



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2222/3
File Number: A1851/200701
Duration of Permit: From 26 April 2008 to 31 October 2015

PERMIT HOLDER

BHP Billiton Nickel West

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Nickel (Agnew) Agreement Act, 1974
Mineral Lease 255SA (AML70/255)
Mining Lease 36/243
Miscellaneous Licence 36/53

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of Mineral Exploration, Mine Maintenance, Infrastructure Works and the Re-activation of a Tailings Storage Facility.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 400 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2222/3.
2. The Permit holder shall not clear specimens of flora species *Sauropus ramosissimus*, *Phyllanthus baeckeoides*, *Thryptomene nealensis* and *Calytrix erosipetala* when conducting exploration activities.
3. The Permit holder shall not clear native vegetation within 50 metres of a *break-away* or within 10 metres of *drainage lines* when conducting exploration activities.
4. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - i) the location where clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
 - ii) the area cleared in hectares;
 - iii) the dates cleared;
 - iv) the purpose of clearing;
 - v) the coordinates of areas rehabilitated using the Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - vi) the size of the areas rehabilitated in hectares;
 - vii) the dates on which the area was rehabilitated.
5. For each instance of clearing recorded under condition 4, the Permit Holder shall, within 6 months of the completion of the activity for which the area was cleared, rehabilitate all cleared areas by re-shaping the surface of each cleared area using the topsoil removed during the clearing, so that the shape of the surface of the rehabilitated area is consistent with the shape of the surrounding 5 metres of uncleared land.

6. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment, Department of Industry and Resources by 31 October each year for the life of the permit demonstrating adherence to all the conditions of this permit and setting out the records required under Condition 4 of this permit, in relation to clearing carried out between 1 August and 31 July the previous year.

DEFINITIONS

In this permit:

Break-away means an erosion front in which highly weathered saprolite, capped by a duricrust of ferricrete, silcrete or calcrete is eroded by lateral retreat.

Drainage line means an area within the landscape which is a focus for surface water through flow.



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