



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 10821/2
Permit Holder:	Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA)
Duration of Permit:	From 14 March 2025 to 14 March 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 road upgrades and associated activities.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 8 on Deposited Plan 91735 (Crown Reserve 21471), Warburton,
Lot 10 on Deposited Plan 93163, Gibson Desert South

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 137 hectares of *native vegetation* within the areas cross-hatched yellow in Figure 2a, Figure 2b, Figure 2c and Figure 2d of Schedule 1.

4. Period during which clearing is authorised

The permit holder must not clear any native vegetation after 14 March 2030.

5. 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 the conditions of this permit and approval from the permit holder.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**6. 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.

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

8. Directional clearing

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

9. Wind erosion management

The permit holder must commence the road construction and associated works no later than three (3) months after undertaking the authorised clearing activities to reduce the potential for wind erosion.

10. Flora management – avoidance of priority flora

Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder shall demarcate the clearing area authorised under this permit to avoid clearing of priority flora which may potentially occur outside of the approved clearing area.

11. Rehabilitation and revegetation of temporary clearing areas

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) at an optimal time within 12 months following completion of temporary clearing, revegetate the area(s) that are no longer required for purpose for which they were cleared under this permit, 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 11(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.
- (c) within 24 months of laying the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area in accordance with condition 11(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) engage an *environmental specialist* to make a determination as to whether the composition, structure and density determined under condition 11(c)(i) of this permit will, without further revegetation, result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
- (d) if the determination made by the *environmental specialist* under condition 11(c)(ii) is that the species composition, structure, and density determined under condition 11(c)(i) will not, without further revegetation, result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, the permit holder must revegetate the area by deliberately planting and/or direct seeding native vegetation seeds 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.
- (e) where additional planting or direct seeding of native vegetation is undertaken in accordance with condition 11(d), the permit holder must repeat the activities required by condition 11(c) and 11(d) within 24 months of undertaking the additional planting or direct seeding of native vegetation.
- (f) where a determination is made by an *environmental specialist* under condition 11(c)(ii) 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, that determination shall be submitted to the CEO within three months of the determination being made by the environmental specialist.

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 Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (c) the date that the area was cleared; (d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and (e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 7; (g) actions taken in accordance with condition 8; and (h) actions taken in accordance with condition 9
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) actions taken to demarcate the clearing area
3.	In relation to rehabilitation and revegetation of areas pursuant to condition 11 of the permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) actions taken to retain vegetative material and topsoil; (b) the size of the area revegetated; (c) the date(s) on which the area revegetation was undertaken; (d) the date(s) where additional planting or direct seeding of native vegetation was undertaken; and (e) the boundaries of the area revegetated (recorded digitally as a shapefile)

13. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 12 of this permit when requested by the *CEO*.

DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 2 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.
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.
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)
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.
revegetation, revegetate, revegetated	means the re-establishment of a cover of native vegetation in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting;
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.

