



## **CLEARING PERMIT**

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	6576/2
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	From 1 August 2015 to 31 August 2030
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Buckski Holdings 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 45/1242

**2. Clearing authorised (purpose)**

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of sand mining and associated activities.

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 350 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

**4. Type of Clearing Authorised**

The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within six months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

### **PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

**5. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing**

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared under this Permit, the Permit Holder must apply the following principles, set out in descending order of preference:

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

**6. 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 known *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.

## 7. Flora Management

Where the *priority flora* species *Euploca mutica* (formerly *Heliotropium muticum*) has been identified and its written locations provided to the *CEO*, within report "Pippingarra Road Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Assessment of E45/3819, ENV Australia Pty Ltd", on DEMIRS File No. A0943/201501, A66792047, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:

- (a) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of *Euploca mutica*, unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
- (b) no clearing of *Euploca mutica* occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

## 8. Fauna Management

Where vegetation types 'CcAtAccTeCf' and 'AiAccAtAsTiTe' have been identified, mapped and locations provided to the *CEO* within report: "Pippingarra Road Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Assessment of E45/3819, ENV Australia Pty Ltd", on DEMIRS File No. A0943/201501, A66792047, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:

- (a) Within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake clearance surveys for the northern quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*).
- (b) Within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to relocate any northern quoll found under Condition 8(a) of this permit to a suitable habitat.
- (c) The Permit Holder shall engage a fauna spotter to traverse the project area ahead of clearing machinery, at the time of clearing and alert machinery operators to avoid injury or mortality to the northern quoll or other fauna gazetted within the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2018.
- (d) Where fauna is identified and relocated under Condition 8(a), 8(b) and 8(c) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO*:
  - (i) The location of any evidence of northern quoll 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 type of evidence recorded under Condition 8(d)(i) e.g. fauna individuals, burrows, scats, tracks;
  - (iii) The location and date where any northern quoll were relocated 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;
  - (iv) The name of the *fauna specialist* that relocated the northern quoll under Condition 8(c); and
  - (v) A copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of the northern quoll under Condition 8(c).

## **PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

### 9. Records to be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain records relating to the listed relevant matters in accordance with the specifications detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Records that must be kept**

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(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;</li><li>(b) the date that the area was cleared;</li><li>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</li><li>(d) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with Condition 5.</li></ul>
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to Condition 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the location of <i>Euploca mutica</i>, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;</li><li>(b) actions taken to demarcate <i>Euploca mutica</i> recorded and their relevant buffers; and</li></ul>

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
		(c) actions taken to avoid the clearing <i>Euploca mutica</i> species.
3.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to Condition 8	(a) All actions taken in accordance with Condition 8

## 10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the *CEO* 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) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the *CEO* by 1 October of each year.
- (c) Prior to 31 August 2030, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 10(a) or 10(b) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

In this Permit, the terms in Table 2 have the meanings defined.

**Table 2: Definitions**

Term	Definition
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.
condition/s	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.
department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
fauna specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of two (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 <i>CEO</i> as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
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.
native vegetation	has the meaning given under section 3(1) and section 51A of the EP Act.
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 from time to time).

Term	Definition
weed/s	<p>means any plant –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>; or</li> <li>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or</li> <li>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.</li> </ul>

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**END OF CONDITIONS**




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



SCHEDULE 1

The boundary of the area authorised to be cleared is shown in the map below (Figure 1).

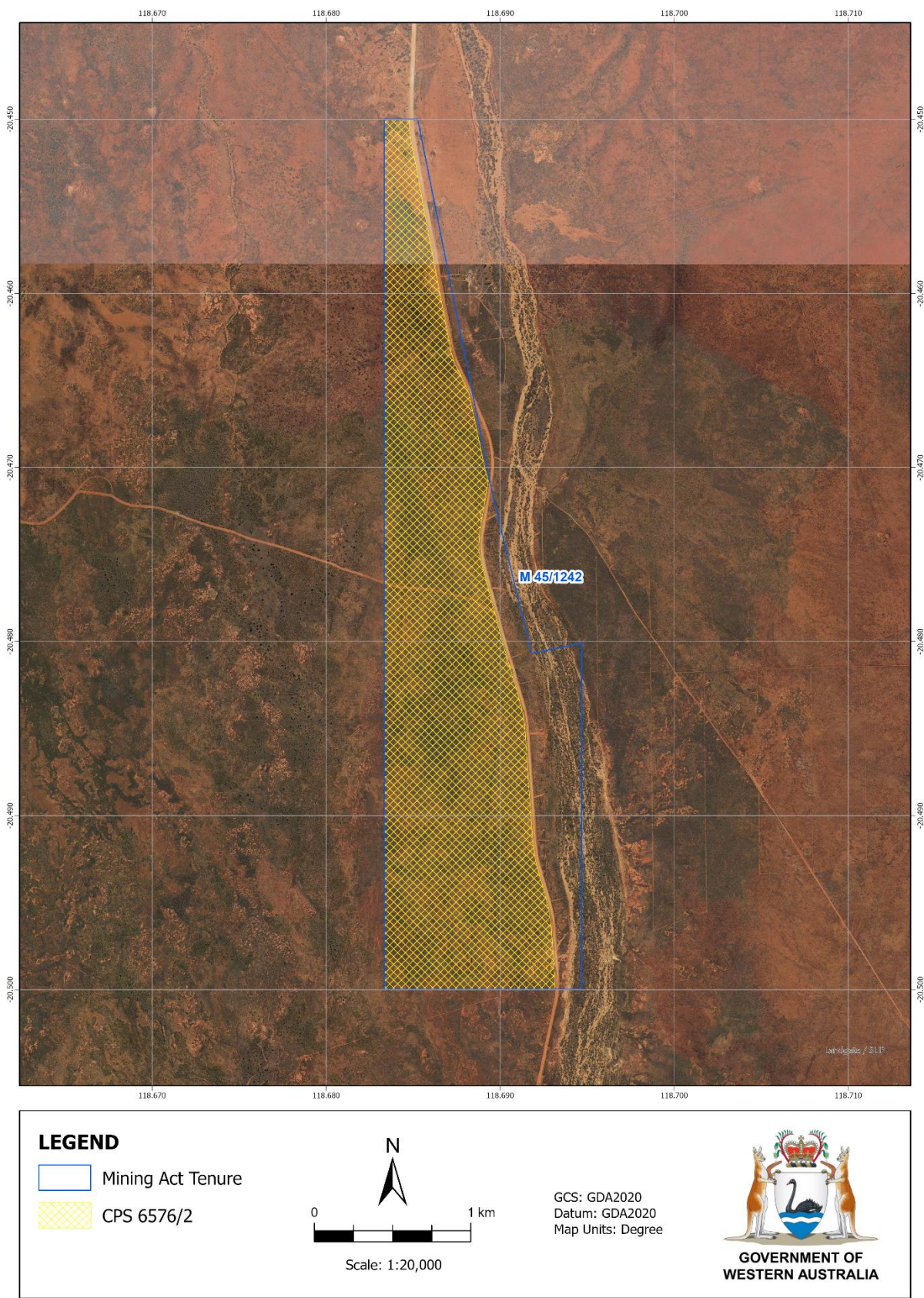


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur