



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 10813/1
Permit Holder:	Mt Marion Lithium Management Pty Ltd
Duration of Permit:	From 18 June 2025 to 18 June 2035

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 mineral production and associated activities

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 105 on Deposited Plan 40396, Karramindie

Lot 94 on Deposited Plan 220400, Karramindie

Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 40373, Karramindie and Londonderry

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 302 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 18 June 2030.

5. Staged Clearing

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.

6. Application

This permit allows the permit holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the permit holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this permit subject to compliance with conditions of this permit and approval from the permit holder.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

7. 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.

8. 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;
- c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

9. Directional clearing

The permit holder must conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner in the direction of adjacent vegetation to allow fauna to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

10. Retain Vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

The Permit Holder shall:

- a) Retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit and the vegetative material and topsoil from the *existing disturbance*, and stockpile them in an area that has already been cleared.
- b) Within 12 months following completion of clearing authorised under this permit, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* areas not required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit, as well as areas of *existing disturbance*, by:
 - (i) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with five (5) metres of uncleared land
 - (ii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; and
 - (iii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 10(a) on the cleared area(s).
- c) Within 18 months of undertaking *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit:
 - (i) engage an *environmental specialist* to determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*; and
 - (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 10(c)(i) of this Permit will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of

pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, *revegetate* the area by deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area and ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used.

- d) where additional *planting* or *direct seeding* of native vegetation is undertaken in accordance with Condition 10(c)(ii) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall repeat Condition 10(c)(i) and 10(c)(ii) within 24 months of undertaking the additional *planting* or *direct seeding* of native vegetation.
- e) where a determination by an *environmental specialist* that the composition, structure and density within areas *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* will result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, as determined in Condition 10(c)(i) and (ii) of this Permit, that determination shall be submitted for the *CEO's* consideration. If the *CEO* does not agree with the determination made under Condition 10(c)(ii), the *CEO* may require the Permit Holder to undertake additional *planting* and *direct seeding* in accordance with the requirements under Condition 10(c)(ii).

11. Priority flora management

The Permit Holder is not authorised to clear any individuals of *Priority flora*, as identified by Spectrum Ecology (2024a; 2024b), and their *buffers*, within the area cross-hatched pink in Figure 2 of Schedule 1.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

12. 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 GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; c) the date that the area was cleared; d) the date that the construction of mining operations infrastructure was commenced; e) the date that the drainage infrastructure was commenced; f) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); g) the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area; h) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 7; i) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 8; j) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts on fauna in

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		accordance with condition 9; and k) actions taken to avoid impacts on <i>Priority flora</i> in accordance with condition 11.
2.	In relation to the <i>revegetation</i> and <i>rehabilitation</i> of areas pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit	a) the location of any areas <i>revegetated</i> and <i>rehabilitated</i> , recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; b) a description of the <i>revegetation</i> ; <i>rehabilitation</i> activities undertaken; c) the size of the area <i>revegetated</i> and <i>rehabilitated</i> (in hectares), including the extent of <i>existing disturbance</i> <i>revegetated</i> and <i>rehabilitated</i> (in hectares); and d) any remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c)(ii).

13. Reporting

- (a) The permit holder must provide to the *CEO*, on or before 30 June of each calendar year, a written report containing:
 - (i) the records required to be kept under condition 12; and
 - (ii) records of activities done by the permit holder under this permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding calendar year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this permit has been undertaken, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been undertaken, must be provided to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each calendar year.
- (c) The permit holder must provide to the *CEO*, no later than 90 calendar days prior to the expiry date of the permit, a written report of records required under condition 12, where these records have not already been provided under condition 13(a).

DEFINITIONS

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

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
Buffer	Means a 20-metre radius around individuals of <i>Priority flora</i>
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.
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.

Term	Definition
Dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.
Direct seeding	means a method of re-establishing vegetation through the establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species.
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 CEO as a suitable environmental specialist
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
Existing Disturbance	means disturbance or clearing authorised under Clearing Permit CPS 8632/3 and Clearing Permit CPS 6770/2 requiring rehabilitation as a condition of authorisation under the EP Act
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.
Local Provenance	means native vegetation seeds and propagating material from natural sources within 50 kilometres and the same Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) subregion of the area cleared.
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.
Optimal Time	The period from April to May
Planting	Re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings for the desired species.
Priority flora	means the flora listed on the Priority Flora list by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and published on the DBCA's website.
Rehabilitate/ed/ion	means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area.
Revegetate/ed/ion	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.
Weeds	means any plant – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

References

Spectrum Ecology. (2024a). *Mt Marion MinRes Tenements: Detailed Flora & Vegetation Assessment*. DWER ref: DWERDT1072796.

