



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11519/1
Duration of permit:	17 October 2026 to 16 October 2031
Permit holder:	Barto Gold Mining 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 77/198
Mining Lease 77/660
Mining Lease 77/702
Miscellaneous Licence 77/105

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 230 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow and shaded red in Figures 1 and 2 of Schedule 1.

4. Clearing restricted

The permit holder must not clear more than 72 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1.

5. Type of clearing authorised

The permit holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within 6 months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

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. Fauna management – Fauna spotter

The Permit Holder shall engage a fauna spotter to traverse the project area ahead of clearing machinery, at the time of clearing and alert machinery operators to avoid fauna injury or mortality.

10. Fauna management – Chuditch

- (a) Up to one week prior to undertaking clearing of any of the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, that area shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* to identify chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) dens and individuals.
- (b) Where a chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) individual(s) is identified in accordance with condition 10(a) of this Permit, clearing shall only occur within that area after the individual has either:
 - (i) moved on to adjacent suitable habitat of its own accord; or
 - (ii) has been relocated to adjacent suitable habitat by a *fauna specialist*.
- (c) Where a chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) den(s) is identified in accordance with condition 10(a) of this Permit, clearing shall only occur within that area after an equivalent replacement chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) den(s) has been installed in adjacent suitable habitat.
- (d) The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 10(a), (b) and (c) of this Permit if the clearing of that area is undertaken during the period 1 January to 31 August.

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 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 4; (e) actions taken in accordance with condition 5; (f) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts

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		and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; (g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 7; and (h) actions taken in accordance with condition 9.
2.	In relation to vegetation management pursuant to condition 8	(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 fauna management pursuant to condition 10	(a) the date(s) of inspection(s) by the <i>fauna specialist</i>; (b) a description of the <i>fauna specialist</i> inspection methodology employed; (c) the location of each chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) individual identified, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA94, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (d) the date each chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) individual was identified; (e) the date(s) each identified chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) individual moved on to adjacent suitable habitat or was relocated to adjacent suitable habitat and a description of the adjacent suitable habitat; (f) the location of each chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) den identified, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA94, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (g) the date each chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) den was identified; (h) a photo and description of each chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) den identified; (i) the location of each replacement chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) den installed, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA94, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (j) the date each replacement chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) den was installed; and (k) a photo and description of each replacement chuditch (<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>) den installed and the surrounding suitable habitat.

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 16 October 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</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)
fauna specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specializing 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 CEO 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.
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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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).

