



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	10707/1
Duration of Permit:	From 23 August 2025 to 22 August 2030
Permit Holder:	Saturn Metals 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

Mining Lease 31/486
Mining Lease 39/296
Miscellaneous Licence 31/93

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 197 hectares of native vegetation within the areas cross-hatched yellow in Figures 1 to 6 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 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

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 *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. Vegetation management

- (a) where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing *riparian vegetation*; and
- (b) where a *watercourse*, *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*.

8. Fauna management – southern whiteface

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, a *fauna specialist* shall be engaged by the Permit Holder to conduct a *targeted habitat survey* of areas to be cleared for *suitable southern whiteface nesting tree/s*. (b) Prior to undertaking any clearing, *suitable southern whiteface nesting tree/s* identified under Condition 8(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of hollows suitable for the use of southern whiteface.
- (c) Where *suitable southern whiteface nesting tree/s* containing hollows suitable for the use of southern whiteface have been identified under Condition 8(b), the Permit Holder shall not clear:
 - (i) the identified *suitable southern whiteface nesting tree/s* containing hollows, unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) within 10 metres of the identified *suitable southern whiteface nesting tree/s* containing hollows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

9. Flora management - *Tecticornia globulifera* and *Hemigenia exilis*

Where *priority flora* species *Tecticornia globulifera* and *Hemigenia exilis* have been identified and their locations provided to the *CEO*, and retained on the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration file DMS10323/2024 as Doc ID A94348998, the Permit Holder must ensure:

- (a) no clearing of identified *Tecticornia globulifera* or *Hemigenia exilis* occurs unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
- (b) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified *Tecticornia globulifera* or *Hemigenia exilis* occurs unless first approved by the *CEO*.

10. Flora management - *Angianthus prostratus*

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *botanist* to conduct a *targeted flora survey* of the Permit Area for the presence of *Angianthus prostratus*.
- (b) Where *Angianthus prostratus* is identified in relation to Condition 10(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 of identified *Angianthus prostratus* occurs and no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified *Angianthus prostratus*, 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">(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 to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 5;(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with Condition 6;(g) actions taken in accordance with Condition 7; and(h) flora management actions taken in accordance with Condition 9.
2.	In relation to fauna management for the southern whiteface pursuant to Condition 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The methodology for determining targeted habitat and suitable southern whiteface nesting trees;(b) results of the <i>southern whiteface habitat tree</i> inspection undertaken in accordance with Condition 8; and(c) a copy of the <i>fauna specialist's</i> report in accordance with Condition 8.
3.	In relation to flora management pursuant to Condition 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the location of each <i>Angianthus prostratus</i> individual, 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) actions taken to demarcate each <i>Angianthus prostratus</i> individual recorded and their relevant buffers; and(c) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>Angianthus prostratus</i>.

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 22 August 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
botanist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in identification and surveys of flora native to the bioregion being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the <i>CEO</i> as a suitable <i>botanist</i> for the bioregion.
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.
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 <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> .
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).
riparian vegetation	has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulation 2004.
suitable southern whiteface nesting trees	means any trees that have the potential to contain hollows suitable for southern whiteface nesting.
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.
targeted habitat survey	means a field-based investigation, focusing on areas where the targeted habitat is likely to occur.
watercourse	has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</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

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	of ranking; or (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.
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.

END OF CONDITIONS

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of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

SCHEDULE 1

The boundary of the areas authorised to be cleared is shown in the maps below (Figures 1 to 6).

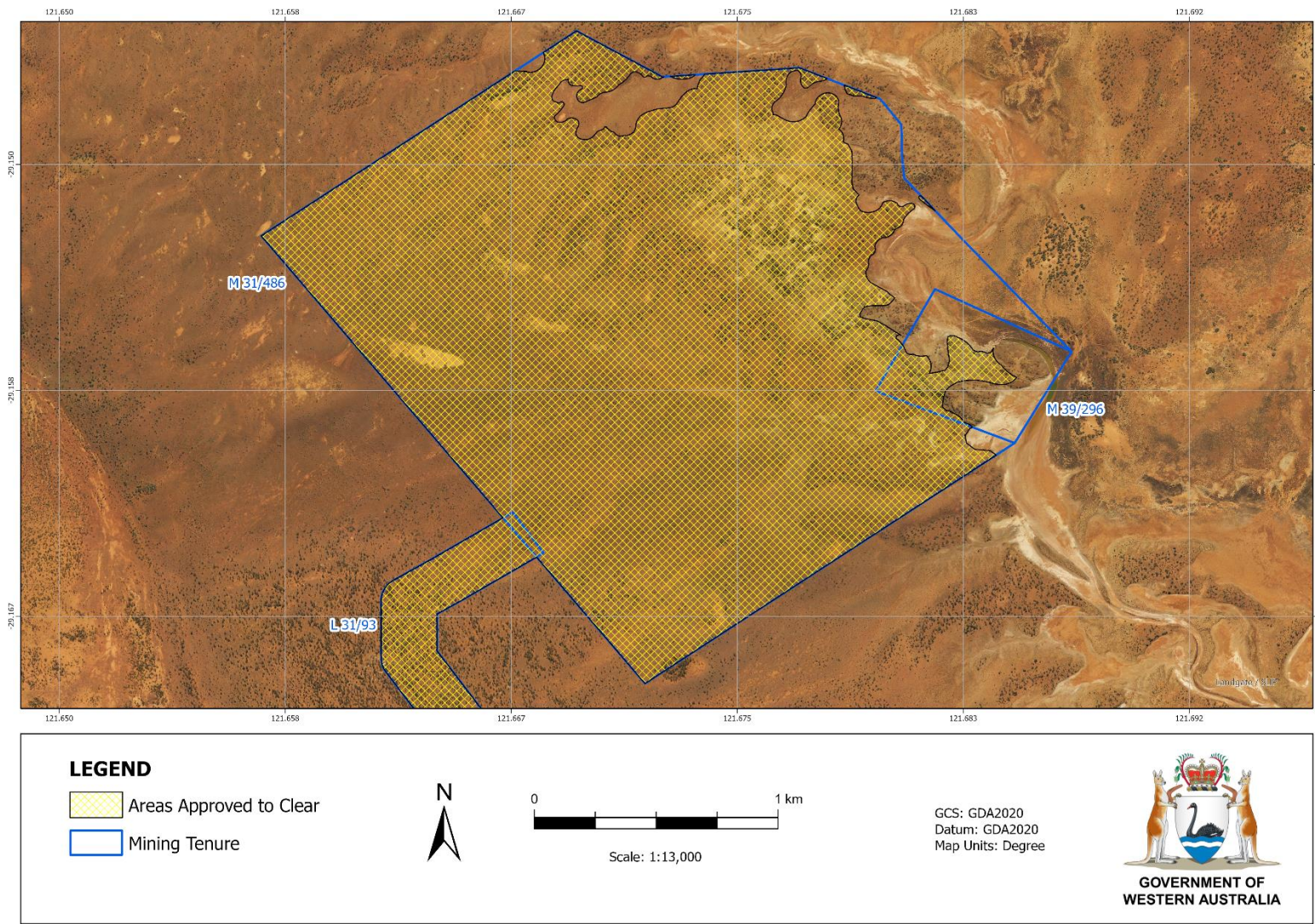


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur – Area 1

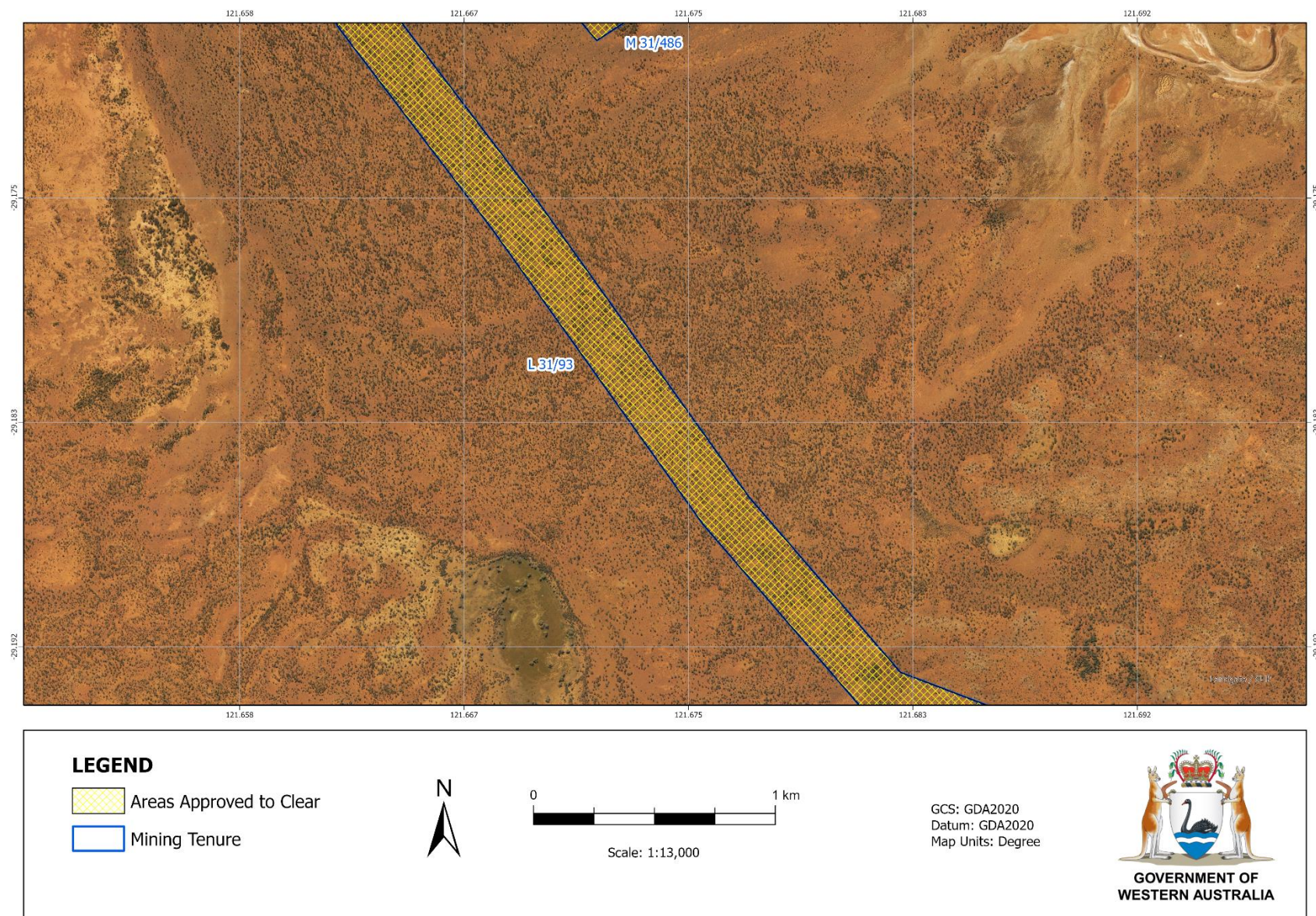


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur – Area 2

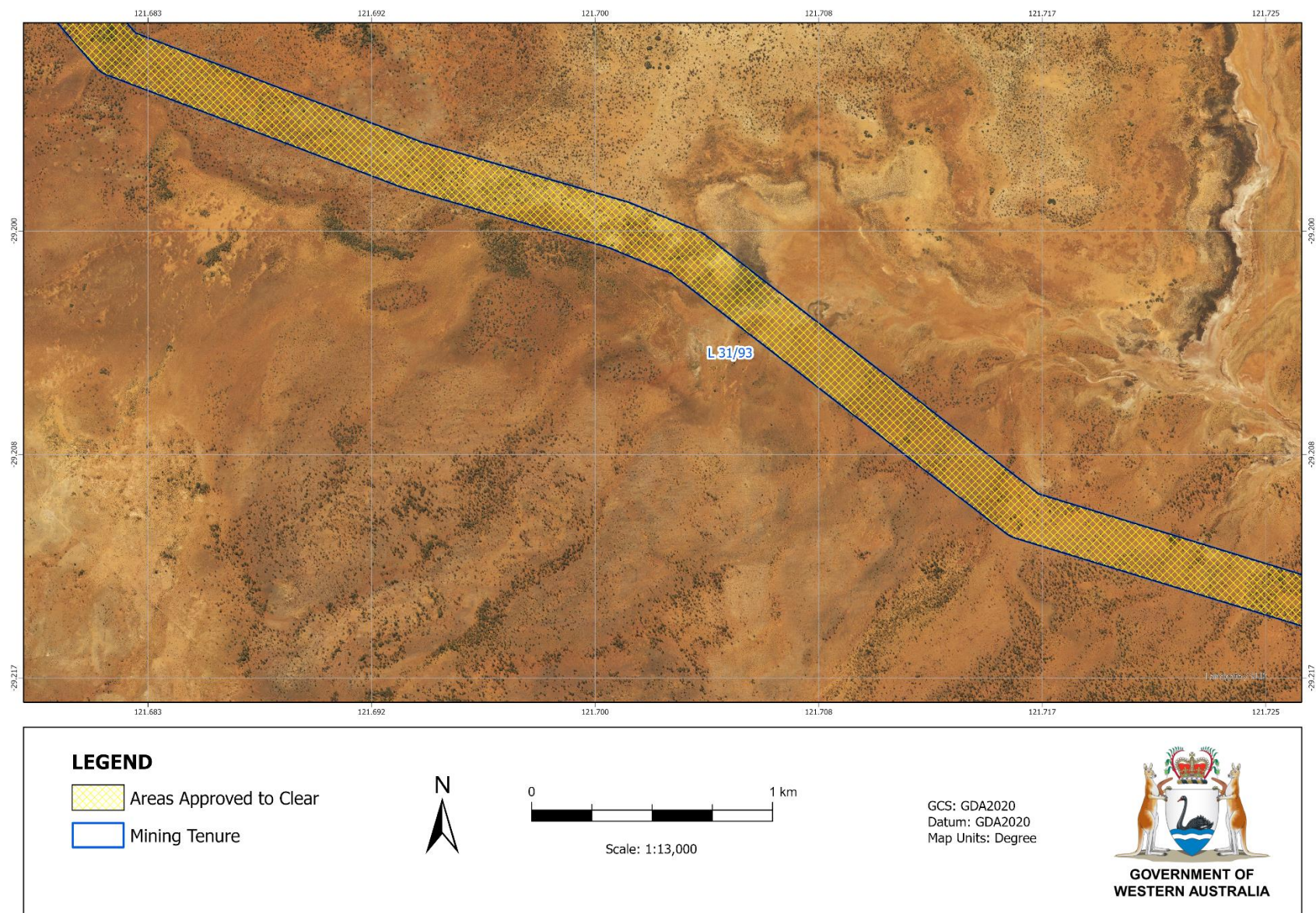


Figure 3: