



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11549/1
Duration of permit:	26 September 2026 to 25 September 2031
Permit holder:	AC Minerals 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 28/401
Miscellaneous Licence 28/94
Miscellaneous Licence 28/95
Miscellaneous Licence 28/99
Miscellaneous Licence 28/102
Miscellaneous Licence 28/105
Miscellaneous Licence 28/106

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of constructing an aerodrome, accommodation village, mine infrastructure, service corridors, access road and bore field.

3. Area of clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 580 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded/cross-hatched yellow in Figures 1-3 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 6 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* 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*.

9. Flora management

Where the *priority flora* species *Eremophila arachnoides* subsp. *tenera* has been identified and their written locations, provided to the *CEO*, within the reports 'Rebecca gold project: purpose clearing permit application: supporting information' and 'Lake Rebecca airstrip – detailed flora survey – prepared for AC Minerals Pty Ltd, September 2025', as retained on the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration file DMS04868/2026, Object ID qA2926667, the permit holder shall ensure that:

- (a) clearing of identified *priority flora* is kept to the minimum amount necessary to develop the proposed *site envelope* as specified in the aforementioned Supporting Documentation:
 - (i) no more than 300 individual plants of identified *Eremophila arachnoides* subsp. *tenera* are cleared.

10. Fauna management – southern whiteface (*Aphelocephala leucopsis*)

Where clearing authorised under this Permit within the area shaded purple in Figure 2 of Schedule 1 is to occur between 1 July and 31 October, the Permit Holder shall:

- (a) within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing, engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct an inspection of the area to be cleared to identify *active (in use) southern whiteface (Aphelocephala leucopsis) nests*.
- (b) where an *active (in use) southern whiteface (Aphelocephala leucopsis) nest* is identified under Condition 10(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 10 metres of the nest, during the months of July through to October, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

11. Fauna management - malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*)

Where clearing authorised under this Permit within the area shaded/cross-hatched yellow in Figures 1-3 of Schedule 1 is to occur between 1 September and 31 January, the Permit Holder shall:

- (a) within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing, engage an *environmental specialist* to conduct an inspection of the area to be cleared to identify *active (in use) Malleefowl (Leipoa ocellata) mounds* and *inactive malleefowl mounds*.
- (b) where an *active (in use) Malleefowl mound* is identified under Condition 11(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 200 metres of the mound, during the months of September through to January.
- (c) where an inactive malleefowl mound is identified under Condition 11(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the mound, during the months of

September through to January, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

12. Fauna management – inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*)

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit within the area shaded purple in Figure 2 of Schedule 1, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to identify potential *critical habitat* utilised by inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*).
- (b) Where potential *critical habitat* has been identified under Condition 12(a), the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct a *fauna survey* within the areas to be cleared, to identify the fauna species listed below:
 - (i) inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*)
- (c) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder shall provide the results of the *fauna survey* in a report to the *CEO*.
- (d) Where inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*) are identified under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of *inland hairstreak butterfly host plant/s*, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

13. Fauna management – long-tailed dunnart (*Sminthopsis longicaudata*)

- (a) Within two weeks prior to clearing within the area shaded green in Figure 3 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake *clearance surveys* for *Antechinomys longicaudata* (long-tailed dunnart).
- (b) Within two weeks prior to clearing within the area shaded green in Figure 3 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to relocate any long-tailed dunnart found under Condition 13(a) of this permit.
- (c) Where any long-tailed dunnart is identified and relocated under Condition 13(a) and 13(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 long-tailed dunnart 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 13(c)(i) e.g. fauna individuals, shelter, scats, tracks;
 - (iii) the location and date where any long-tailed dunnart 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 long-tailed dunnart under Condition 13(b); and
 - (v) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of long tailed dunnart under Condition 13(b).

14. Fauna management – fauna spotter

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, 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.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

15. 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

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
		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 and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; and (g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> and <i>dieback</i> in accordance with condition 7; and (h) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to <i>riparian vegetation</i> in accordance with condition 8; and (i) actions taken in accordance with condition 9.
2.	In relation to fauna management (southern whiteface) pursuant to condition 10	(a) the location of each <i>active (in use) southern whiteface (Aphelocephala leucopsis) nest</i>, 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>active (in use) southern whiteface (Aphelocephala leucopsis) nest</i> recorded and their relevant buffers; and (c) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>active (in use) southern whiteface (Aphelocephala leucopsis) nests</i> and their relevant buffers.
3.	In relation to fauna management (malleefowl) pursuant to condition 11	(a) the location of each <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> (malleefowl) mound recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (d) any actions taken in accordance with Condition 11.
4.	In relation to fauna management (inland hairstreak butterfly) pursuant to condition 12	(a) The location of potential <i>critical habitat</i> for species identified under condition 12(a), 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; (b) The location of inland hairstreak butterfly (<i>Jalmenus aridus</i>), 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; (c) The location of inland hairstreak butterfly <i>host plant/s</i> 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; (d) the methodology, used to survey the Permit Area and to establish the potential <i>critical habitat</i>; (e) the extent of the potential <i>critical habitat</i> of the identified fauna shown on a map; and (f) a description of the potential <i>critical habitat</i>; and (g) the methodology, used to survey the Permit Area for inland hairstreak butterfly (<i>Jalmenus aridus</i>); and (h) actions taken in accordance with Condition 12.