END OF CONDITIONS



Ryan Mincham
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20 March 2025

Schedule 1

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

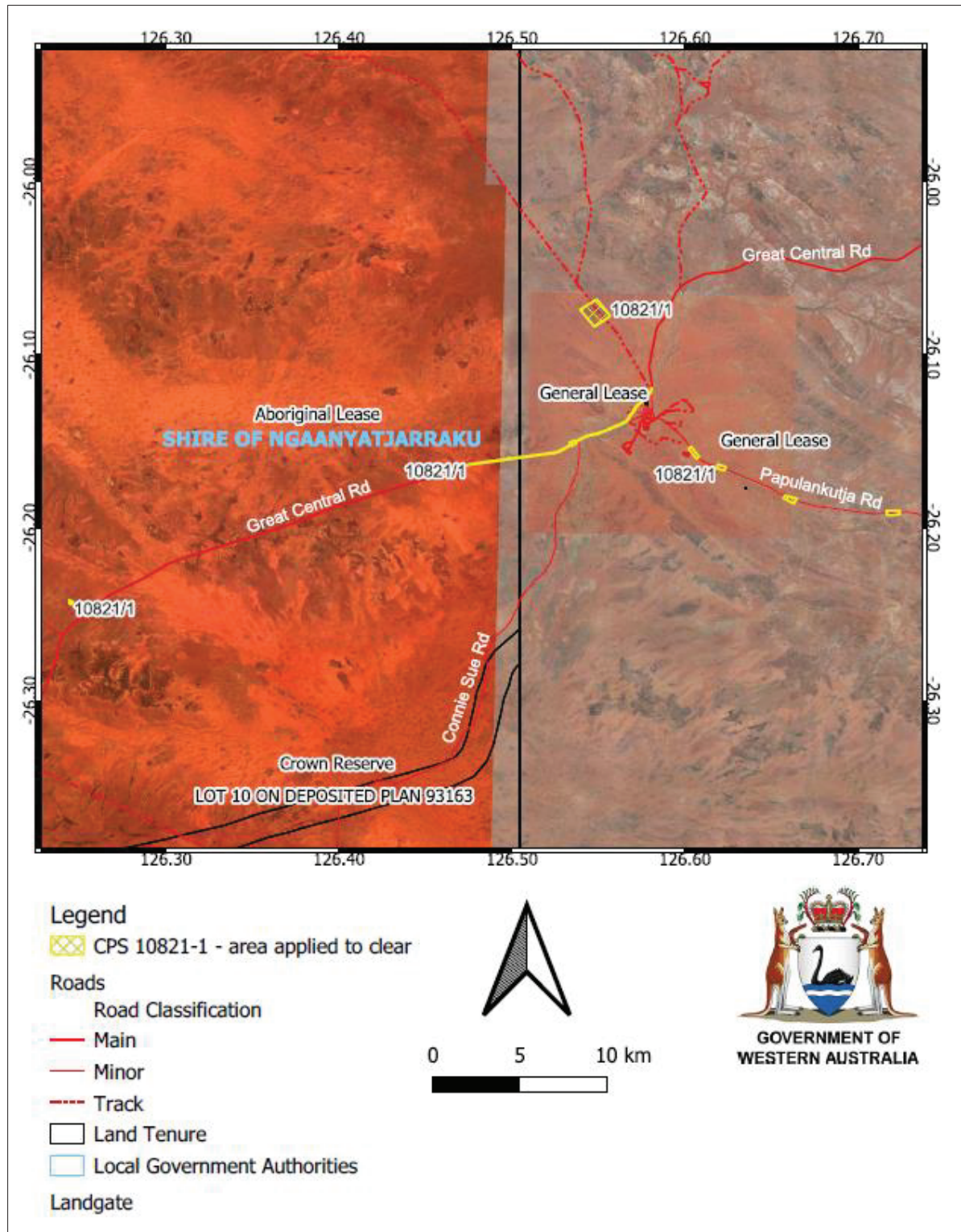


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the areas within which clearing may occur

