



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	10697/1
Duration of Permit:	From 10 May 2025 to 9 May 2030
Permit Holder:	Redstone Resources Limited

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

Exploration Licence 69/2450

Exploration Licence 69/3456

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

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

3. Area of clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 4.8 hectares of native vegetation within the areas cross-hatched 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 months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

5. Directional clearing

The Permit Holder shall:

- (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.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

6. 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.

7. 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*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no known or *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.

8. Flora management – pre-clearance survey

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit within the area cross-hatched yellow on Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *botanist*, to conduct a *targeted flora survey* of the areas proposed to be cleared for the presence of *threatened flora* and *priority flora*, in accordance with *EPA Technical Guidance*.
- (b) Where *threatened flora* is identified under condition 8(a), the permit holder must not cause or allow:
 - (i) clearing within 50 metres of the identified *threatened flora*; unless approved by the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) clearing of the identified *threatened flora*, unless approved by the *CEO*.
- (c) Where *priority flora* is identified under condition 8(a), the permit holder must not cause or allow:
 - (i) clearing within 10 metres of the identified *priority flora*, unless approved by the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) clearing of the identified *priority flora*, unless approved by the *CEO*.
- (d) Where *threatened flora* or *priority flora* are identified under condition 8(a) of this permit, the permit holder must include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO* within three months of undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit:
 - (i) the species name of each *threatened flora* and *priority flora* individual(s) identified under condition 8(a);
 - (ii) the number of individuals identified;
 - (iii) the date each individual was identified;
 - (iv) the location of each *threatened flora* and *priority flora*, identified under condition 8(a), either as the location of individual plants, or where this is not practical, the areal extent of the population and an estimate of the number of plants, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (v) the name of the *botanist* that undertook clearance surveys under condition 8(a) of this permit; and
 - (vi) the methodology used to survey the permit area.

9. Fauna management – malleefowl

Where clearing authorised under this Permit is to occur between 1 September and 31 January, the Permit Holder shall:

- (a) Within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing, engage an *environmental specialist* to conduct an inspection of the area to be cleared to identify *active (in use) malleefowl (Leipoa ocellata) mounds*.
- (b) Where an *active (in use) malleefowl (Leipoa ocellata) mound* is identified under Condition 9(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 200 metres of the mound, during the months of September through to January, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

10. Fauna management – night parrot

- (a) Within two months prior to undertaking clearing activities, the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to inspect the area to be cleared for the presence of *Pezoporus occidentalis* (night parrot) in accordance with the *Pezoporus occidentalis (night parrot) Guidelines*.
- (b) Prior to undertaking clearing activities, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a report that includes the results of the survey required under condition 10(a).
- (c) Where *Pezoporus occidentalis* (night parrot) individuals are identified during the survey required under condition 10(a), the Permit Holder may not undertake clearing activities unless otherwise approved by the *CEO*.
- (d) Where approval is being sought from the *CEO* to undertake clearing activities under condition 10(c) the Permit Holder shall provide the following information:
 - (i) the number of individuals identified;
 - (ii) the date each individual was identified;
 - (iii) the location where was identified recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA 2020), expressing the geographic coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (iv) areas of suitable habitat for *Pezoporus occidentalis* (night parrot); and
 - (v) management measures to minimise impacts on *Pezoporus occidentalis* (night parrot).

11. Fauna management – burrowing fauna

- (a) Within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct a fauna survey of that area to identify the following:
 - (i) *Dasyercus blythi* (brush-tailed mulgara) burrows; and
 - (ii) *Liopholis kintorei* (great desert skink) burrows.
- (b) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the *fauna survey* in a report to the *CEO*.
- (c) The *fauna survey* report must include the following:
 - (i) the location of the burrows recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA 2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (ii) the location of any fauna species, as listed in Condition 11(a) if identified, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA 2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (iii) the species name of each fauna identified; and
 - (iv) the methodology used to survey the Permit Area.
- (d) Where burrows are identified in relation to Condition 11(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified burrows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

12. 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 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;(b) the date that the area was cleared;(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);(d) actions taken in accordance with Condition 4;(e) actions taken in accordance with Condition 5;(f) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 6;(g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with Condition 7; and(h) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to <i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i> (night parrot) in accordance with condition 10
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to Condition 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) actions taken to demarcate each <i>threatened flora</i> and/or <i>priority flora</i> species recorded and their relevant buffers; and(b) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>threatened flora</i> and/or <i>priority flora</i> species; and(c) a copy of the <i>botanist's</i> report in accordance with Condition 8(d).
3.	In relation to malleefowl management pursuant to Condition 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) locations of active/potentially active malleefowl mounds using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and(b) actions taken to demarcate and avoid the clearing of these mounds.
4.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to Condition 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the locations of burrows, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and(b) the name and location of any fauna species as listed in condition 11(a) using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.

13. 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 12 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 9 April 2030, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 12 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 13(a) or 13(b) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
active (in use) malleefowl mound/s	means a mound with evidence of current malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) activity, such as: working of the mound; scratching; litter trails leading to the mound; or loose uncompacted surfaces. The form and structure of the mound will show that it is currently being prepared for egg laying or it already contains eggs.
botanist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising in environmental science or equivalent and has a minimum of two (2) years' work experience in Western Australian flora identification and undertaking flora surveys native to the bioregion being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the <i>CEO</i> as a suitable environmental specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid flora licence issued under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</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.
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.
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)
EPA Technical Guidance	means Environmental Protection Authority (2016), <i>Technical Guidance - Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment</i> , EPA, Western Australia.
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 <i>CEO</i> as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .
fauna survey	means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of fauna and/or fauna habitat of the Permit Area. Where conservation significant fauna are identified in the Permit Area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the Permit Area into local context
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.

Term	Definition
<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i> (night parrot) Guidelines	means the Guidelines for determining the likely presence and habitat usage of night parrot (<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>) in Western Australia.
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).
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.

END OF CONDITIONS

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SCHEDULE 1

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

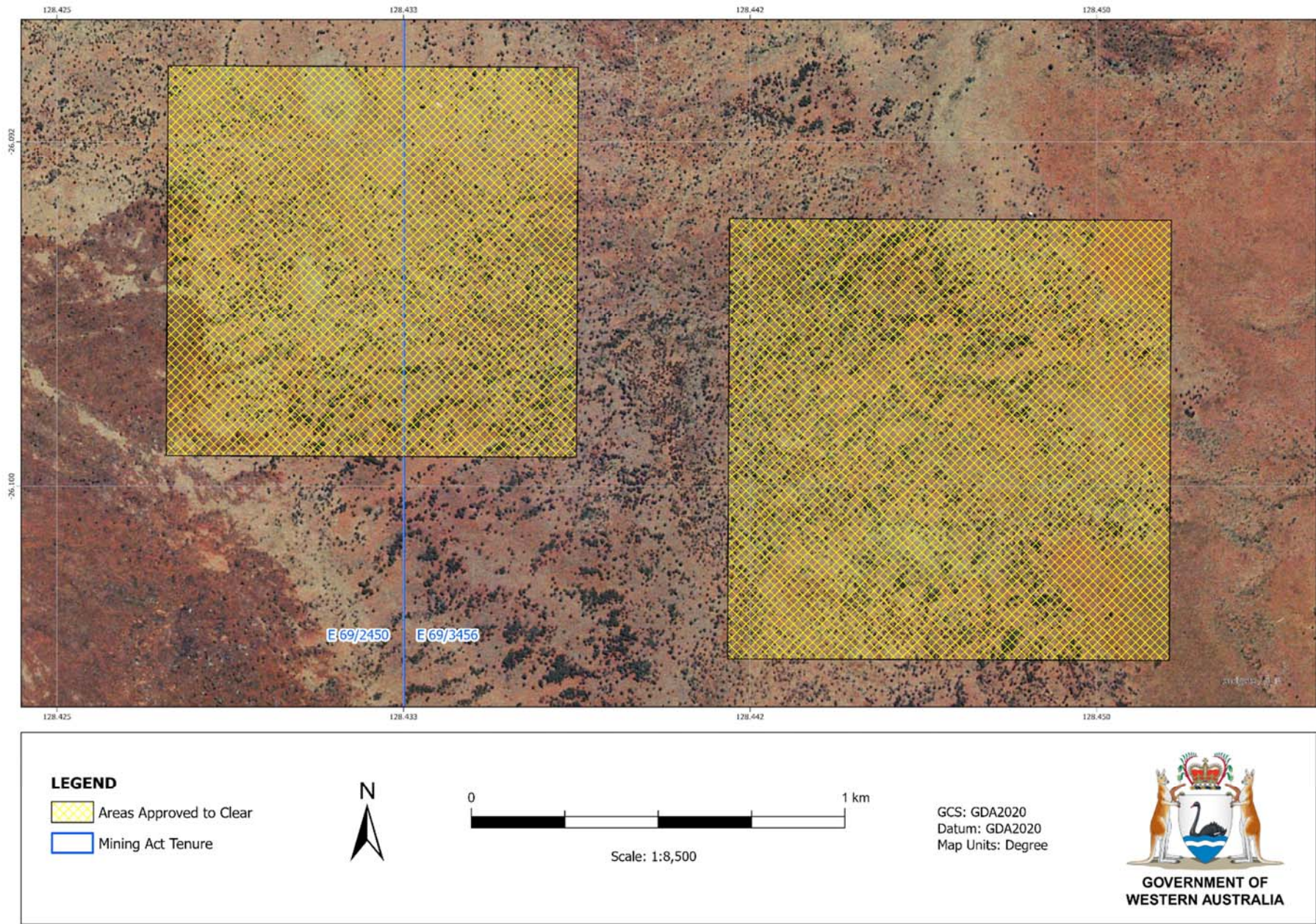


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.