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur – Area 3

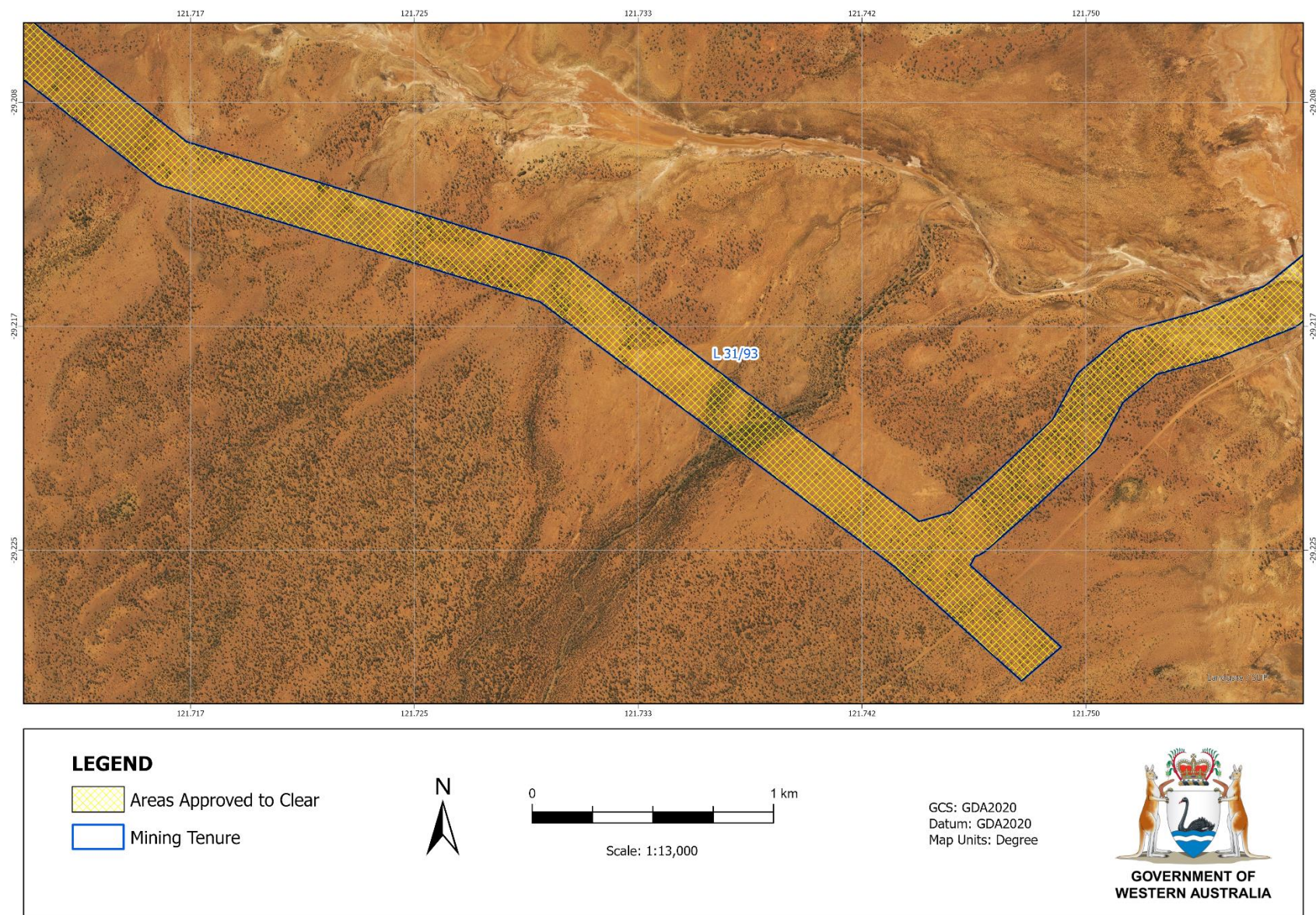