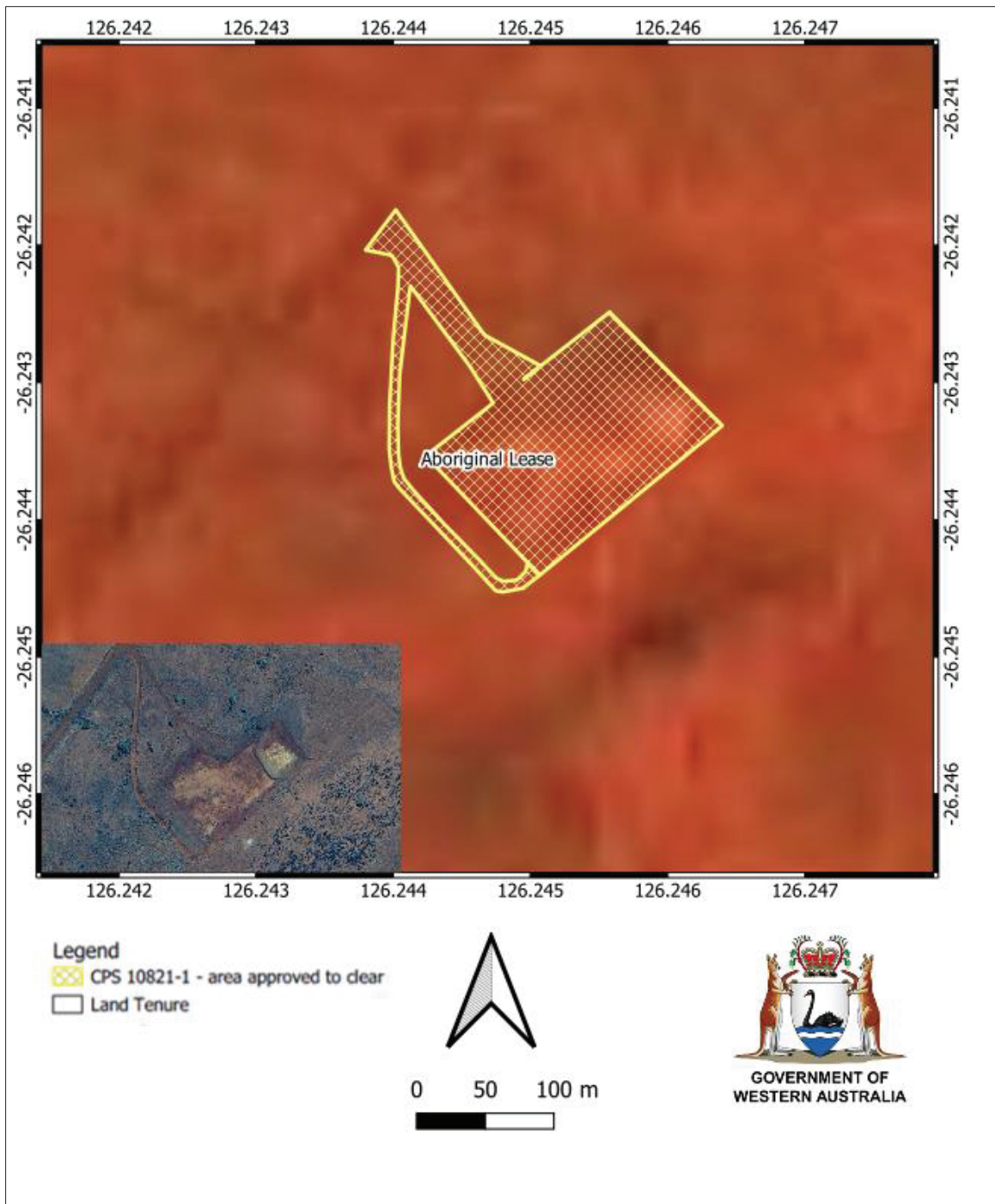


Figure 2a. Map of the application area (Site A)

The area cross-hatched yellow indicates the area authorised to be cleared under the granted clearing permit.

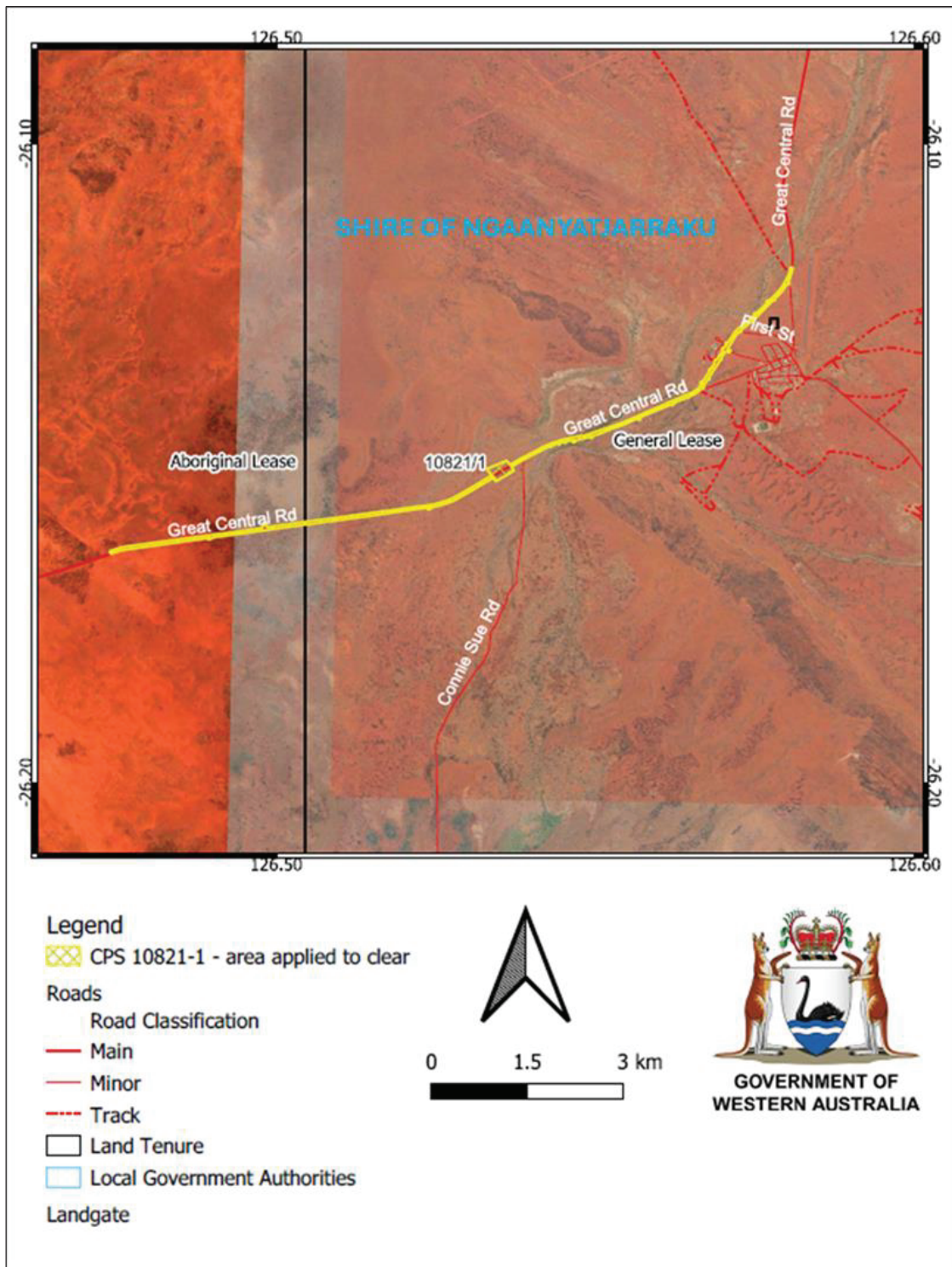


Figure 2b. Map of the application area (Site B)

The areas cross-hatched yellow indicate the areas authorised to be cleared under the granted clearing permit.

