



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 10789/2
Permit Holder:	Regional Power Corporation, Trading as Horizon Power
Duration of Permit:	From 03/04/2025 to 03/04/2030

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 the construction of Blackstone Power Station and Solar Farm.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 9 on Deposited Plan 91722, Papulankutja.

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 3.87 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Period during which clearing is authorised

The permit holder must not clear any *native vegetation* after 03/04/2028.

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:

- avoid the clearing of *native vegetation*;
- minimise the amount of *native vegetation* to be cleared; and
- 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*:

- 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 conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner from South to North to allow fauna to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

8. **Revegetation and rehabilitation – retention of vegetative material and topsoil**

The permit holder must:

- a) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared;
- b) within 12 months following clearing authorised under this permit, revegetate and rehabilitate the area(s) that are no longer required for the proposed solar farm and energy infrastructure by:
 - (i) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land;
 - (ii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction;
 - (iii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 4(a) on the cleared area(s); and
 - (iv) undertake weed control activities on an ‘as needed’ basis to reduce weed cover within the cleared areas to no greater than the weed cover within the surrounding five metres of uncleared land.

9. **Wind erosion management**

The permit holder must commence construction of the solar farm and associated infrastructure (activities relating to the proposed purpose) no later than three (3) months after undertaking the authorised clearing activities to reduce the potential for wind erosion.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. **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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

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		<p>in Eastings and Northings;</p> <p>(c) the date that the area was cleared;</p> <p>(d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and</p> <p>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and</p> <p>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6; and</p> <p>(g) the date that construction of the solar farm and associated infrastructure (activities relating to the proposed purpose) was commenced.</p>
2.	In relation to revegetation and rehabilitation management pursuant to condition 8	<p>a) the areas revegetated and work undertaken to rehabilitate areas</p> <p>b) weed management activities undertaken</p>
3.	In relation to erosion management pursuant to condition 9	(a) Activities undertake to avoid, minimise and mitigate erosion from wind

11. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 10 of this permit when requested by the *CEO*.

DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 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	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (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.

Term	Definition
rehabilitate	means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area.
revegetate	means the re-establishment of a cover of local provenance native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting, so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
temporary works	means access tracks, spoil areas, side tracks, site offices, storage areas, laydown areas, extraction sites, camps, project surveys, pre-construction activities, and similar works associated with a project activity that are temporary in nature.
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 not indigenous to the area concerned.

