



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	376/7
Duration of Permit:	From 7 April 2006 to 9 December 2022
Permit Holder:	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

Mining Lease 24/20
Mining Lease 24/101
Mining Lease 24/180
Mining Lease 24/181
Mining Lease 24/183
Mining Lease 24/239
Mining Lease 24/240
Mining Lease 24/251
Mining Lease 24/416
Mining Lease 24/417
Mining Lease 24/422
Mining Lease 24/426
Mining Lease 24/428
Mining Lease 24/497
Mining Lease 24/716
Mining Lease 24/962
Miscellaneous Licence 24/29

2. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purposes of mining operations.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 100 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 376/7.

4. Application

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. 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.

6. Flora and Vegetation Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *botanist* to conduct a *targeted flora survey* of the area to be cleared for the presence of rare flora listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice* and *priority flora*.
- (b) Where rare or *priority flora* are identified under Condition 6(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a botanist to map the *critical habitat* of the identified rare or *priority flora* within the Permit Area.
- (c) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the *targeted flora survey* in a report to the *CEO*.
- (d) If rare or *priority flora* are identified within the Permit Area, the *targeted flora survey* report must include the following:
 - (i) the location of each rare or *priority flora*, either as the location of individual plants, or where this is not practical, the areal extent of the population and an estimate of the number of plants, 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; and
 - (ii) the species name of each rare or *priority flora*, identified; and
 - (iii) the methodology, used to survey the Permit Area and to establish the critical habitat of flora; and
 - (iv) the extent of the critical habitat of the identified rare or *priority flora* shown on a map; and
 - (v) a site description of the critical habitat of rare or *priority flora* found.
- (e) Where rare or *priority flora* are identified under Condition 6(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) no clearing of *critical habitat* of the identified rare or *priority flora* occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) no clearing of *priority flora* occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

7. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct a *fauna survey* of the area to be cleared, to identify *critical habitat* being utilised by fauna listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice*.
- (b) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the fauna survey in a report to the *CEO*.

- (c) The fauna survey report must include the following;
- (i) the location of the *critical habitat* 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 location of any fauna species, 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;
 - (iii) the name of each fauna species identified;
 - (iv) the methodology, used to survey the Permit Area and to establish the *critical habitat*;
 - (v) the extent of the *critical habitat* of the identified rare fauna shown on a map; and
 - (vi) a description of the *critical habitat* of rare fauna found.
- (d) Where fauna are identified under Condition 7(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
- (i) no clearing of *critical habitat* of the identified rare fauna occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
 - (ii) no taking of identified fauna occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. 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.

9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety 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 Condition 8 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 9 December 2022, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety a written report of records required under Condition 8 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 9(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

botanist means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in identification and surveys of flora native to the bioregion being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the *CEO* as a suitable botanist for the bioregion;

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

critical habitat means any part of the Permit Area comprising of the habitat of flora or fauna species and its population, that is critical for the health and long term survival of the flora or fauna species and its population;

fauna specialist means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specializing in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the *CEO* as a suitable fauna specialist for the

bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*;

fauna survey means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of fauna and/or fauna habitat of the Permit Area. Where conservation significant fauna are identified in the Permit Area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the Permit Area into local context;

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 means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 in the Department of Parks and Wildlife's Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended);

targeted flora survey means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of flora and vegetation of the Permit Area, focusing on habitat suitable for flora species that are being targeted and carried out during the optimal time to identify those species. Where target flora are identified in the Permit Area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the Permit Area into local context;

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is declared under the section 37 of the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned;

Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice means those plant taxa gazetted as rare flora pursuant to section 23F(2) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (as amended);

Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice means those fauna taxa gazetted as rare fauna pursuant to section 14(4)(a) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (as amended).



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