



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1 Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	3550/3
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd
Application received:	1 November 2021
Application area:	1.075 hectares
Purpose of clearing:	Hydrogeological investigations
Method of clearing:	Mechanical Removal
Property:	Miscellaneous Licence 47/18 Miscellaneous Licence 47/55 <i>Iron Ore (Hamersley Range) Agreement Act 1963, Mining Lease 272SA (AM 70/272)</i>
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Ashburton
Colloquial name:	Minthdi Spring Project

1.2. Description of application

The permit holder applied to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 3550/3 as they had conducted all clearing of native vegetation required to undertake hydrogeological investigations, and no further work is required.

1.3. Decision on application

Decision:	Surrender application accepted
Decision date:	26 April 2022
Decision area:	1.075 hectares of native vegetation, as depicted in Section 1.5, below.

1.4. Reasons for decision

In making the decision, the Delegated Officer had regard for:

- a review of the permit holder's compliance with conditions of Clearing Permit CPS 3550/3 (section 2.1 of this report)
- other matters considered relevant to the decision (section 2.2 of this report).

The application to surrender was submitted, accepted and determined in accordance with section 51MA of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

After consideration of the above information, the Delegated Officer decided to accept the surrender application for Clearing Permit CPS 3550/3.

1.5. Site map

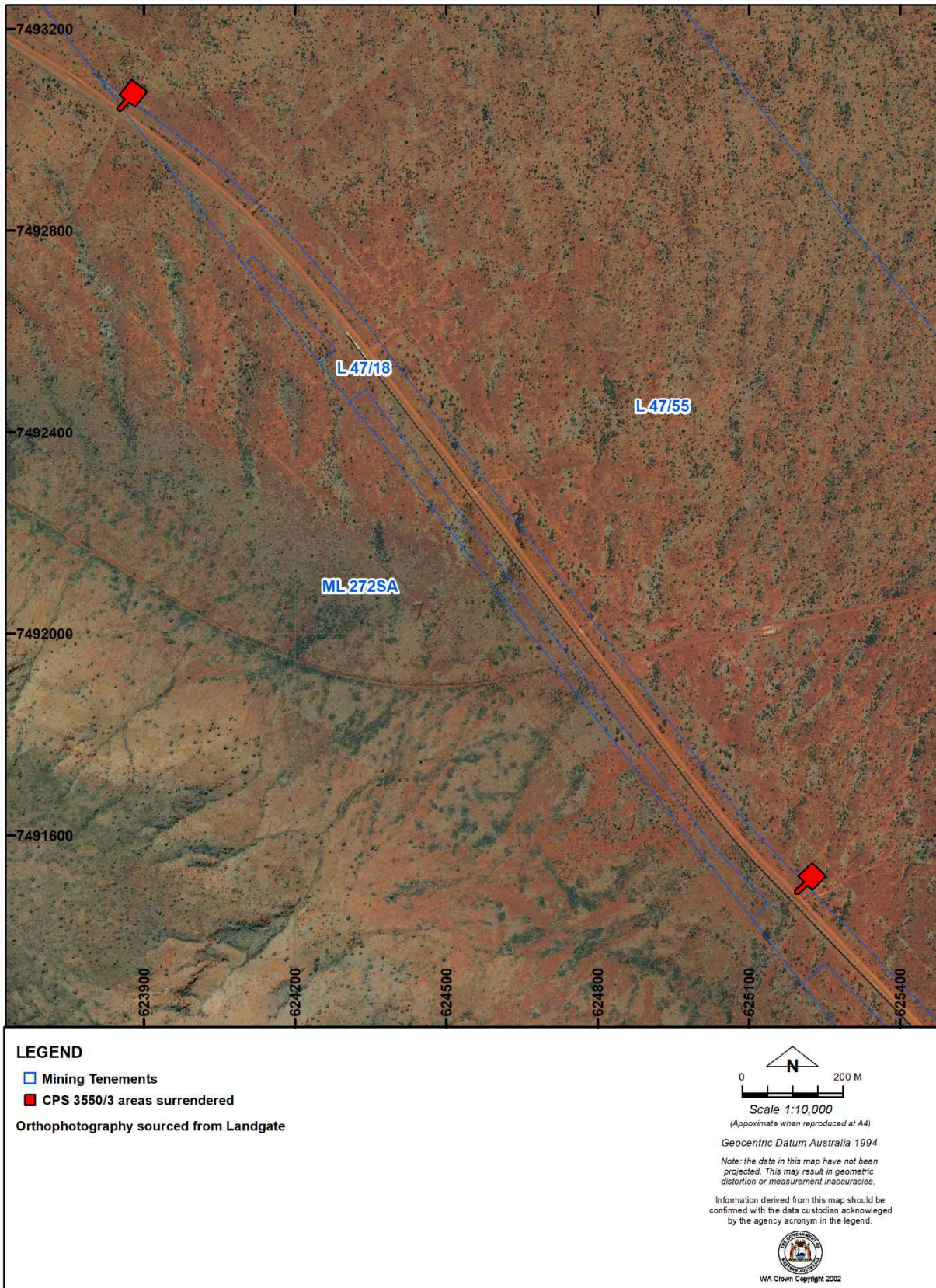
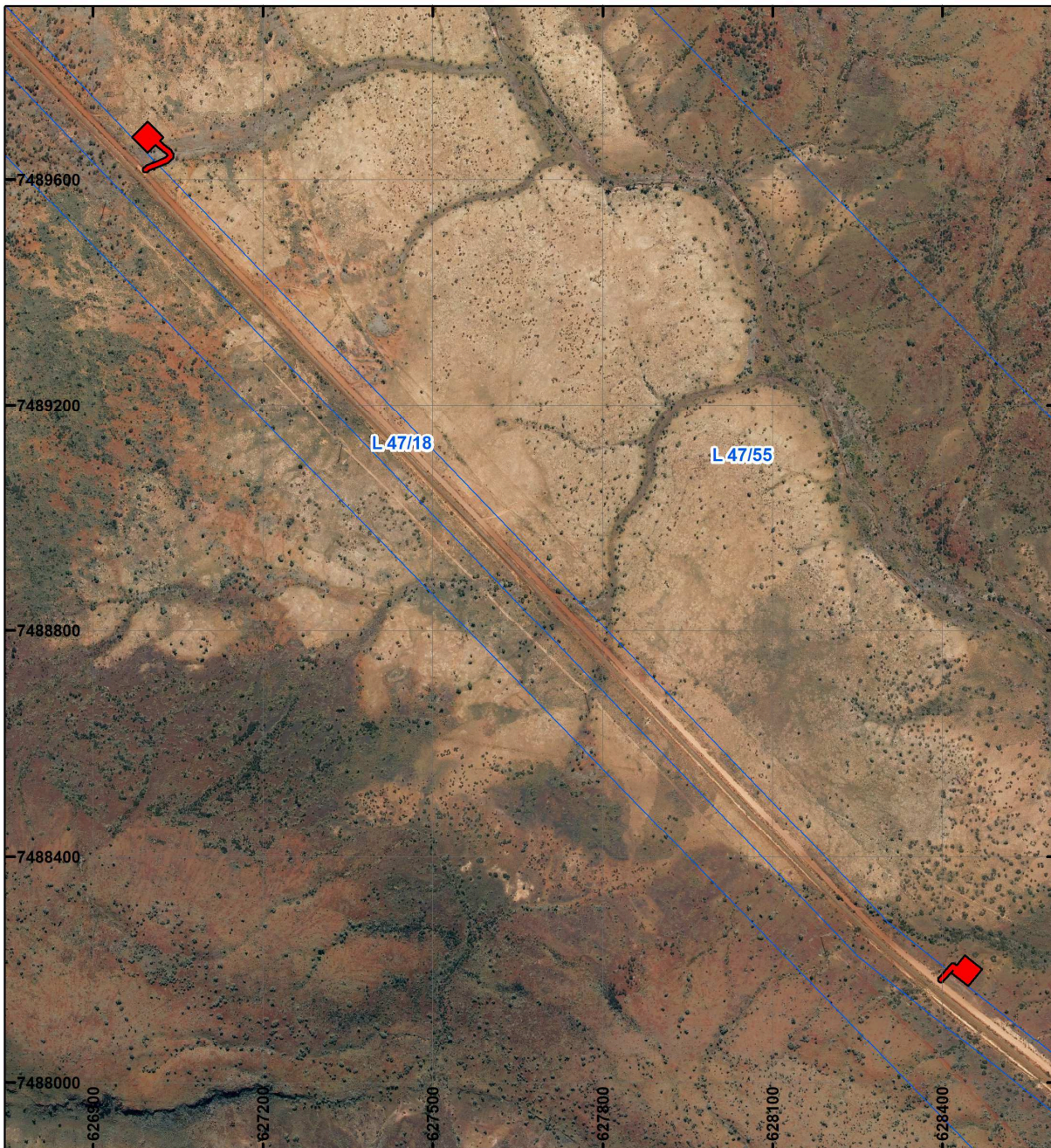


