



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	6726/2
Duration of Permit:	From 13 February 2016 to 31 August 2026
Permit Holder:	GWR Group 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 53/1016
Mining Lease 53/1017
Mining Lease 53/1018
Mining Lease 53/1078
Mining Lease 53/1087
Miscellaneous Licence 53/148
- 2. Purpose for which clearing may be done**
Clearing for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities.
- 3. Area of Clearing**
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1,290 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow or shaded red on attached Plan 6726/2.
- 4. Restricted Clearing**
The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 126 hectares of native vegetation, within the areas shaded red on attached Plan 6726/2.
- 5. Staged Clearing**
The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised begins within 6 months of the clearing being undertaken.
- 6. 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

7. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of 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:

- (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.

8. 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.

9. Malleefowl Management Plan

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing the Permit Holder must submit a Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) Management Plan to the *CEO*.
- (b) The Malleefowl Management Plan must include:
 - (i) a plan for managing the impacts to Malleefowl;
 - (ii) a table setting out the Permit Holder's commitments to the Malleefowl Management Plan requirements; and
 - (iii) a program for monitoring compliance with the Permit Holder's commitments.
- (c) The Malleefowl Management Plan must be approved by the *CEO* prior to being implemented.
- (d) The approved Malleefowl Management Plan must be implemented by the Permit Holder.
- (e) If it is necessary to modify the Malleefowl Management Plan, then the Permit Holder must submit the modified plan to the *CEO*.
- (f) The modified Malleefowl Management Plan must not be implemented until approved by the *CEO*.
- (g) An approved modified Malleefowl Management Plan supersedes any previous Malleefowl Management Plan.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. 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) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and the extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 7 of this Permit; and

- (c) actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with Condition 8 of this Permit.

11. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the *CEO* 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 10 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 31 August 2026, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 10 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 11(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 responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

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 any plant -

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



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