GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11011/1
Duration of permit:	12 April 2026 to 11 April 2036
Permit holder:	GMA Garnet Pty Ltd

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 70/204

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 24.48 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. 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.

5. Clearing restricted

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 15 hectares of native vegetation for the purposes of mineral production and associated activities within a financial year period.

6. Clearing restricted

The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation within the area shaded red in attached Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

7. Period in which clearing is authorised

The Permit Holder must not clear any native vegetation after 12 April 2031.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

8. 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.

9. 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 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.

10. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

Within 18 months of the commencement of clearing authorised under this permit, the Permit Holder must implement and adhere to the revegetation commitments in 'Port Gregory Project Revised Mine Closure Plan', as retained on DMPE file DMS04028/2025, Object ID A81154902 including but not limited to the following actions:

(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* following the completion of works authorised under this Permit *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the area(s) that are no longer required for the 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 5 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 10(a) on the cleared area(s);

  (iv) deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area; and

  (v) ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used to *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the area.

(c) within 4 years 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* and/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. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

The Permit Holder shall:

(a) within 18 months following completion of clearing authorised under this Permit, unless the *CEO*, in writing, advises the permit holder to the contrary, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* an equivalent area within the area cross-hatched red in attached Figure 2 of Schedule 1 by:

(i) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding 5 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);

(iv) deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area; and

(v) ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used to *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the area.

(b) within 4 years of undertaking revegetation and rehabilitation 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) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under Condition 11(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.

(c) where additional *planting* and/or *direct seeding* of native vegetation is undertaken in accordance with Condition 11(c)(ii) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall repeat Condition 11(c)(i) and 11(c)(ii) within 24 months of undertaking the additional *planting* or *direct seeding* of native vegetation.

(d) 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 11(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 11(c)(ii), the *CEO* may require the Permit Holder to undertake additional *planting* and *direct seeding* in accordance with the requirements under Condition 11(c)(ii).

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	(a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (b) the date that the area was cleared; (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);

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		(d) actions taken in accordance with Condition 4; (e) actions taken in accordance with Condition 5; (f) actions taken in accordance with Condition 6; (g) actions taken in accordance with Condition 7; (h) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 8; and (i) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with Condition 9.
2.	In relation to the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* management pursuant to Condition 10	(a) the location of any areas *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (b) the date the area was *rehabilitated*: (c) a description of the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* activities undertaken; and (d) the size of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* (in hectares).
3.	In relation to the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* management pursuant to Condition 11	(a) the location of any areas *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (b) the date the area was *rehabilitated*: (c) a description of the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* activities undertaken; and (d) the size of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* (in hectares).

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 11 April 2036, 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
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986.*
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

Term	Definition
	Act.
department	means the department established under section 35 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (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	*Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA)
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 100 kilometres in 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	means the period from April to May for undertaking direct seeding and May to June for undertaking planting.
planting	means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species.
regeneration	means *revegetation* that can be established from in situ seed banks contained either within the topsoil or seed-bearing *mulch.*
rehabilitate / rehabilitated / rehabilitation	means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area.
revegetate / revegetated / revegetation	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.
weed/s	means any plant – (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; 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. Areas shaded red are subject to Condition 6

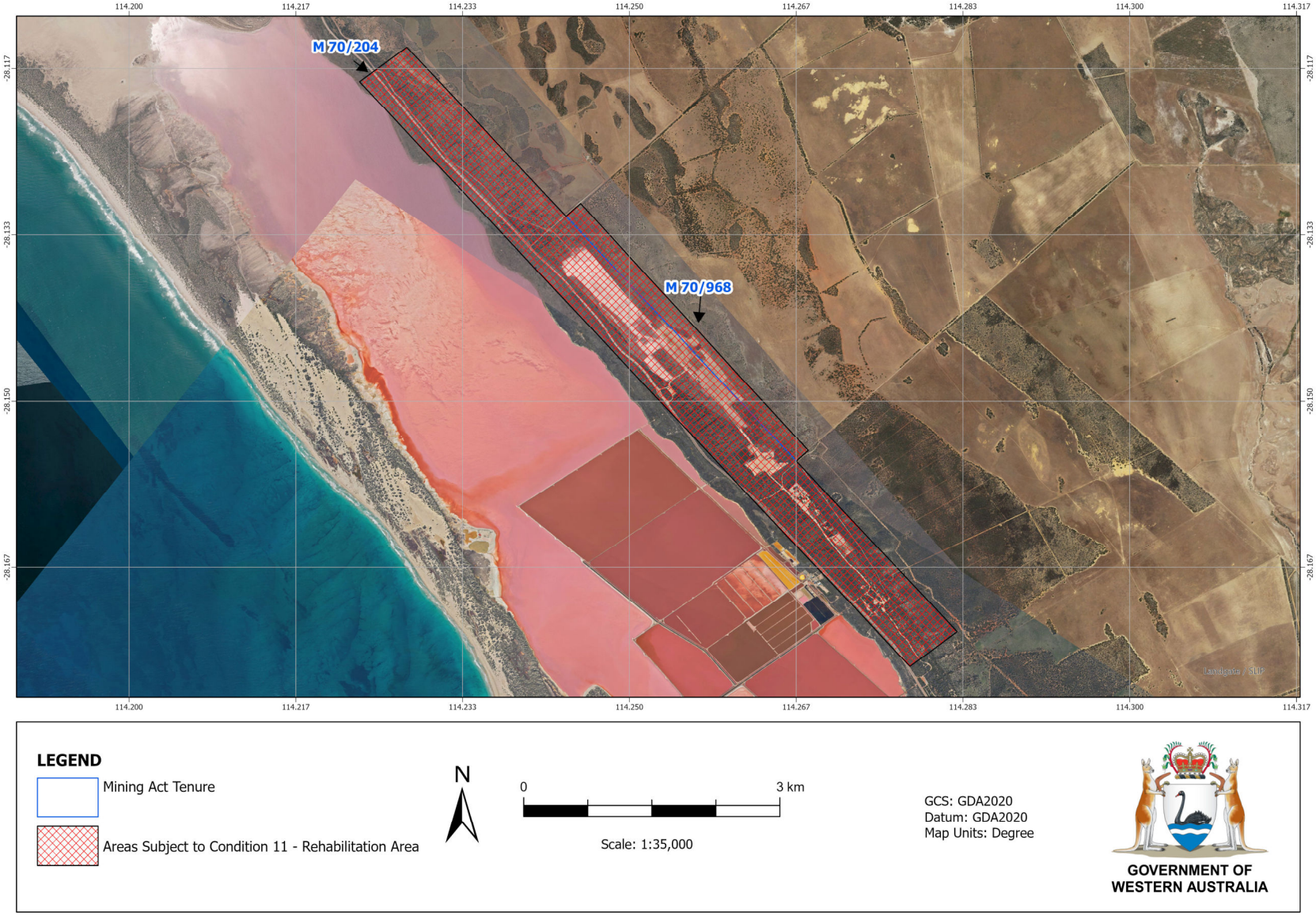

Figure 2: Map of the areas subject to Condition 11.