Spectrum Ecology. (2024b). *Mt Marion – MinRes & M15/717 Tenements Detailed Flora & Vegetation Assessment*. DWER ref: DWERDT1072797

END OF CONDITIONS

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*Officer delegated under Section 20
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26 May 2025

Schedule 1

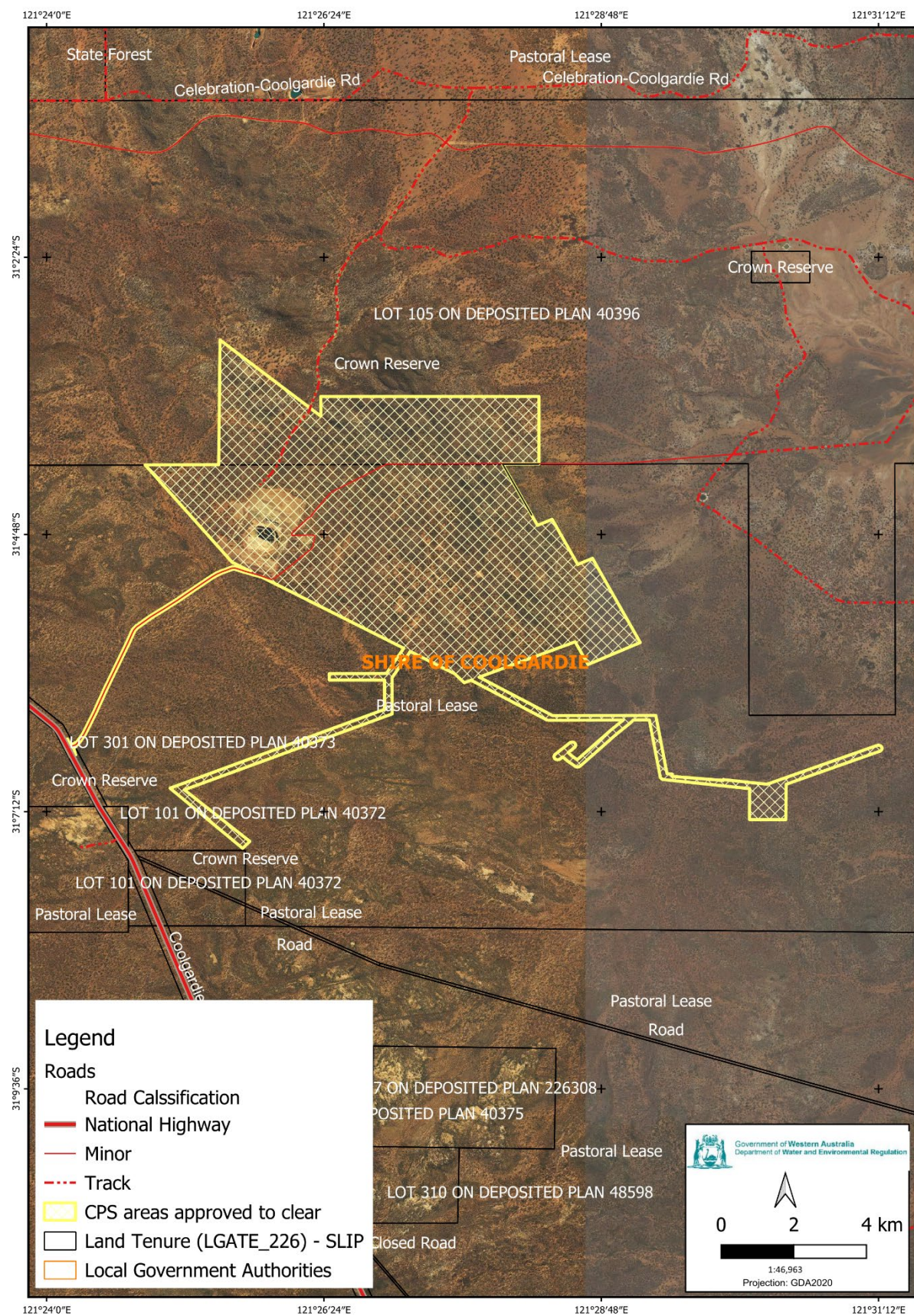


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur

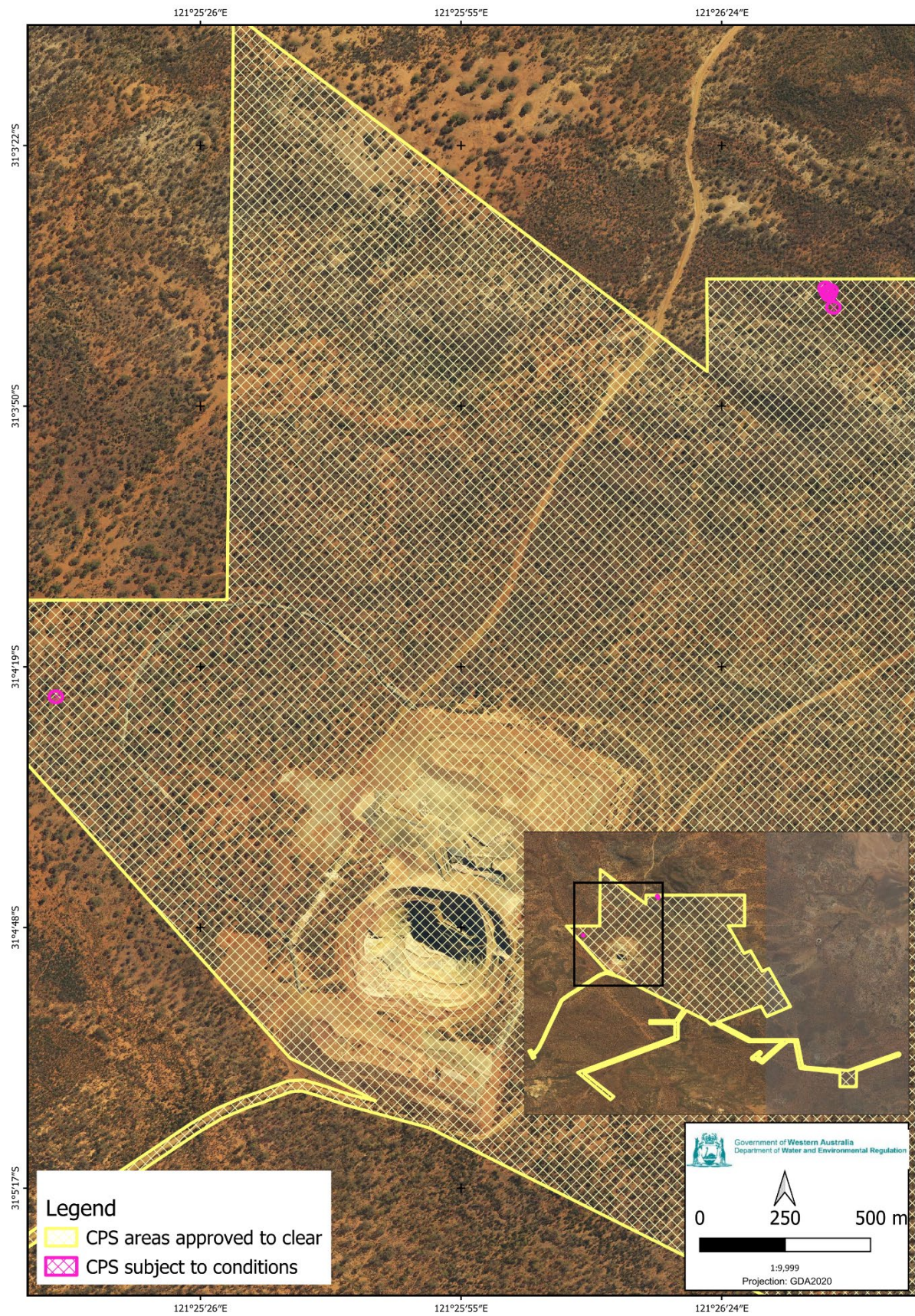


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing of *Priority flora* and their buffers is not authorised