



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 2845/2

File Number: A1712/200801

Duration of Permit: From 07 March 2009 to 31 October 2017

PERMIT HOLDER

BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 36/4

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 92.1 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2845/2.

CONDITIONS

1. Weed control

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*:

- (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 soil, *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.

2. Records to be kept

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 or decimal degrees;
- (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.

3. Reporting

(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 October each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 2 of this Permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 August and 31 July of the previous year.

(b) Prior to 31 October 2017, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 2 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 3(a) of this Permit.

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;

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under the section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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

14 August 2014