



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11527/1
Duration of permit:	3 October 2026 to 2 October 2031
Permit holder:	Everest Metals Corporation Limited

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 59/714

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 7.8 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

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.

7. Vegetation management

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

8. Flora management - *Calandrinia kalanniensis*

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *botanist* to conduct a *targeted flora survey* of the Permit Area for the presence of *priority flora* species *Calandrinia kalanniensis*.
- (b) Where *Calandrinia kalanniensis* is identified in relation to condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the *targeted flora survey* in a report to the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) no clearing of identified *Calandrinia kalanniensis* occurs, and no clearing occurs within 20 metres of identified *Calandrinia kalanniensis*.

9. Fauna management – northern shield-backed trapdoor spider (*Idiosoma clypeatum*)

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorized under this Permit, the area(s) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of northern shield-backed trapdoor spider (*Idiosoma clypeatum*) burrow(s); and
- (b) Where northern shield-backed trapdoor spider (*Idiosoma clypeatum*) burrow(s) are identified in relation to condition 9(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 10 meters of the identified burrows.

10. Fauna management – chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*)

- (a) Within two weeks prior to clearing within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake *clearance surveys* for *Dasyurus geoffroii* (chuditch).
- (b) Within two weeks prior to clearing within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to relocate any chuditch found under condition 10(a) of this permit.
- (c) Where any chuditch are identified and relocated under condition 10(a) and 10(b) of this permit, the permit holder shall include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO*:
 - (i) the location of any evidence of chuditch 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;
 - (ii) the type of evidence recorded under condition 10(c)(i) e.g. fauna individuals, shelter, scats, tracks;
 - (iii) the location and date where any chuditch were relocated 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 *fauna specialist* that relocated chuditch under condition 10(b); and
 - (v) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of chuditch under condition 10(b).

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 to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6; and (g) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to riparian vegetation in accordance with condition 7.
2.	In relation to flora management (<i>Calandrinia kalanniensis</i>) pursuant to condition 8	(a) the name and location of each <i>Calandrinia kalanniensis</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; (b) actions taken to demarcate each <i>Calandrinia kalanniensis</i> species recorded and their relevant buffers; and (c) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>Calandrinia kalanniensis</i> species.
3.	In relation to fauna management (northern shield-backed trapdoor spider) pursuant to condition 9	(a) the location of each northern shield-backed trapdoor spider (<i>Idiosoma clypeatum</i>) burrow(s), 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) actions taken to demarcate each northern shield-backed trapdoor spider (<i>Idiosoma clypeatum</i>) burrow(s) recorded and their relevant buffers; and (c) actions taken to avoid the clearing of northern shield-backed trapdoor spider (<i>Idiosoma clypeatum</i>) burrow(s) and their relevant buffers.
4.	In relation to fauna management (chuditch) pursuant to condition 10	(a) the location where <i>clearance surveys</i> were undertaken 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 name of the <i>fauna specialist</i> who undertook the <i>clearance surveys</i>; and (c) records required under 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 2 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
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 CEO as a suitable botanist 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> .
clearance surveys	means a search of immediate impact areas prior to clearing to locate fauna. The clearance survey should focus on locating the evidence of the target fauna.
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 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 CEO as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
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.
priority flora	means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended).
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

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	context.
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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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.