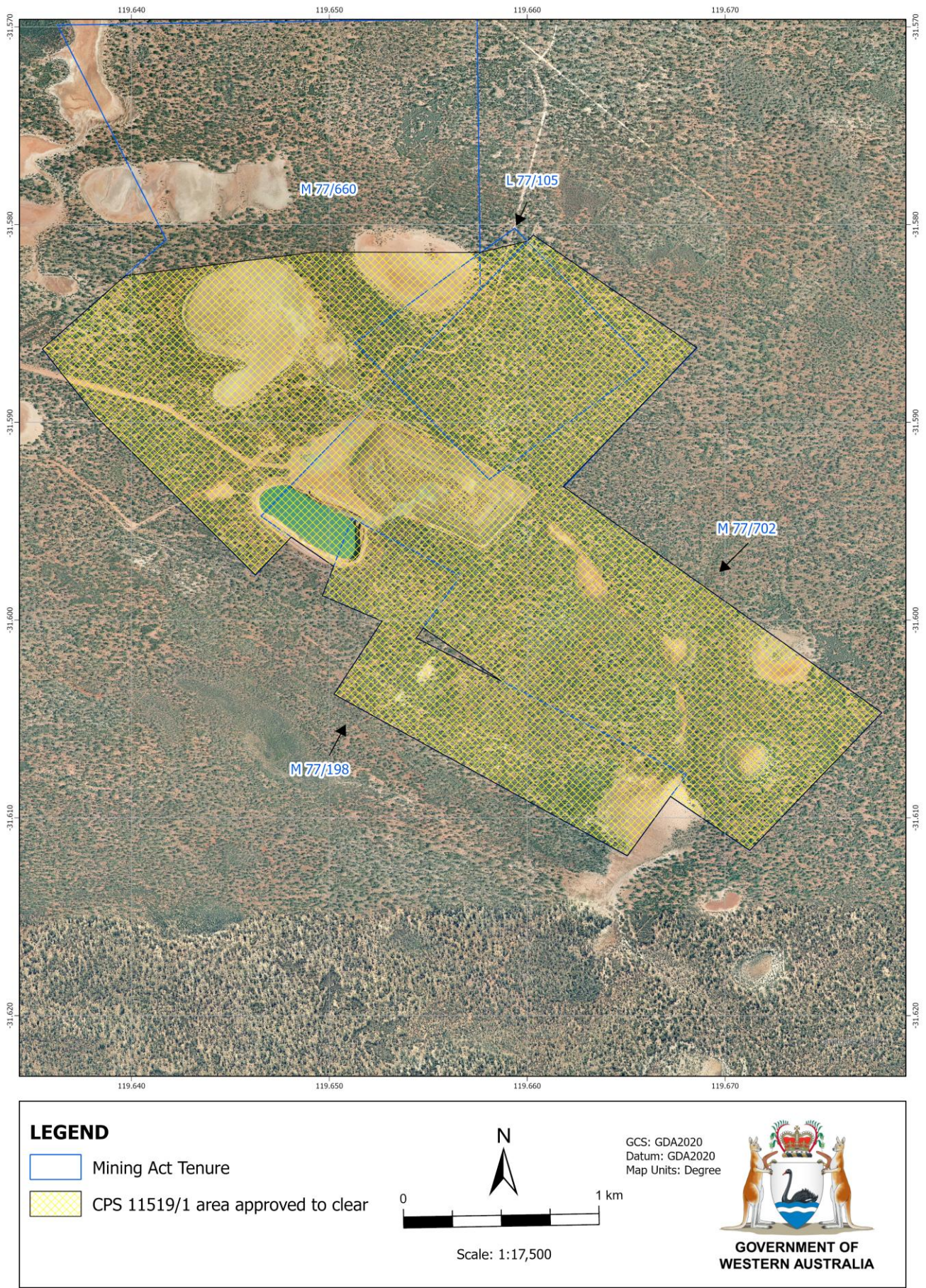


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

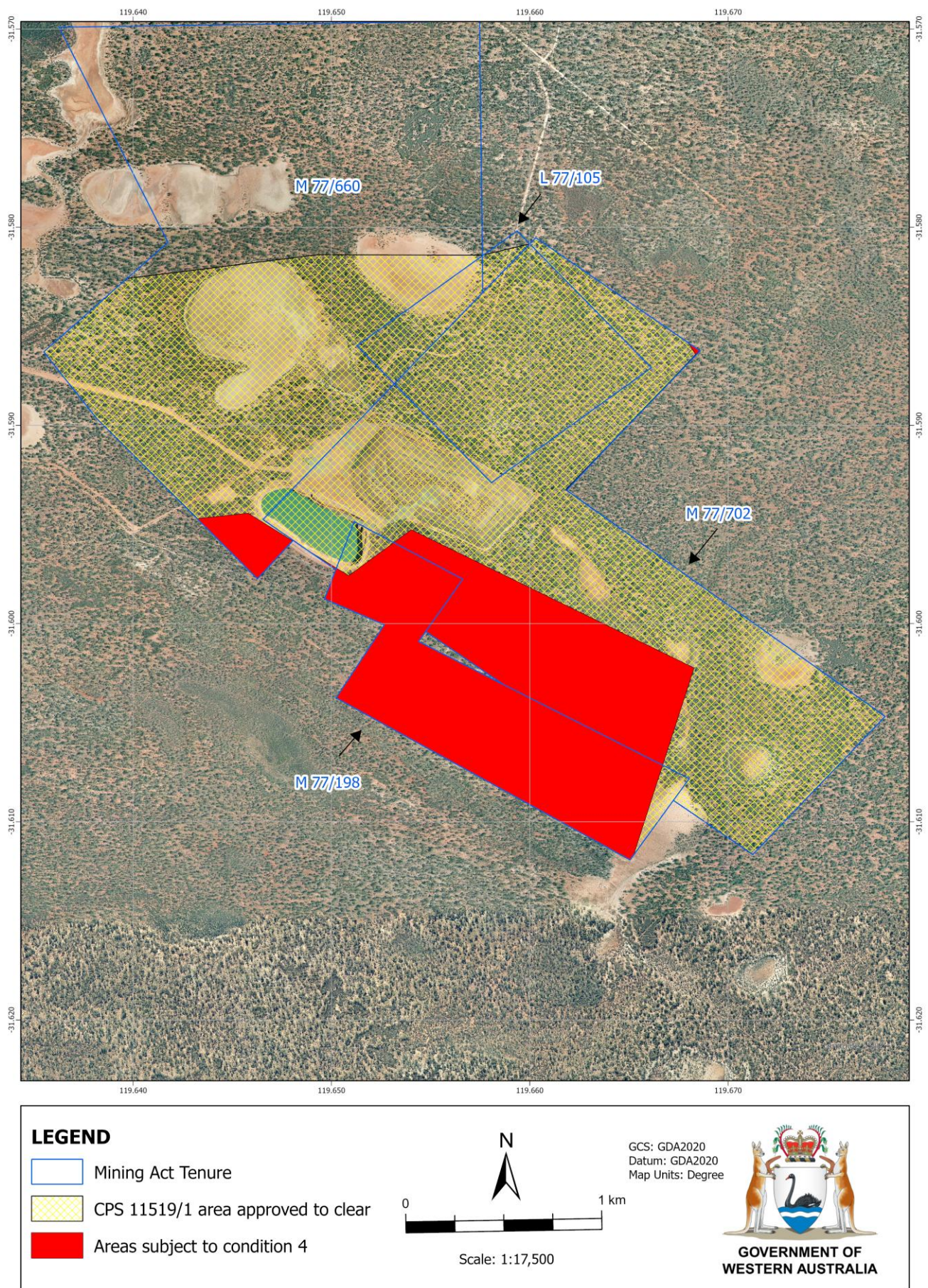


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.