



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 1197/6
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd.
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	18 June 2007 – 18 June 2017

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purposes of expanding accommodation facilities, wastewater treatment plant, landfill site, firebreaks and seepage management.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 59 on Plan 220367 (Leinster 6437)

Lot 512 on Deposited Plan 72427 (Crown Lease H586770) (Leinster 6437)

Lot 163 on Plan 30116 (Leinster 6437)

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 159.57 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 1197/6.

**4. Application**


This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

### PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

**5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

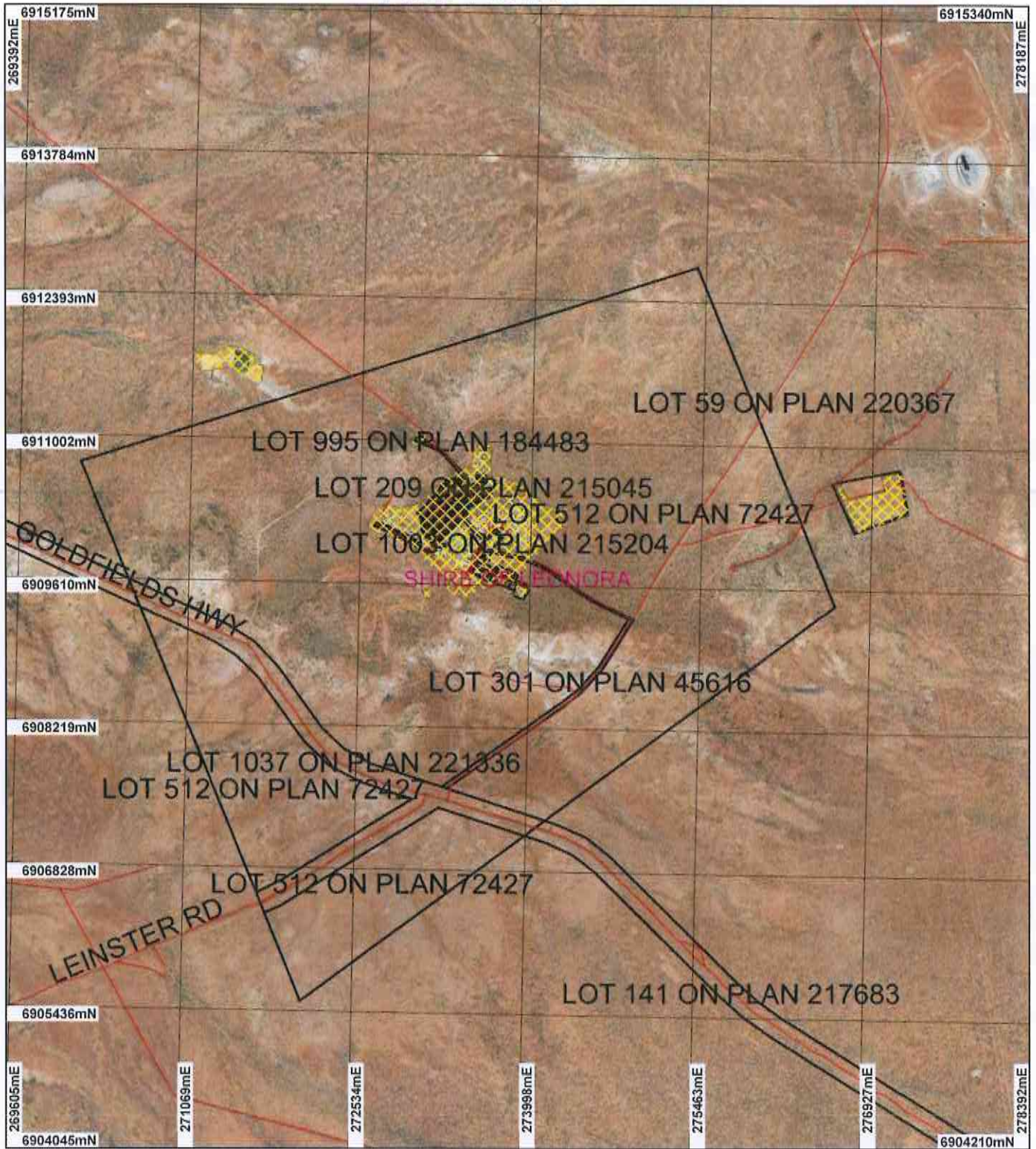
- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

  
M Warnock  
SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

*Officer delegated under Section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

12 June 2014

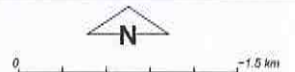
# Plan 1197/6



## LEGEND

- Cadastre for labelling
- Road Centrelines
- Local Government Authorities
- Clearing Instruments

Sir Samuel 50cm Orthomosaic  
- Landgate 2005



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(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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*M Warnock* Date 12/6/14  
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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 1197/6  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd (Nickel West - Leinster Nickel Operation (LNO))

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 163 ON PLAN 30116 (LEINSTER 6437)  
LOT 59 ON PLAN 220367 (LEINSTER 6437)  
LOT 512 ON PLAN 72427 (House No. 1 NORTH LEINSTER 6437)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Leonora  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
159.57		Mechanical Removal Mechanical Removal	Building or Structure Hazard reduction or fire control

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 12 June 2014

## 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 vegetation association 18 is described as low woodland; mulga (Acacia aneura) (Shepherd et al, 2001).	The amended application is to clear 159.57 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 59 on Plan 220367, Lot 512 on Deposited Plan 72427 and Lot 163 on Plan 30116, 6437, Leinster for the purpose of expanding accommodation facilities, wastewater treatment plant, landfill site, firebreaks and seepage management.	Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)	The description and condition of the native vegetation under application was determined by vegetation survey (Landcare Services, 1997) and analysis of aerial imagery.  The vegetation under application is described as Stony Plain Acacia Eremophila Shrublands in good (Keighery, 1994) condition (Landcare Services, 1997).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The permit has been amended to extend the permit duration until 18 June 2017.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 1197/4.

### Methodology

### Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

### Comments

A submission was received from Central Desert Native Title Services (Central Desert), legal representative for the Tjiwarl native title claim group, advising that they were not in a position to obtain instructions from the Tjiwarl claim group and requesting a decision on clearing permit application CPS 1197/6 be delayed until Central Desert had an opportunity to obtain instructions (Central Desert, 2014). The applicant will be notified of their obligations under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

### Methodology

References:  
- Central Desert (2014)

#### 4. References

- Central Desert (2014). Submission received from Central Desert Native Title Services in regard to Clearing Permit application CPS 1197/6. DER Ref: A764940
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Landcare Services (1997). Habitat Mapping Project Leinster Townsite and Borefields. Prepared by Landcare Service Pty Ltd for WMC Resources Ltd, June 1997. DEC reference: A498534.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.