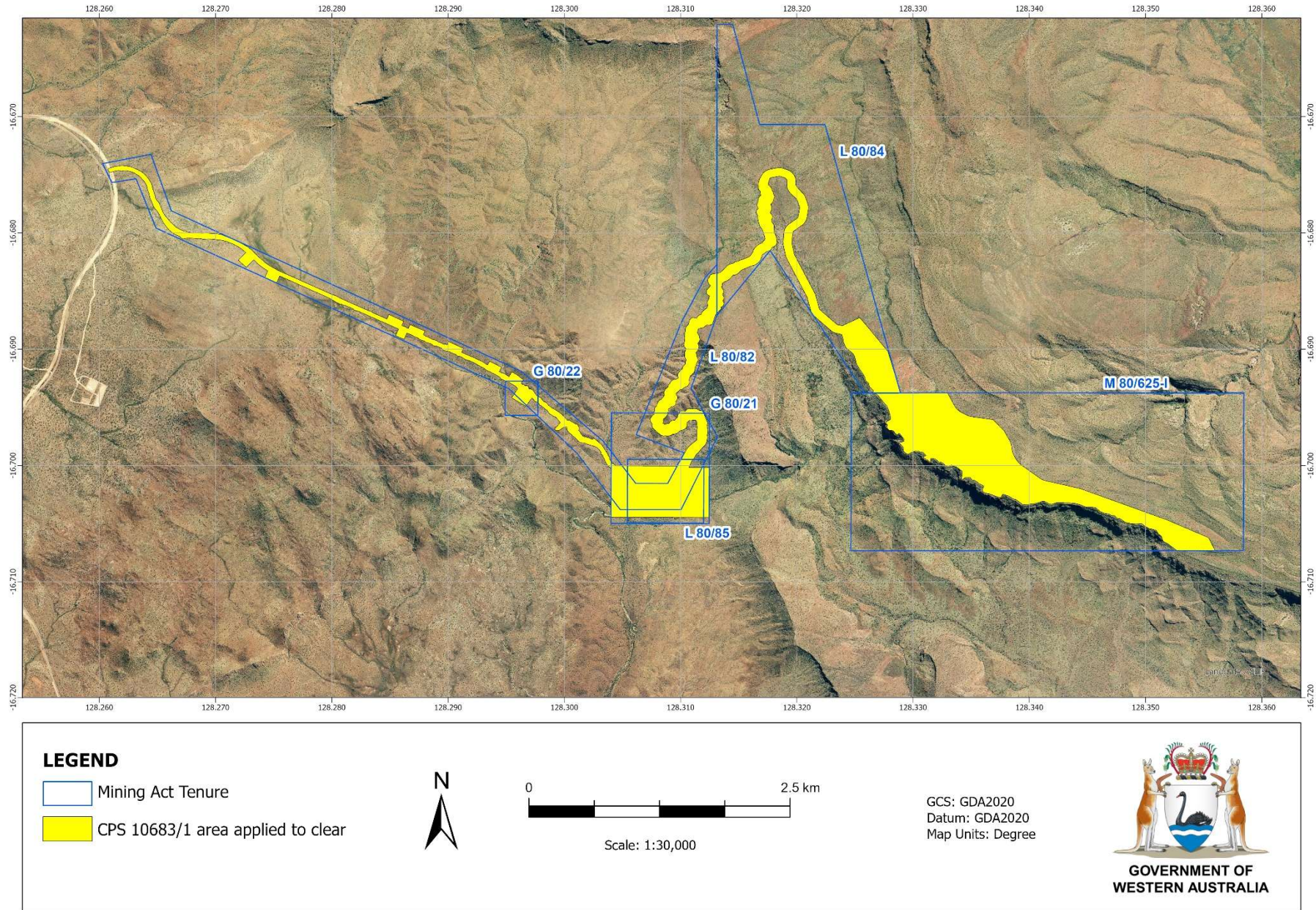


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.