END OF CONDITIONS

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14 November 2025

Schedule 1

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

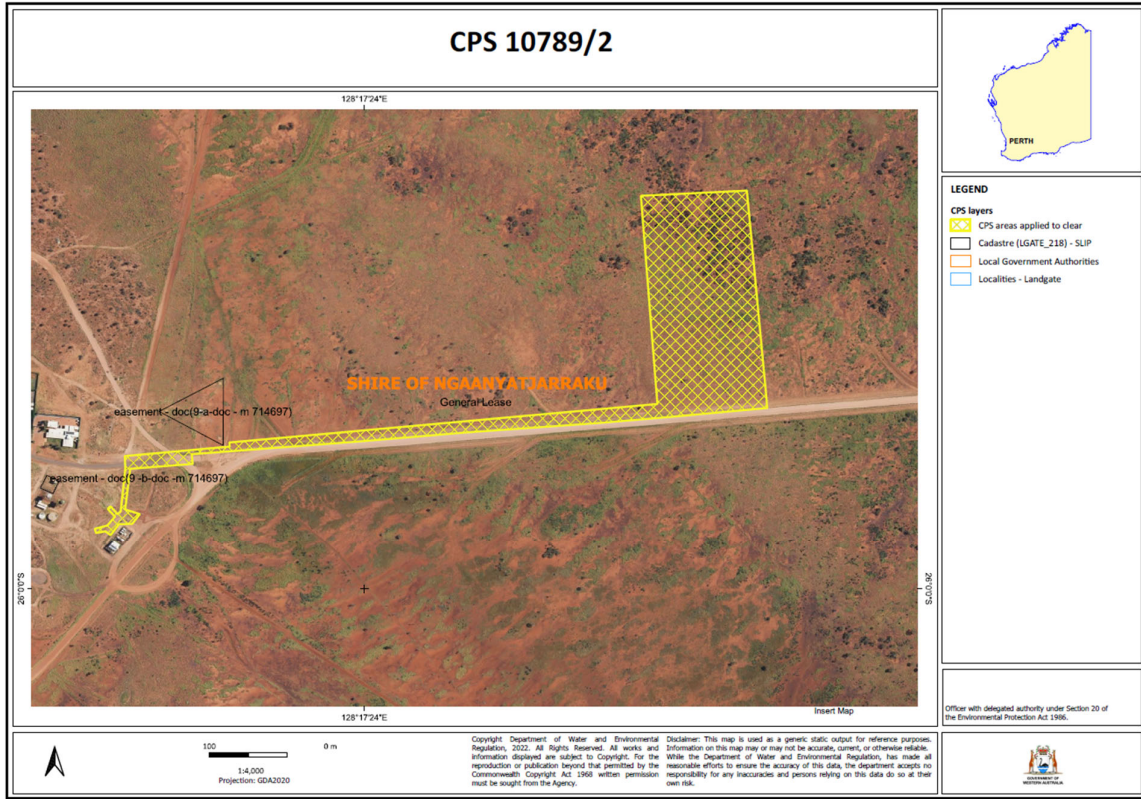


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1 Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 10789/2
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Regional Power Corporation trading as Horizon Power
Application received:	22 October 2025
Application area:	3.87 hectares (ha) of native vegetation
Purpose of clearing:	Construction of Blackstone Power Station and solar farm
Method of clearing:	Mechanical
Property:	Lot 9 On Deposited Plan 91722
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Nganyatjarraku
Localities (suburb/s):	Papulankutja

1.2. Description of clearing activities

On 10 March 2025, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) granted Horizon Power Clearing Permit CPS 10789/1 to clear up to 3.87 ha of native vegetation within a 4.48 ha development envelope for the Blackstone Power Station and Solar Farm. After detailed project design revealed minor elements outside the approved area, Horizon Power applied on 22 October 2025 to expand the development envelope to 5.54 ha. The maximum clearing area remains at 3.87 ha. Figure 1 shows maps of both the original and proposed amended envelopes.

The applicant advised that clearing has not been undertaken under CPS 10789/1 since the commencement of the permit in April 2025 (Horizon Power, 2025).

1.3. Decision on application

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	14 November 2025
Decision area:	3.87 hectares of native vegetation as depicted in Section 1.5, below.

1.4. Reasons for decision

This clearing permit amendment application was submitted, accepted, assessed and determined in accordance with sections 51E and 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The department advertised the application for 21 days and no submissions were received.

In making this decision, the Delegated Officer had regard for:

- the site characteristic
- relevant datasets, including new records of conservation significant flora, fauna and ecological communities since the original assessment

- information provided by the applicant
- the clearing principles set out in Schedule 5 of the EP Act; and
- relevant planning instruments and any other matters considered relevant to the assessment.

The Delegated Officer also noted the findings of the assessment undertaken for Clearing Permit CPS 10789/1 and that the proposed amendment involved only a change in the DE boundary, with no plans to clear any additional native vegetation.

After consideration of current available information, the Delegated Officers determined that the assessment has not changed since the assessment for CPS 10789/1. The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed change in DE's boundary is not likely to lead to an unacceptable risk to environmental values.

The planning instruments and other factors used for CPS 10789/1 continue to apply to the proposed amendment.

The Delegated Officer has taken the above matters into consideration and decided to grant an amended clearing permit with no change to permit conditions except for the boundary of clearing or the DE.

