



## **CLEARING PERMIT**

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### **PERMIT DETAILS**

Area Permit Number: 1196 / 4  
File Number: DEC9634  
Duration of Permit: From 15 April 2007 to 15 April 2014

### **PERMIT HOLDER**

BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd

### **LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE**

LOT 17 ON PLAN 193801 (LEINSTER 6437)

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

Clearing of up to 10.92 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 1196/4.

### **CONDITIONS**

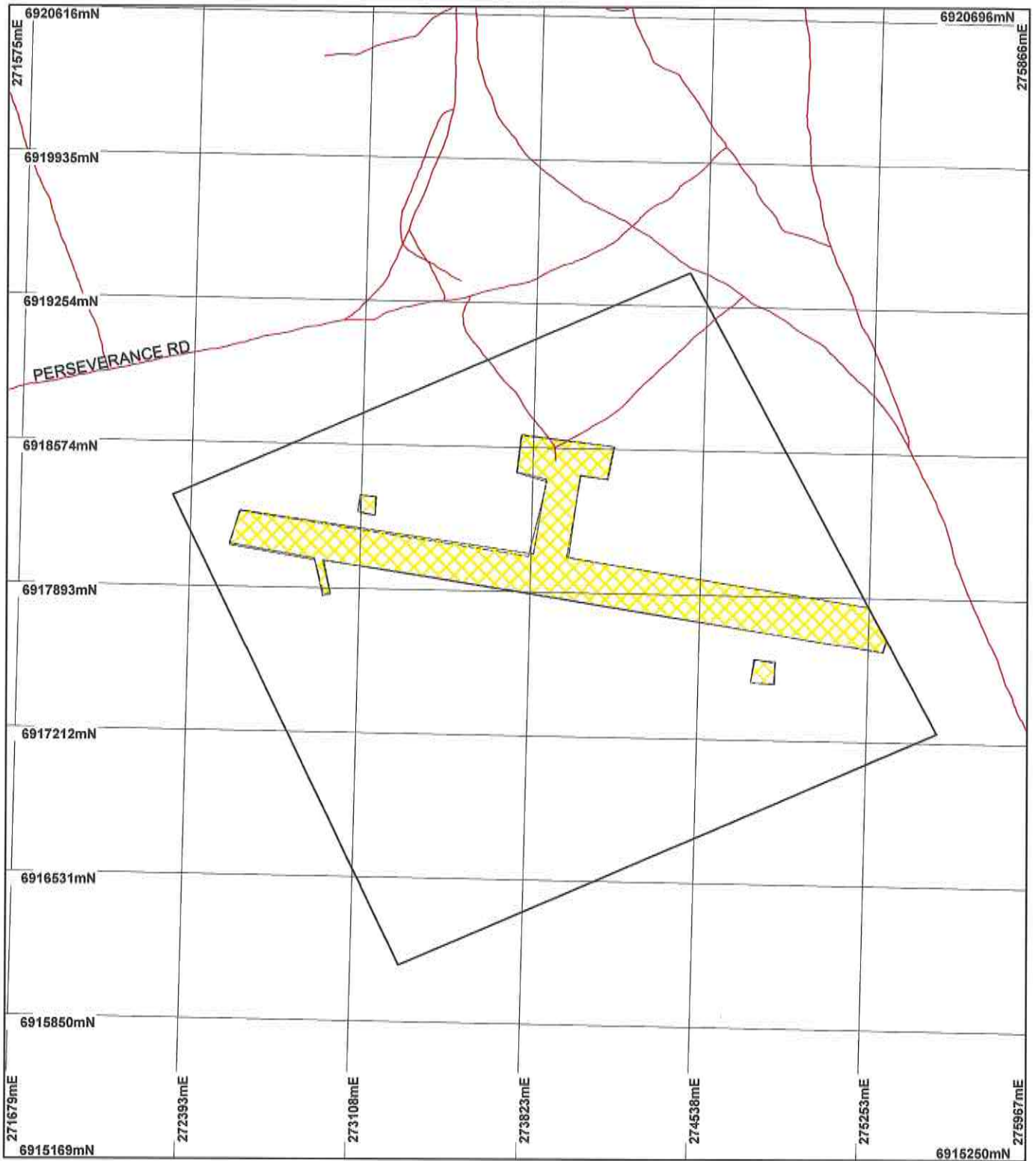
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29 March 2012

# Plan 1196/4



## LEGEND

### Clearing Instruments

- Areas Approved to Clear
- Road Centrelines
- Cadastre



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(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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Date 29/3/12

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 1196/4  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 17 ON PLAN 193801 (LEINSTER 6437)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Leonora  
Colloquial name: Leinster Airport

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
10.92		Mechanical Removal	Miscellaneous

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 29 March 2012

## 2. Site Information

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

#### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Beard Associations 18: low woodlands, mulga (Acacia aneura)	BHP Billiton Nickel West has applied to extend the duration of their existing permit CPS 1196/3 by 2 years as works to undertake an expansion of the current airport to accommodate for larger aircrafts have not yet been undertaken.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)	The information on the vegetation description and condition was obtained from the Vegetation Clearing Permit Application Report (BHP Billiton, 2005)
and			
39: Shrublands, mulga scrub	The area applied to be cleared was extensively surveyed in 1997 by Landcare Services Pty Ltd. During this survey, floristic communities were identified and include:		
(Hopkins et al. 2001, Shepherd et al. 2001).	Lateritic mulga-wanderrie shrublands, Lateritic hardpan mulga shrubs, Stony plain acacia eremophila shrublands and drainage tract mulga shrublands/woodlands. The condition of the area is considered to be of poor quality as a result of high feral goat grazing pressures (BHP Billiton, 2005).		

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

BHP Billiton Nickel West has applied to extend the duration of their existing permit CPS 1196/3 by 2 years as works have not yet been undertaken. The applicant advised the proposed clearing area has only been demarcated.

The area under application has not changed (10.92 hectares).

A review of current environmental information reveals no additional information. Therefore the assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 1196/3.

## Planning Instruments, Native Title, Previous EPA decisions or other matters.

### Comments

The proponent has applied to extend the duration of the permit CPS 1196/3 by 2 years. The permit will now expire on 15 April 2014.

No submissions from the public have been received.

## 4. Glossary

Term	Meaning
BCS	Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)
DoE	Department of Environment
DoIR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)