



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11147/1
Duration of permit:	8 April 2026 to 7 April 2031
Permit holder:	Western Queen 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 59/45
Mining Lease 59/208
Miscellaneous Licence 59/40

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 205 hectares of native vegetation within the area(s) cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 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 three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

5. 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.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Vegetation management

- (a) where practicable the permit holder shall avoid clearing *riparian vegetation*; and
- (b) where a *watercourse* or *drainage line* 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*.

9. Flora management – pre-clearance survey

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit within the areas shaded red on Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *botanist*, to conduct a *targeted flora survey* of the areas proposed to be cleared for the presence of *Dodonaea amplisemina*, in accordance with *EPA Technical Guidance*.
- (b) Where *Dodonaea amplisemina* are identified under condition 9(a) of this permit, the permit holder must include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO* within three months of undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit:
 - (i) the number of individuals identified;
 - (ii) the date each individual was identified;
 - (iii) the location of each *Dodonaea amplisemina*, identified under condition 9(a), either as the location of individual plants, or where this is not practical, the areal extent of the population and an estimate of the number of plants, 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;
 - (iv) the name of the *botanist* that undertook clearance surveys under condition 9(a) of this permit; and
 - (v) the methodology used to survey the permit area.
- (c) Where *Dodonaea amplisemina* is identified under condition 9(a), the permit holder must not cause or allow:
 - (i) clearing within 10 metres of the identified *Dodonaea amplisemina*, unless approved by the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) clearing of the identified *Dodonaea amplisemina*, unless approved by the *CEO*.

10. Fauna management – western spiny-tailed skink

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify habitat suitable to be used by *Egernia stokesii badia* (western spiny-tailed skink).

- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat identified pursuant to Condition 10(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of fauna listed in Condition 10(a).
- (c) Where fauna are identified pursuant to Condition 10(b) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) no clearing of the identified habitat occurs; and
 - (ii) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified habitat.

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 of 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 5; (e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; and (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 7.
2.	In relation to vegetation management pursuant to condition 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to <i>riparian vegetation</i> in accordance with condition 8; and (b) the size and location of riparian vegetation cleared using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.
3.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) the name and location of each <i>priority flora</i> species, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (d) actions taken to demarcate each <i>priority flora</i> species recorded and their relevant buffers; and (e) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>priority flora</i> species.
4.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to Condition 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the methodology used to survey for habitat suitable to be used by <i>Egernia stokesii badia</i> (western spiny-tailed skink) in accordance with Condition 10(a); (b) the location of habitat suitable to be used by <i>Egernia stokesii badia</i> (western spiny-tailed skink), recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (c) the extent of the habitat suitable to be used by <i>Egernia stokesii badia</i> (western spiny-tailed skink) shown on a

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		map; (d) a description of the habitat suitable to be used by <i>Egernia stokesii badia</i> (western spiny-tailed skink); (e) the methodology used to survey for <i>Egernia stokesii badia</i> (western spiny-tailed skink) in accordance with Condition 10(b); (f) the location of <i>Egernia stokesii badia</i> (western spiny-tailed skink) identified under Condition 10(b), recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and (g) actions taken in accordance with Condition 10(c).

12. Reporting

- (a) The permit holder must provide a written 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 7 April 2031 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)
EPA Technical Guidance	means Environmental Protection Authority (2016), <i>Technical Guidance - Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment</i> , EPA, Western Australia.

Term	Definition
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.
riparian vegetation	has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.
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.
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 of ranking; or (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

END OF CONDITIONS

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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

SCHEDULE 1

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

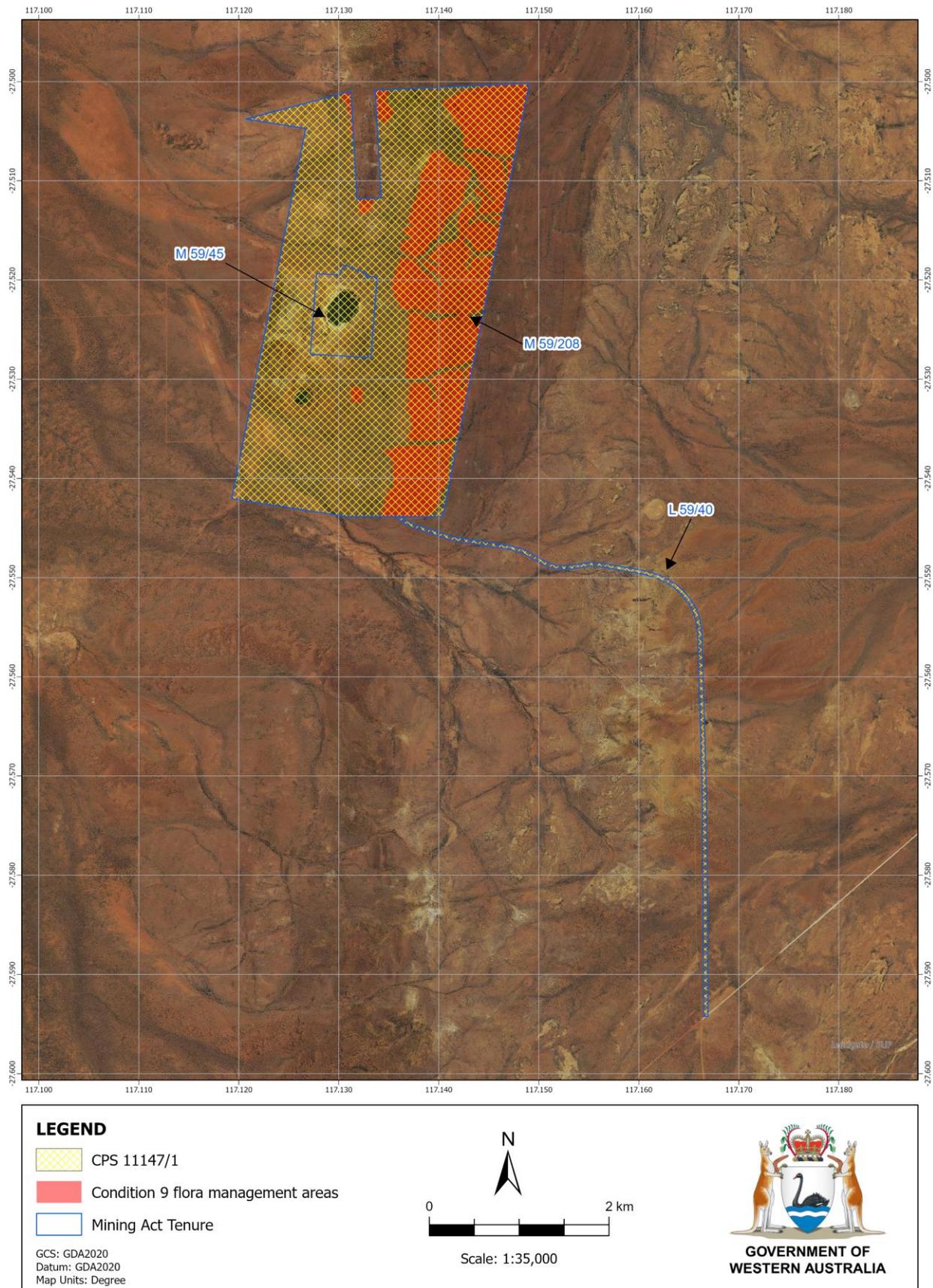


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.