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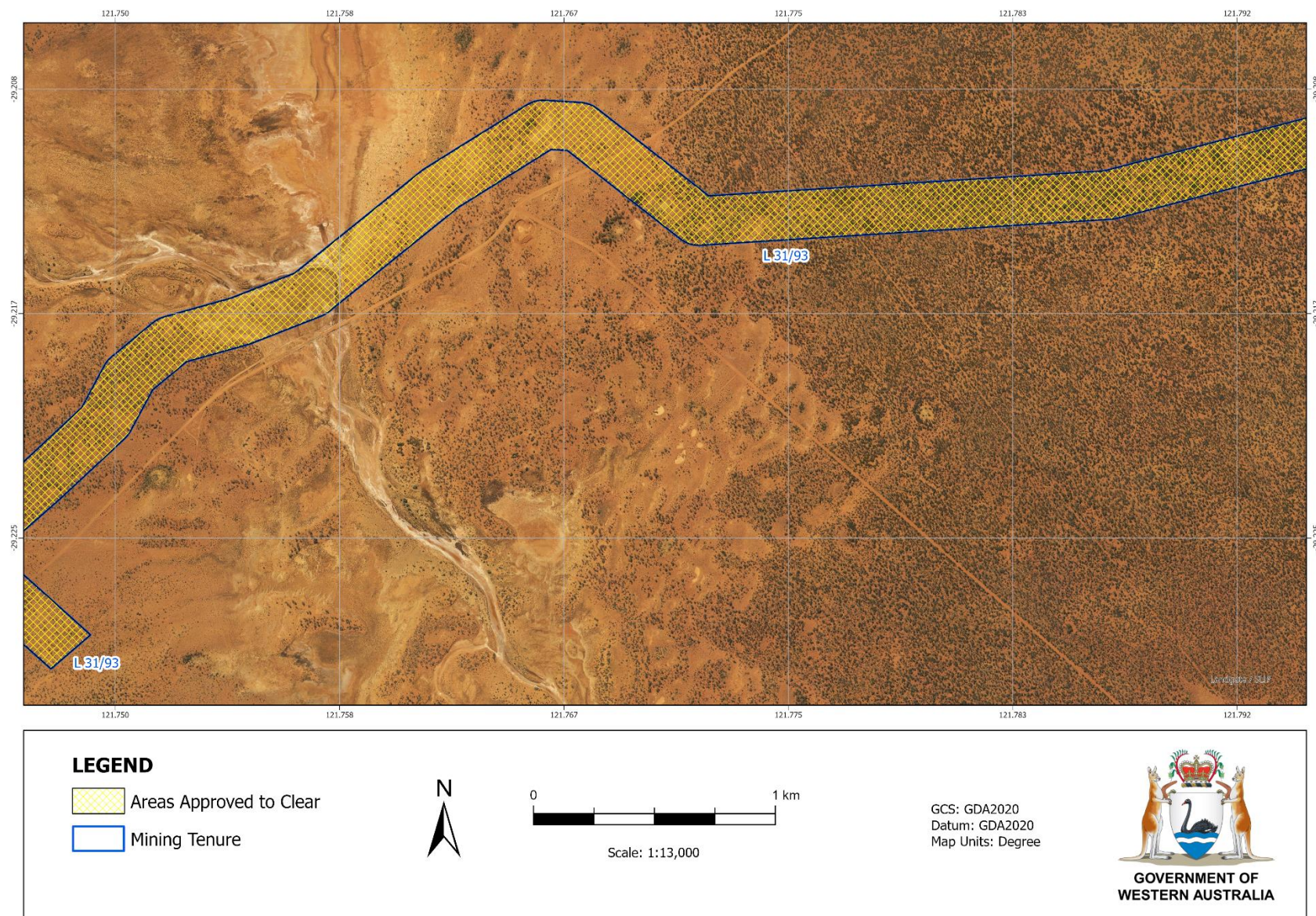


