



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)

Purpose Permit number:	11460/1
Duration of Permit:	From 17 September 2026 to 16 September 2031
Permit Holder:	South32 Worsley Alumina 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

Alumina Refinery (Worsley) Agreement Act 1973 Mining Lease M258SA (AM 70/258)

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of exploration activities

3. Authorised Activity

When undertaking any vegetation clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration in accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder shall only use the following methods:

- (a) pruning;
- (b) walking over vegetation; and
- (c) driving an off-road vehicle or equipment over vegetation.

4. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1 hectare of native vegetation within the areas shaded yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

5. Period in which clearing is authorised

The Permit Holder must not clear any native vegetation within 1 April and 31 December.

6. Clearing not authorised (tree diameter)

The Permit Holder must not clear standing trees that have a diameter (measured at 150 centimetres from the base of the tree) of 10 centimetres or greater, for all species.

PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

7. 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.

8. Weed and dieback 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* and *dieback*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no known *dieback* or *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.
- (d) only move soils in *dry conditions*; and
- (e) where *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is to be removed from the area to be cleared, ensure it is transferred to areas of comparable *soil disease status*.

9. Fauna spotter

The Permit Holder shall:

- (a) engage a fauna spotter to inspect the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 ahead of clearing machinery immediately prior to, and for the duration of, clearing activities to identify any native fauna that may be present; and
- (b) Clearing activities must cease in any area where native fauna individual(s) are identified under condition 9(a) until native fauna individual(s) have moved on from that area to adjoining vegetation.

10. Exploration Environmental Management Plan

Except if inconsistent with any condition of this permit, the Permit Holder shall conduct clearing activities authorised under this permit in accordance with the Exploration Environmental Management Plan as kept in Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration File No. DMS02414/2026 as Object Id A105840640 or as amended.

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	(a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), 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); (d) actions taken in accordance with Condition 6; (e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 7; (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> and <i>dieback</i> in accordance with Condition 8; (g) actions taken in accordance with Condition 9; and (h) actions taken in accordance with Condition 10.

12. 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 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 16 September 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
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</i> or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</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.
dry conditions	Means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches.
department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA)</i> and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</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.
soil disease status	means soil types either infested, not infested, uninterpretable or not interpreted with a pathogen.
weed/s	means any plant – (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (WA)</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 (WA)*

SCHEDULE 1

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

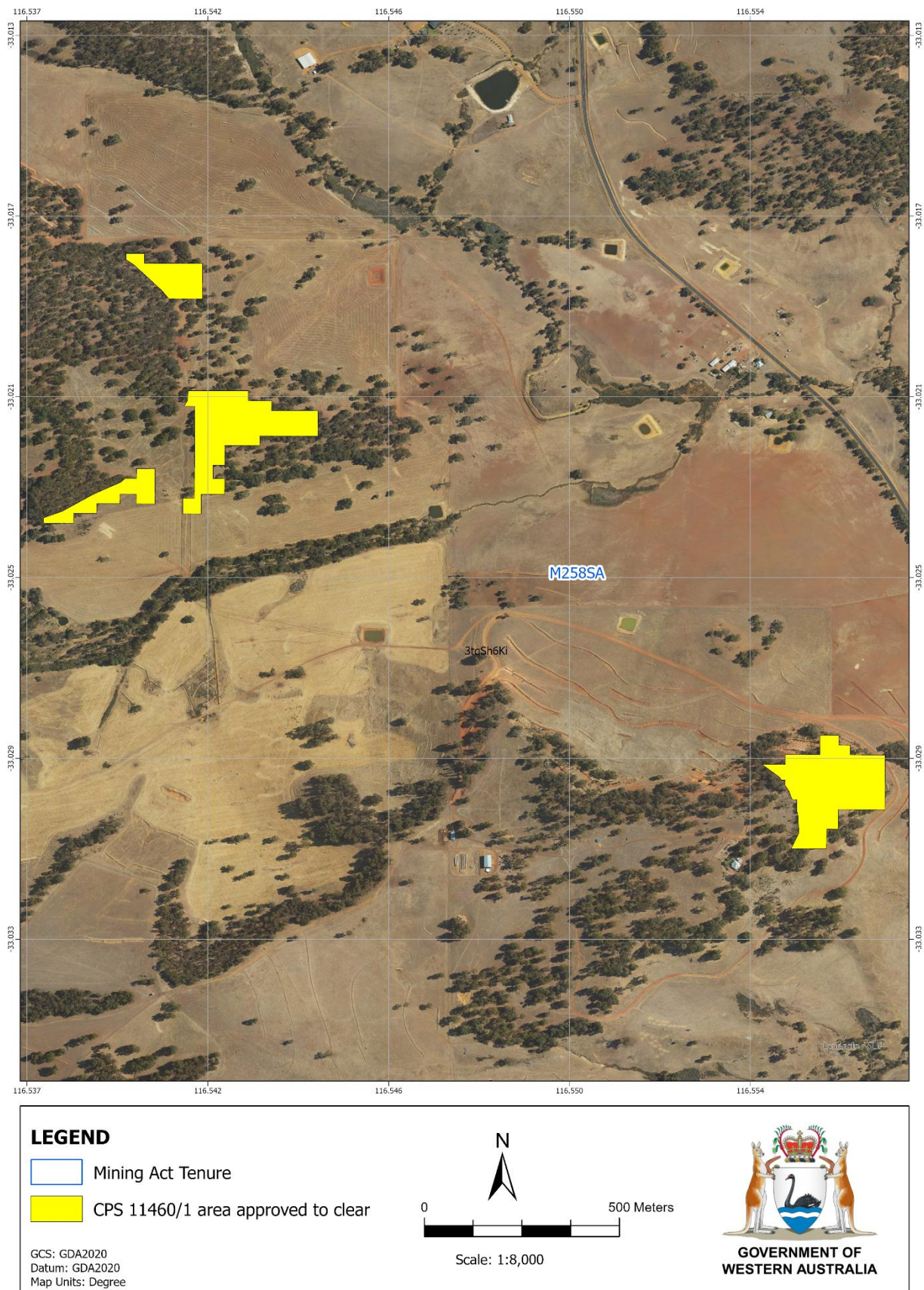


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur