



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1249 / 1
File Number: A0940/200601
Duration of Permit: From 01 July 2010 to 01 July 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Western Areas NL

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 77/545;
Mining Lease 77/584;
Mining Lease 77/585;
Mining Lease 77/912

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of dewatering infrastructure.

CONDITIONS

Authorised activity

1. The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.65 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas shaded yellow on attached Plan 1249/1.

Avoid, minimise etc clearing

2. 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:
 - (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
 - (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
 - (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

Dieback and weed control

3. 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* and *dieback*:
 - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) shall only move soils in *dry conditions*;
 - (iii) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

Flora management

4. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *botanist* to inspect that area for the presence of the following rare flora listed in the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2010:
 - (i) *Eucalyptus steedmanii* (Steedman's Gum);
- (b) Where rare flora are identified in relation to Condition 4(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) all records of rare flora are submitted to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum; and
 - (ii) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of identified rare flora, unless approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

Records to be kept

5. The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
- (ii) the date that the area was cleared;
- (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
- (iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.

Reporting

6. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 July for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 5 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous year.
- (b) Prior to 1 July 2012, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 5 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 6(a) of this Permit.

Definitions

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

botanist means a person with specific training and/or experience in the biology, identification and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

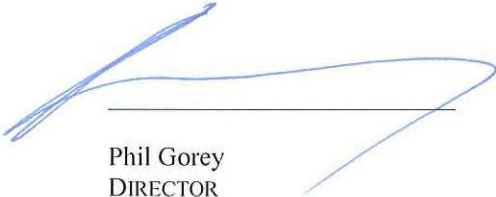
dieback means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation;

dry conditions means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

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;

weed/s means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.



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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

1 July 2010