



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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| <b>Purpose permit number:</b> | 11177/1                  |
| <b>Duration of permit:</b>    | 7 May 2026 to 6 May 2031 |
| <b>Permit holder:</b>         | Hamersley Iron 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**

Miscellaneous Licence 47/310

**2. Clearing authorised (purpose)**

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of accessing and maintaining a water bore.

**3. Area of clearing**

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.4 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched 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.

### **PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

**5. 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.

**6. Weed control**

- (a) 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*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;

- (ii) ensure that no known or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) at least once in each 12 month period for the term of this permit, the permit holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas cleared under this permit.

**7. Vegetation management**

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

**PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

**8. 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"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) the date that the area was cleared;</li> <li>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</li> <li>(d) actions taken in accordance with condition 4;</li> <li>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5;</li> <li>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6; and</li> <li>(g) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to <i>riparian vegetation</i> in accordance with condition 7.</li> </ul> |

**9. 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 8 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 6 May 2031, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 8 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 9(a) or 9(b) of this permit.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**Table 2: Definitions**

| Term                | Definition   |
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| 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)  |
| 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.  |
| 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 –<br>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> ; or<br>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or<br>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned. |
| wetland(s)          | means an area of seasonally, intermittently or permanently waterlogged or inundated land, whether natural or otherwise, and includes a lake, swamp, marsh, spring, dampland, tidal flat or estuary.  |

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## END OF CONDITIONS

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14 April 2026

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.**