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
5.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 13	(a) the location where clearance surveys 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 13(c).

16. 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 15 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 25 September 2031, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 15 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 16(a) or 16(b) of this permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
active (in use) malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) mound(s)	means a mound with evidence of current malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) activity, such as working of the mound; scratching; litter trails leading to the mound; or loose uncompacted surfaces. The form and structure of the mound will show that it is currently being prepared for egg laying or it already contains eggs.
active (in use) southern whiteface (<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>) nest(s)	means a nest with evidence of current southern whiteface (<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>) activity, such as fresh nesting material (grass, bark and roots), a breeding pair, eggs, or hatchlings.
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 burrows, recent foraging signs, fresh tracks and scats
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.
critical habitat	means any part of the Permit Area comprising of the habitat of flora or fauna species and its population, that is critical for the health and long term survival of the flora or fauna species and its population.
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.
environmental specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an

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	environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit, or who is approved by the <i>CEO</i> as a suitable environmental specialist
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 <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .
fauna survey	means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of fauna and/or fauna habitat of the permit area. Where conservation significant fauna are identified in the permit area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the permit area into local context. The survey must be conducted during the season and conditions most suitable for detection and identification of fauna species.
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
inland hairstreak butterfly host plant	means, but not limited to, the following plant taxa; <i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i> and <i>Senna artemisioides</i> subsp. <i>filifolia</i> , where <i>Froggattella kirbii</i> and inland hairstreak butterflies (<i>Jalmenus aridus</i>), larvae, pupae or pupal exuviae have been identified.
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.
site envelope	means the area within the application area where proposed site activities will be developed.
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.
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.

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).

