



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 374/4
File Number: DEC19611
Duration of Permit: From 20 June 2005 to 20 June 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

M24/403	M24/60	M24/155
M24/255	M24/321	M24/79
M24/231	M24/363	G24/11
M24/291	M24/302	G24/12
P24/3076	M24/234	M24/236
P24/3077	M24/81	M24/166
M24/205	M24/82	M24/256
M24/270	M24/710	M24/102
M24/138	M24/182	M24/211
M24/187	M24/223	M24/810
M24/271	M24/16	M24/796
M24/220	M24/227	M24/708
M24/272	M24/705	M24/172
M24/393	M24/709	M24/304
M24/229	M24/266	
M24/432	M24/265	

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 100 hectares for the purposes of mining.

CONDITIONS

1. Prior to clearing, the site shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a suitably qualified person who shall identify the flora and fauna species present in accordance with :
 - a) Guidance Statement No 51 Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority, and;
 - b) Guidance Statement no 56, Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority.
2. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
 - a) findings of the suitably qualified person as described under condition 1
 - b) location of rare flora;
 - c) location of priority flora;
 - d) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna; and
 - e) location of threatened ecological communities.
3. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of rare flora unless the permit holder has first obtained Ministerial consent to take that rare flora under section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

4. The Permit Holder shall not clear priority flora unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.
5. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of significant habitat for specially protected fauna unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.
6. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 500m of a Threatened Ecological Community fauna unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.
7. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - a) the location where clearing occurred;
 - b) the co-ordinates of areas cleared using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - c) the purpose for which the clearing was carried out;
 - d) area cleared in hectares.
8. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the CEO by 31 July each year setting out the records required under condition 2 and 6 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous year.
9. Where water flows or collects within a cleared area, the Permit Holder shall construct levee banks to divert water away from the cleared area and into existing drainage channels.

DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided, terms used in this Permit have the meaning set out in the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

“priority flora” means priority flora as identified in the Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia as published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management from time to time.

“rare flora” means flora that is declared to be rare flora under section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

“suitably qualified person” means a person with botanical training and specific work experience in ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora, and experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian Fauna.

“specially protected fauna” means fauna declared under section 14(2)(ba) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* as likely to become extinct, or as being rare, or otherwise in need of special protection.

“significant habitat” means habitat that provides resources (breeding, hunting, protection, resting and feeding), connectivity or habitat area for a species or community of indigenous fauna that is necessary for its survival.

“Threatened Ecological Community” means an ecological community that –

- a) has been determined by the Minister to be a threatened ecological community; and
- b) is referred to in the list of threatened ecological communities maintained by the chief executive officer of the Department principally assisting in the administration of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*.

