



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2939/2
File Number: A0058/200901
Duration of Permit: From 16 May 2009 to 31 July 2014

PERMIT HOLDER

BHP Billiton Yeelirrie Development Company Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Uranium (Yeelirrie) Agreement Act 1978

Mineral Claims 53/1104, 53/1105, 53/1106, 53/1107, 53/1108, 53/1109, 53/1110, 53/1112, 53/1113, 53/1114, 53/1115, 53/1116, 53/1117, 53/1118, 53/3933, 53/3934

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 35 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas cross-hatched yellow and shaded red on attached Plan 2939/2.

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.

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*:
 - (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.
4. Prior to leaving the areas shaded red on attached Plan 2939/2, the Permit Holder must clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation.

Flora management

5. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the site shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* for the presence of the following *priority flora taxa*:
- (i) *Bossiaea eremaea*;
 - (ii) *Eremophila arachnoides ssp. arachnoides*; and
 - (iii) *Olearia arida*
- (b) Where *priority flora taxa* are identified in relation to condition 5(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
- (i) all records of *priority flora taxa* are submitted to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum; and
 - (ii) no clearing occurs within 5 metres of identified *priority flora taxa*, unless approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum.
6. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the site shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* for the presence of the following *undescribed flora taxa*:
- (i) *Scaevola spinescens* terete leaf form (G Cockerton & C Ringrose 14560); and
 - (ii) *Acacia* sp. fragrant (G Cockerton & C Ringrose 14561)
- (b) Where *undescribed flora taxa* are identified in relation to condition 6(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
- (i) all records of *undescribed flora taxa* are submitted to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum; and
 - (ii) no clearing occurs within 5 metres of identified *undescribed flora taxa*, unless approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

Fauna Management

7. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the area shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds.
- (b) Where *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds are identified in relation to condition 7 (a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds.

Retain and spread vegetative material and topsoil

8. The Permit Holder shall:
- (i) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit;
 - (ii) stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared; and
 - (iii) within 12 months following clearing authorised under the Permit, lay the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area.

Records to be kept

9. The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:
- (a) 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.

- (b) In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 8 of this Permit:
 - (i) the location of any areas revegetated and rehabilitated, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
 - (ii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; and
 - (iii) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares).

Reporting

- 10. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 July each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Conditions 5, 6 and 9 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 31 July 2014, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Conditions 5, 6 and 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10 (a) of this Permit.

Definitions

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

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

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

flora specialist means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

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;

priority flora taxa means those plant taxa that are described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Department of Environment and Conservation's Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended);

undescribed flora taxa means those plant taxa listed as such by Western Botanical (2009) in the report titled '*Flora and Vegetation Assessment of Portion of Proposed Confirmation Drilling Program - Part 1 Yeelirrie Uranium Deposit, December 2008*', retained on Department of Mines and Petroleum File # A0058/200901.

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 *Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.



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