



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 4329/3
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	20 June 2011 – 20 June 2016

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

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purpose of constructing an access road and relocating buildings and infrastructure associated with Yarraloola Pastoral Station.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 307 on Plan 63519 (Fortescue 6716)  
North West Coastal Highway (Fortescue 6716)

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 25 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 4329/3.

**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.

**5. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures**

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the Permit Holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

### PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

**6. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

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:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

## 7. 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*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

## PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### 8. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) 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;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

### 9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
  - (i) of records required under condition 8 of this Permit; and
  - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 20 March 2016, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO 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:

*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 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 *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.

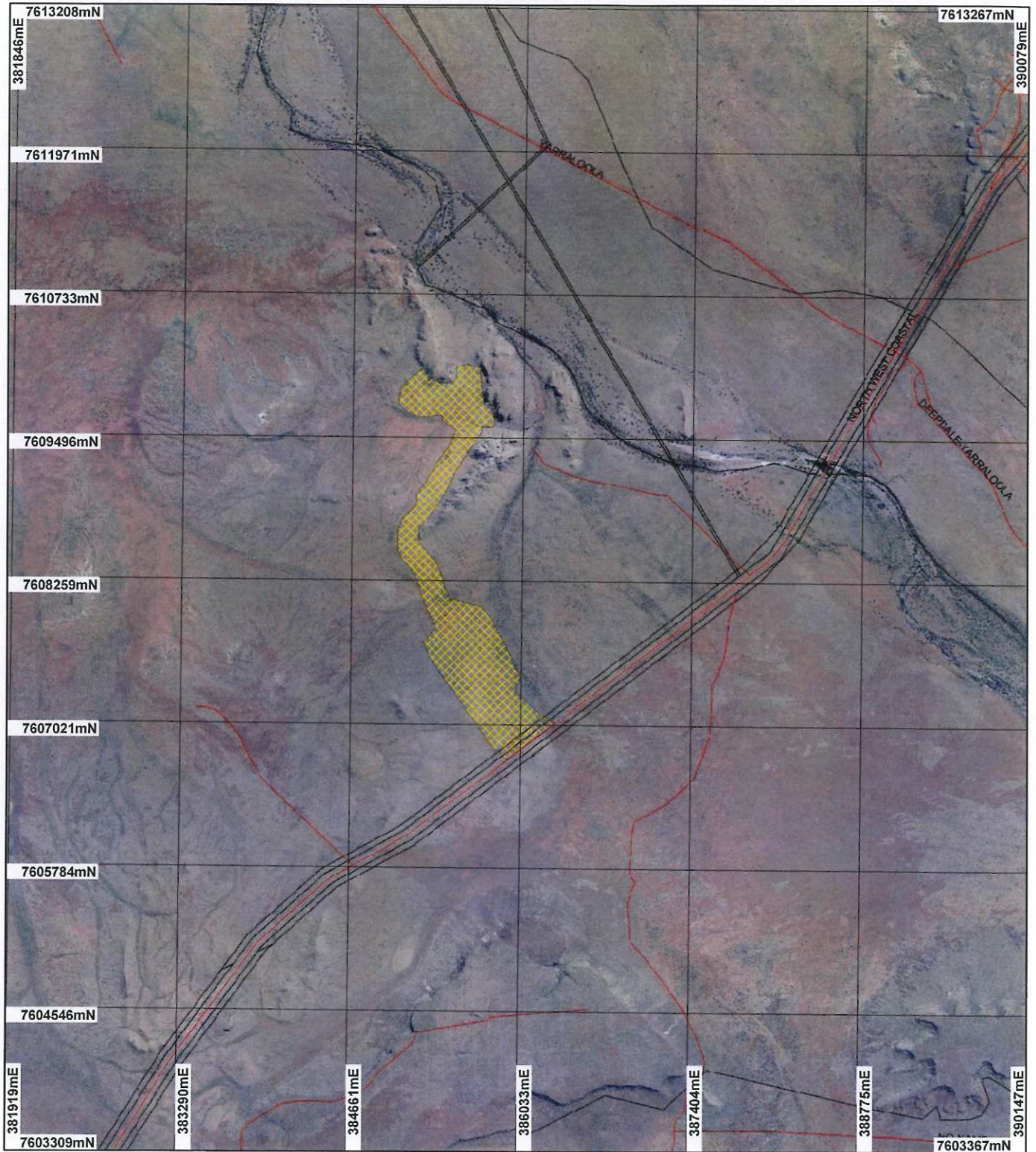


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

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# Plan 4329/3 - Plan



## LEGEND

### Clearing Instruments

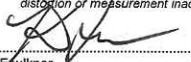
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-  Yarraloola 1.4m Orthomosaic - Landgate 2001



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Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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

 Date 6/10/11  
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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4329/3  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 307 ON PLAN 63519 (Lot No. 307 NORTH WEST COASTAL FORTESCUE 6716)  
ROAD RESERVE (FORTESCUE 6716)

Local Government Area: Shire of Ashburton

Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
25		Mechanical Removal	Building or Structure

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 6 October 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
The vegetation under application has been identified as Beard vegetation association 583 which is described as Hummock grasslands, sparse shrub steppe; kanji & Acacia bivenosa over hard spinifex Triodia basedowii & T. wiseana (Shepherd 2009).	The proposal is to clear 25 hectares of native vegetation within Yarraloola Pastoral Lease (Lot 307 on Plan 63519, Fortescue) and North West Coastal Highway road reserve for the purpose of an access track and relocation of buildings and infrastructure associated with the pastoral station.	Excellent: Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation under application was determined via digital imagery (Yarraloola 1.4m Orthomosaic - Landgate 2001).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The permit has been amended to change the permit boundary and to include a small area of vegetation within North West Coastal Highway road reserve. The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed, the findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 4329/1.

### Methodology

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

### Comments

The permit has been amended to change the permit boundary. The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed, the findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 4329/1.

No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

### Methodology

## 4. References

- 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. (2009) 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)