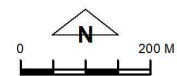
Figure 1: Map of the application area. The areas shaded red indicate the areas which have been surrendered



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- CPS 3550/3 areas surrendered

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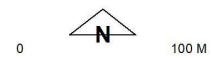
Figure 2: Map of the application area. The areas shaded red indicate the areas which have been surrendered



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Figure 3: Map of the application area. The area shaded red indicate the areas which have been surrendered

2 Assessment

2.1. Review of compliance with clearing permit conditions

On 22 February 2022, the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (the Department) reviewed the annual clearing permit report for Clearing Permit CPS 3550/3. The Department identified that the permit holder had cleared 0.84 hectares of the total approved clearing under the permit, and approximately 0.41 hectares has been rehabilitated. Areas that have not been rehabilitated are due to ongoing hydrogeological monitoring (Rio Tinto, 2021).

The Department's review of the permit holder's requirements under Clearing Permit CPS 3550/3 did not identify any non-compliance with the clearing permit conditions, and has satisfied the condition 7 of the Permit which relates to revegetation and rehabilitation of areas that are no longer required.

2.2. Relevant planning instruments and other matters

On 1 November 2021, the Department accepted the permit holder's application to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 3550/3 and gave the permit holder 28 calendar days' notice to provide comment prior to the permit being surrendered. No comments were received.

Appendix A. References

Rio Tinto (2021) CPS 3550/3 Annual Clearing Permit Report - Final Report. Rio Tinto, November 2021.