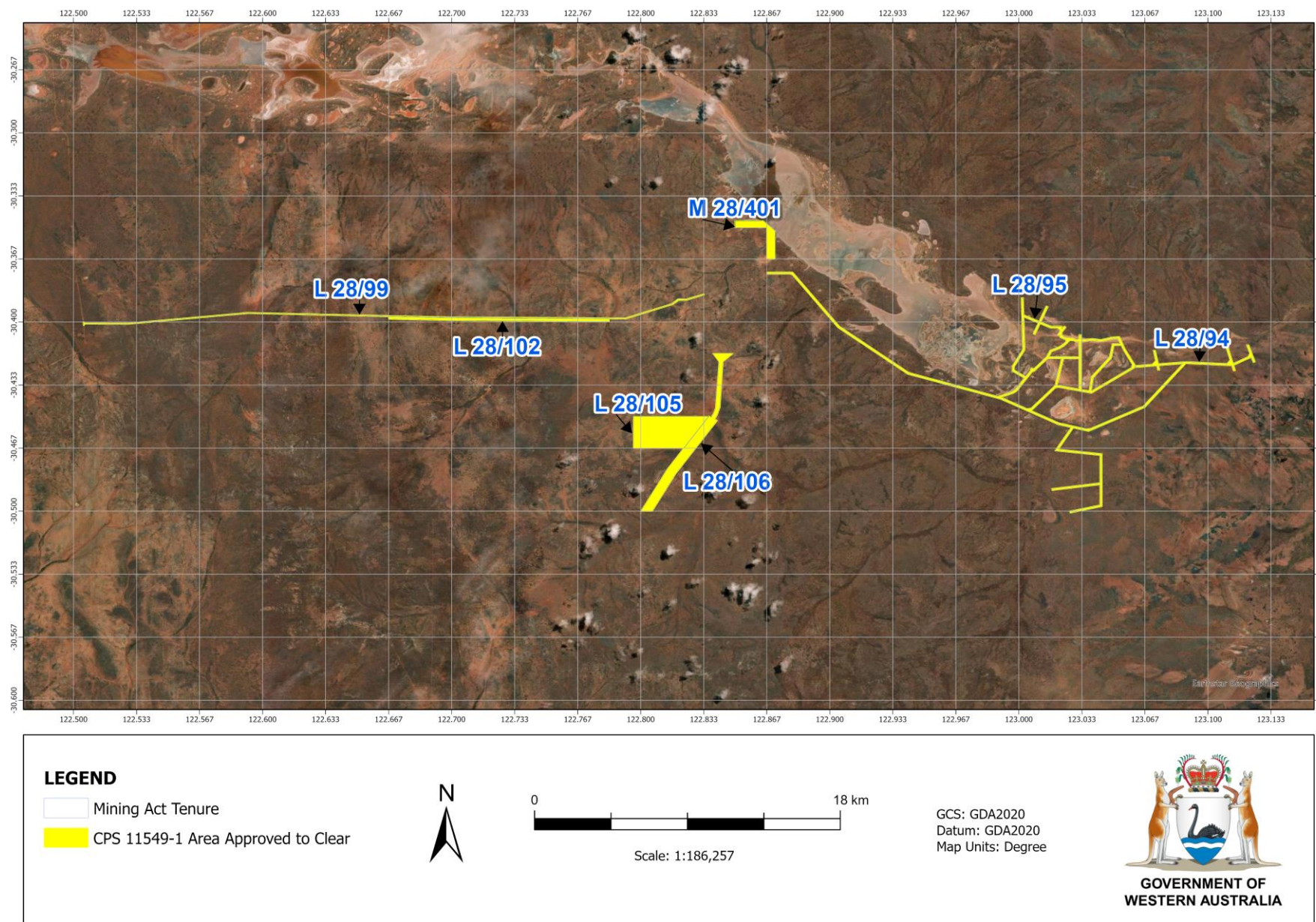


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

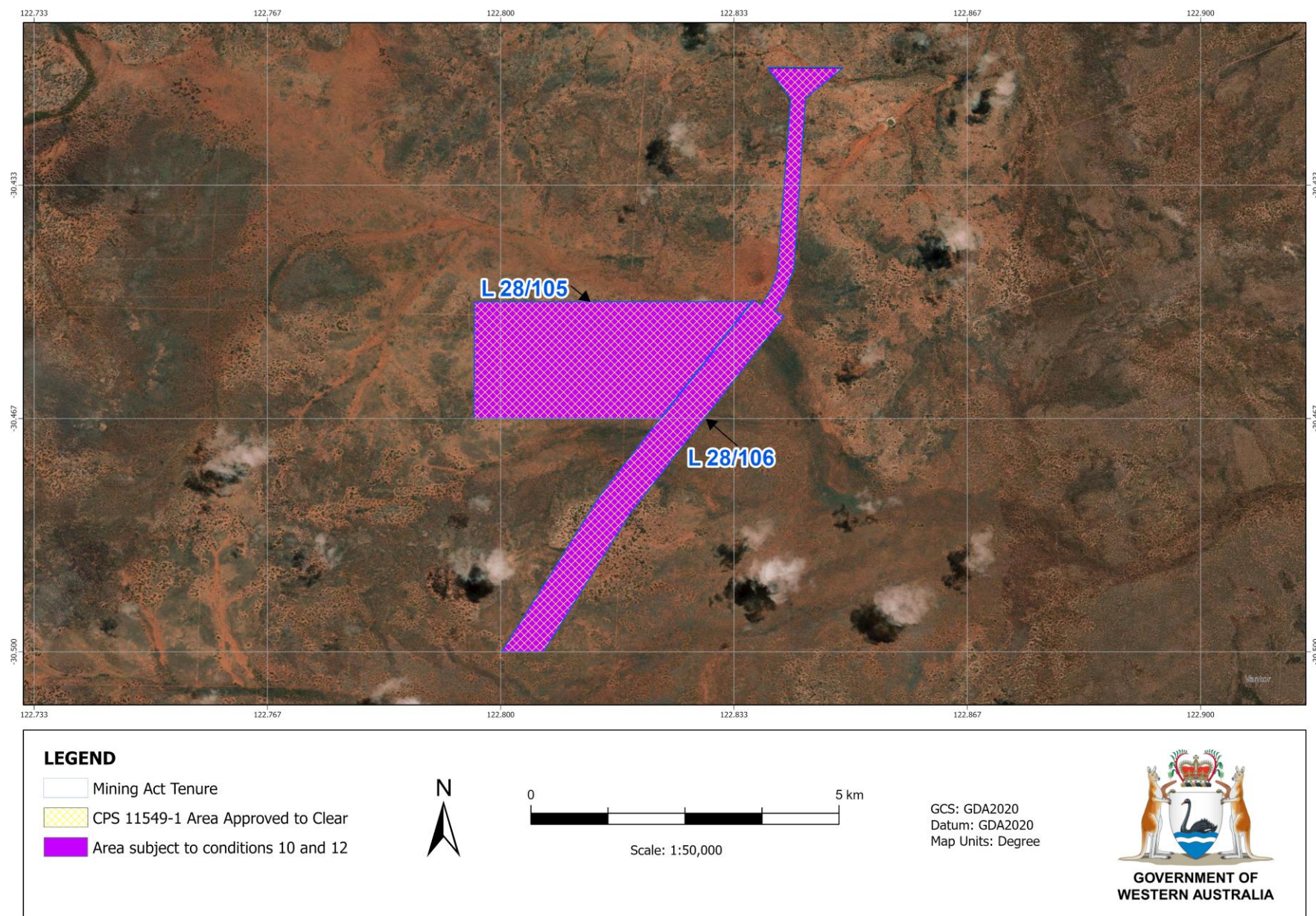


Figure 2: Map of the western extent