



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	6183/2
Duration of Permit:	From 30 August 2014 to 30 August 2024
Permit Holder:	Cassini Resources Limited

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 69/72
Mining Lease 69/73
Mining Lease 69/74
Mining Lease 69/75
Exploration Licence 69/1505
Exploration Licence 69/1530
Exploration Licence 69/2201

2. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 59.5 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas cross-hatched yellow, shaded green or shaded red on attached Plan 6183/2.

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. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised within the areas shaded red on attached Plan 6183/2, the areas to be cleared shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of:
 - (i) *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink) burrows; and
 - (ii) *Dasyercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara) burrows.
- (b) Where *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink) burrows, are identified in relation to Condition 6(a) of this permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 200 metres of the identified burrows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.
- (c) Where *Dasyercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara) burrows, are identified in relation to Condition 6(a) of this permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified burrows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

7. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised within the areas crossed-hatched yellow on attached Plan 6183/2, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to identify *critical habitat* for the fauna species listed below:
 - (i) *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink); and
 - (ii) *Dasyercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara).
- (b) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised within the areas of *critical habitat* identified in relation to Condition 7(a), the areas to be cleared shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of:
 - (i) *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink) burrows; and
 - (ii) *Dasyercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara) burrows
- (c) Where *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink) burrows, are identified in relation to Condition 7(b) of this permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 200 metres of the identified burrows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.
- (d) Where *Dasyercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara) burrows, are identified in relation to Condition 7(b) of this permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified burrows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

8. Flora Management

Where the *priority flora* species *Aenictophyton anomalum*, *Euphorbia parvicaruncula* and *Indigofera warburtonensis* have been identified and their written locations provided to the *CEO* and retained on the Department of Mines and Petroleum file "A1398/201401" the Permit Holder shall ensure that:

- (i) no clearing of identified *Aenictophyton anomalum*, *Euphorbia parvicaruncula* and *Indigofera warburtonensis* occurs unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
- (ii) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified *Aenictophyton anomalum*, *Euphorbia parvicaruncula* and *Indigofera warburtonensis* unless first approved by the *CEO*.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. Records to be kept

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 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.

- (b) In relation to fauna management pursuant to Condition 6 of this Permit:
- (i) the location of each *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink) and *Dasycercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara) burrows identified 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 species name of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising, the habitat(s);
 - (iii) a copy of the fauna specialist's report.
- (c) In relation to fauna management pursuant to Condition 7 of this Permit:
- (i) The location of the *critical habitat* recorded using a 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 each *Liopholis kintorei* (Great Desert Skink) and *Dasycercus blythi* (Brush-tailed Mulgara) burrows identified 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 species name of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising, the habitat(s);
 - (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 fauna shown a map;
 - (vi) a description of the *critical habitat*;
 - (vii) a copy of the fauna specialist's report.

10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the General Manager Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety by 1 October each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 9 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 30 August 2024, the Permit Holder must provide to the General Manager Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety a written report of records required under Condition 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:

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.

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;

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

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under the section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Regional Weed Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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