



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2550 / 2

File Number: A1006/200801

Duration of Permit: From 27 September 2008 to 1 September 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act 1964, Mineral Lease 244 SA (AML 70/244);
Special Lease 3116/3687, I 154279 L.

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of railway construction and maintenance, and associated works.

CONDITIONS

Type of clearing authorised

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 98 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 2550/2.

Guiding Principles

2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared pursuant to 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.

Weed Management

3. When undertaking any clearing, rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
 - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected *road building materials, mulch, fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

Rehabilitation

4. The Permit Holder shall stockpile all topsoil and vegetation cleared under this permit for use in rehabilitation.

Record Keeping

5. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
- (i) the location of where the clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
 - (ii) the size of the area cleared in hectares;
 - (iii) the dates on which the area was cleared;
 - (iv) the purpose of clearing;
 - (v) the method of clearing; and

Reporting

6. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 1 September each year 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 financial year.

DEFINITIONS


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

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;

road building materials means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water;

weed 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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of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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