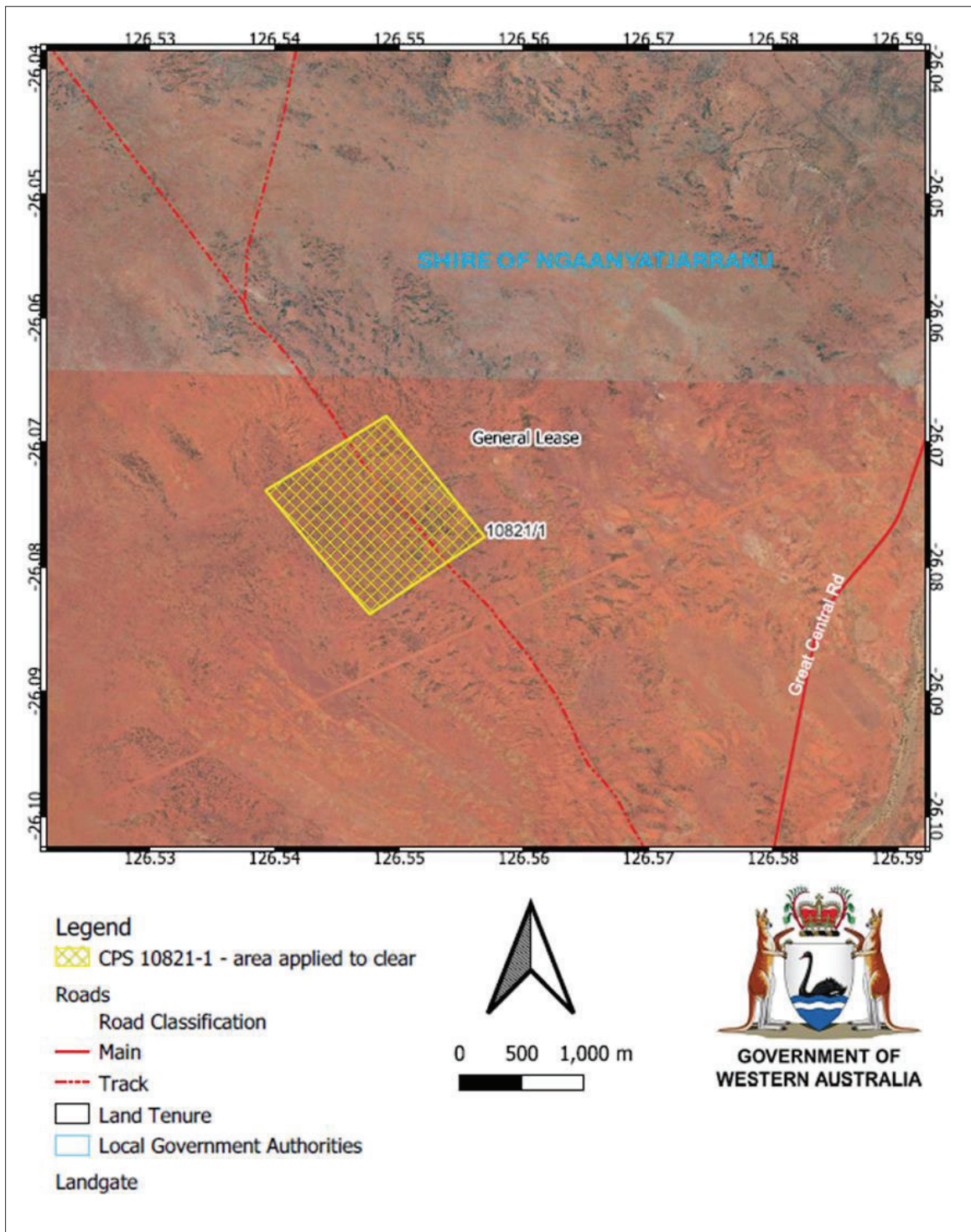


Figure 2c. Map of the application area (Site C)

The area cross-hatched yellow indicates the area authorised to be cleared under the granted clearing permit.