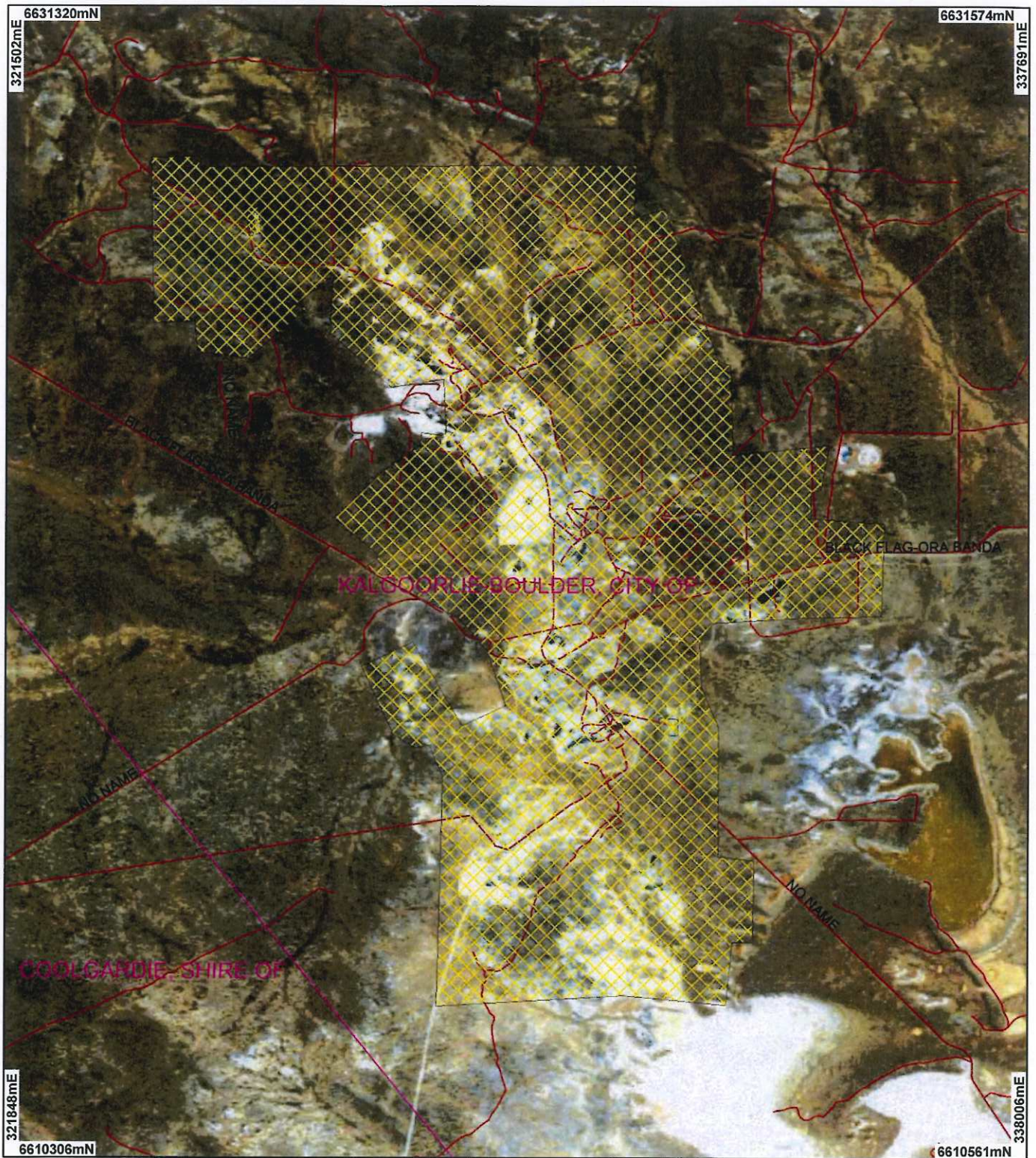


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25 August 2011

Plan 374/1

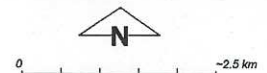


LEGEND

- Cadastre_1
- Road Centrelines
- Clearing Instruments

- Areas Approved to Clear
- Local Government Authorities

Western Australia Landsat
Mosaic 25m - AGO 2006



Scale 1:93732

(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been projected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

Date 25/8/11
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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 374/4

Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

M24/403
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Local Government Area: City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)
100

No. Trees

Method of Clearing
Mechanical Removal

For the purpose of:
Mineral Production

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date: 25 August 2011

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Beard Vegetation Association 125: Bare areas; salt lakes;	This proposal is for a purpose permit to clear up to 100ha for the purpose of mining within the mining tenements listed, above, in property details.	Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)	Vegetation condition was determined from aerial photography, Edith Cowan University (2005) report and information received from the Department of Industry and Resources (DOIR, 2005).
Beard Vegetation Association 128: Bare areas: rock outcrops;			
Beard Vegetation Association 468: Medium woodland; salmon gum and Goldfields blackbutt;	Mt Pleasant is a historically disturbed mining area which has undergone a significant amount of recent and historical clearing associated with mining (DOIR, 2005).		
Beard Vegetation Association 540: Succulent steppe with open low woodland; sheoak over saltbush;	Edith Cowan University (2005) report five different vegetation communities within the area of the proposal. Species include Eucalyptus salmonaphloia, E. clelandii, Halosarcia sp., Acacia sp., maireana sp., Atriplex sp. and Eremophila sp. Edith Cowan University (2005) report the vegetation condition as being from good to excellent with few weed species.		
Beard Vegetation Association 936: Medium woodland; salmon gum;			
Beard Vegetation Association 2901: Mosaic: Medium woodland; Allocasuarina cristata & Goldfields blackbutt/Shrublands; Acacia quadrimarginea thicket (Shepherd, 2007).	Grazing and tree-cutting impacts appear slight to moderate and the mining company has considerably reduced stocking rates in recent years.		

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The clearing permit has been amended to allow for the reporting period from "1 July to 30 June" and the reporting date as 31 July. The assessment against the clearing principles have not changed, the findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 374/2.

Methodology

Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

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No submissions from the public have been received.

Methodology

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance - DIA 02/10
- Cadastre - Landgate 12/09
- Country Area Water Supply Act (Part IIA) Clearing Control Catchments - DoW 29/06/06

- Environmental Impact Assessments - EPA 08/03/05
- Native Title Claims - LA 2/5/07
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs) - DoW 07/02/06
- Town Planning Scheme Zones - MFP 31/08/98

4. References

- CALM (2005) Land clearing proposal advice to A/Director General, Department of Environment (DoE). Department of Conservation and Land Management, Western Australia. DoE TRIM ref NI 1013.
- DAWA (2005) Land degradation assessment advice. Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation, Department of Agriculture Western Australia. DoE TRIM ref NI 1005.
- DOIR (2005) Submission. Department of Industry and Resources, Western Australia. DOE TRIM Ref ND 620.
- Edith Cowan University (2005) Vegetation and Flora of the Mt Pleasant Mining Area, Kalgoorlie West Operations - A report prepared for Placer Dome Inc, April 2005. Centre for Ecosystem Management, Edith Cowan University. DOE TRIM ref NI 1027.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P. (2007) Adapted from: Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.

5. Glossary

Term	Meaning
BCS	Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)
DoE	Department of Environment
DoIR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)