of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

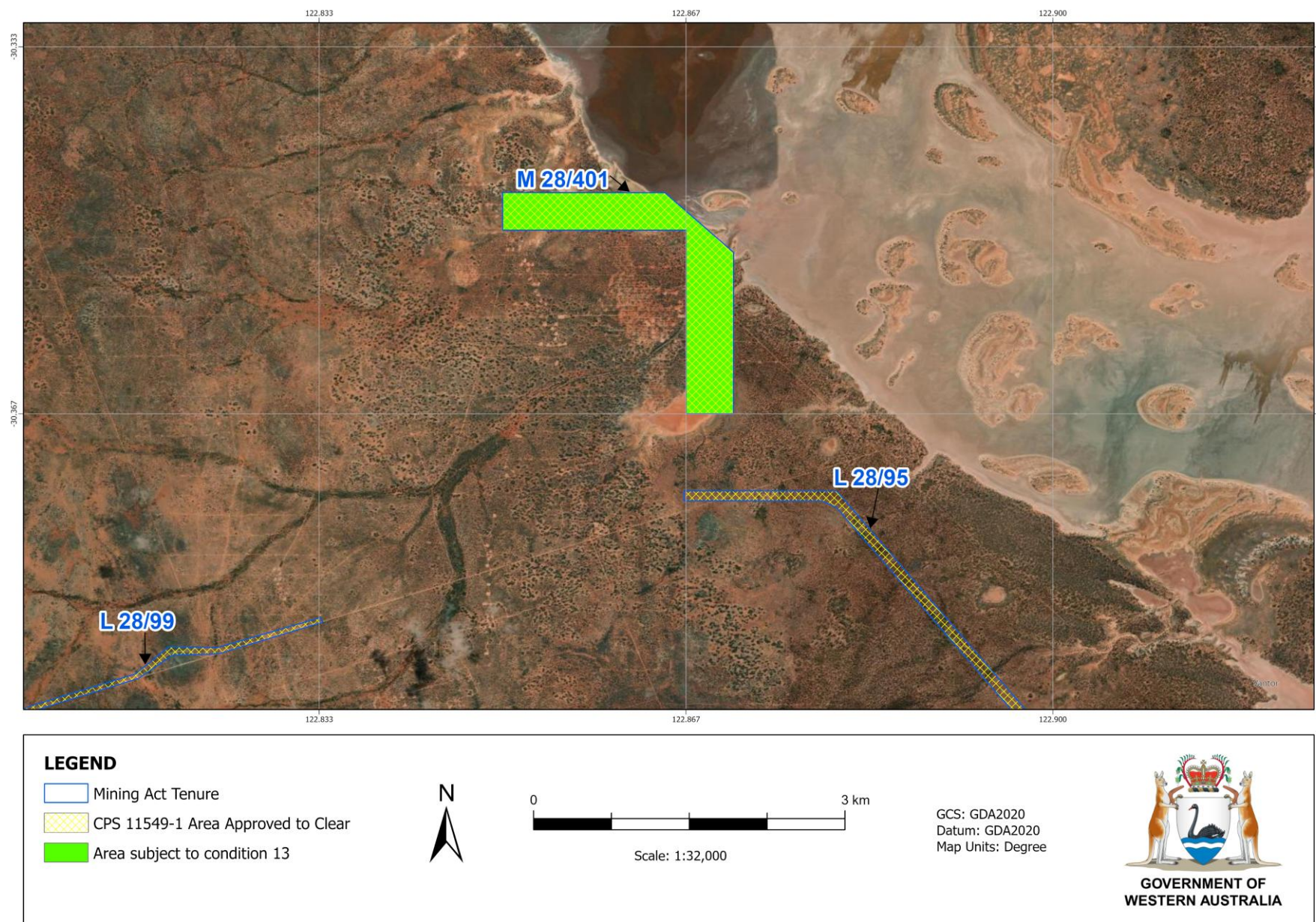


Figure 3: Map of the eastern extent of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.