1.5. Site map

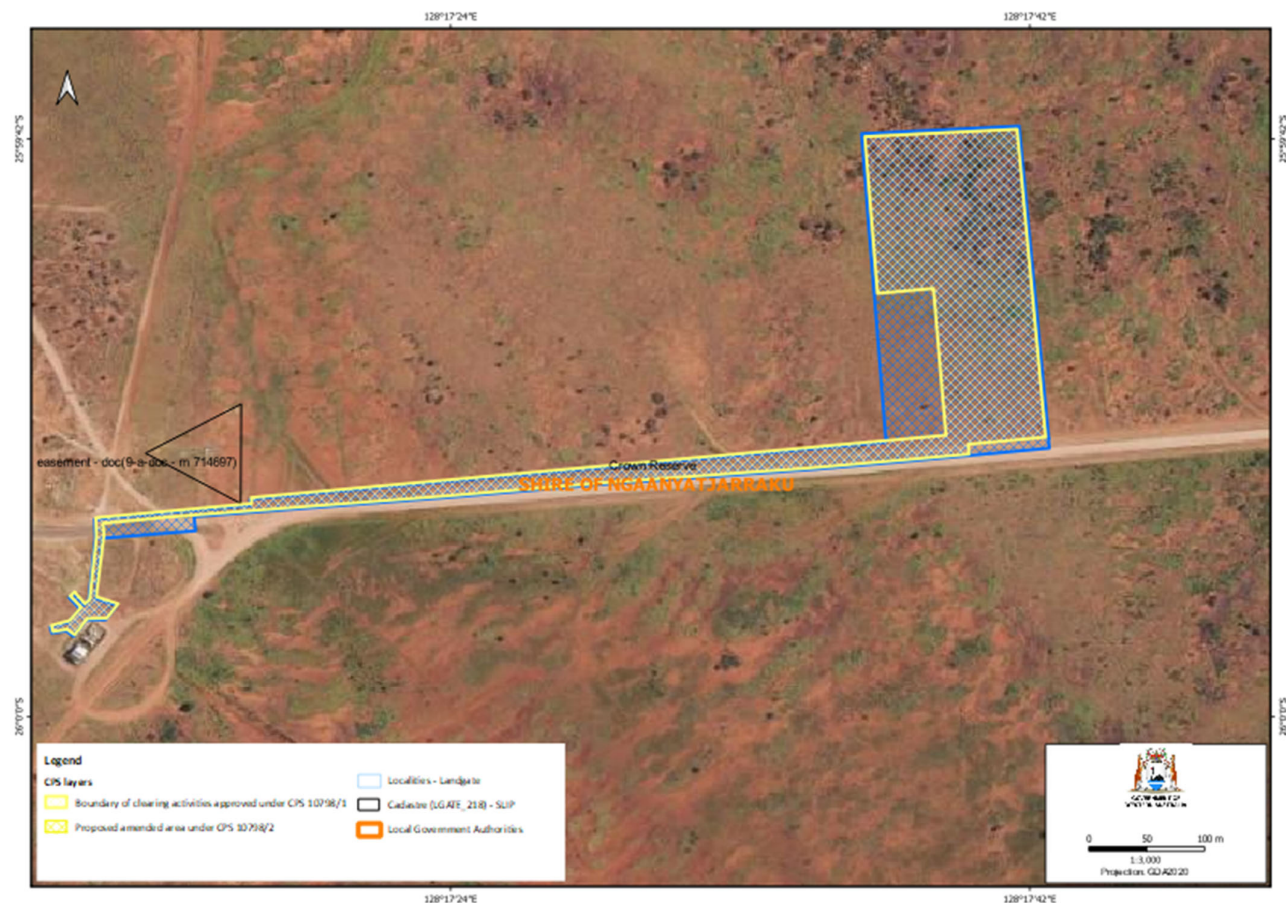


Figure 1: Map of the application area. The area crosshatched yellow indicate the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared under the granted CPS 10789/1. The area crosshatched blue indicates the proposed amendment area under CPS 10789/2.

2 Legislative context

The clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia is regulated under the EP Act and the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004* (Clearing Regulations).

In addition to the matters considered in accordance with section 51O of the EP Act (see Section 1.4), the Delegated Officer has also had regard to the objects and principles under section 4A of the EP Act, particularly:

- the precautionary principle

- the principle of intergenerational equity
- the principle of the conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity.

Other legislation of relevance for this assessment include:

- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (WA) (BC Act)
- *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (WA) (CALM Act)
- *Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947* (WA) (CAWS Act)
- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act)
- *Planning and Development Act 2005* (WA) (P&D Act)
- *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945* (WA)
- *Electricity Corporations Act 2005*
- *Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979* (WA0)

The key guidance documents which inform this assessment are:

- *A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation* (DER, December 2013)
- *Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits* (DWER, October 2019).

End

Appendix A References

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