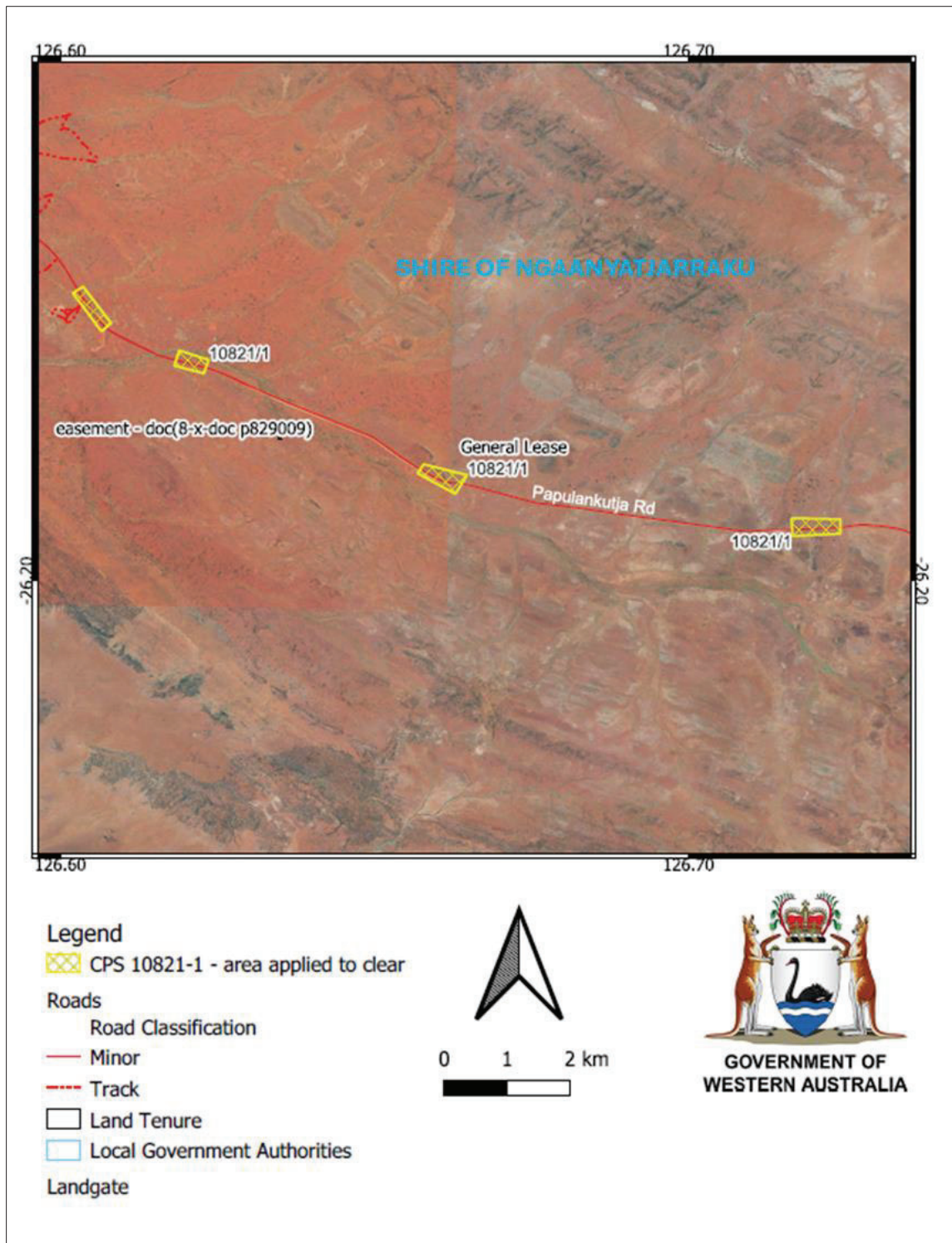


Figure 2d. Map of the application area (Site D)

The area cross-hatched yellow indicates the area authorised to be cleared under the granted clearing permit



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 10821/2
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA)
Application area:	137 hectares of native vegetation within a 299-hectare footprint
Purpose of clearing:	Road upgrades and associated activities
Method of clearing:	Mechanical
Property:	Lot 8 on Deposited Plan 91735 (Crown Reserve 21471), Lot 10 on Deposited Plan 93163
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Localities (suburb/s):	Warburton Gibson Desert South

1.2. Decision on application and key considerations

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	20 March 2025
Decision area:	137 hectares of native vegetation within a 299-hectare footprint

1.3. Reasons for decision

An administrative amendment to Clearing Permit CPS 10821/1 has been made to correct an error within Condition 11(c)(ii), to correct the misspelled word 'are' at the end of the sentence. The amended Condition 11(c)(ii) would read as: "*engage an environmental specialist to make a determination as to whether the composition, structure and density determined under condition 11(c)(i) of this permit will, without further revegetation, result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area*".

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 10821/1.

1.4. Relevant planning instruments and other matters

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 10821/1.