Figure 5: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur – Area 5

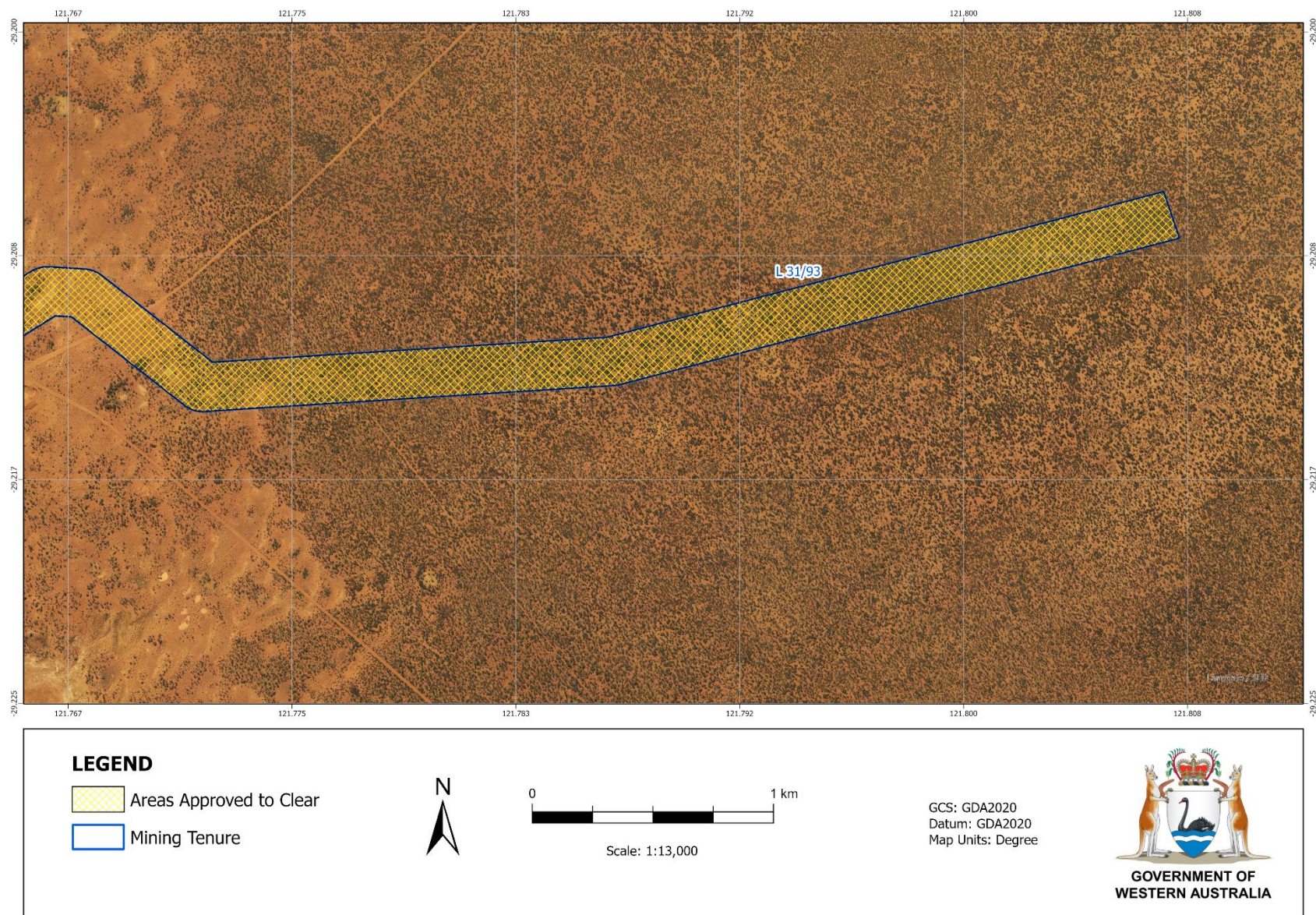


Figure 6: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur – Area 6