

## **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

**Purpose Permit number:** CPS 7408/5

**Permit Holder:** Mt Morgans WA Mining Pty Ltd

**Duration of Permit:** From 11 March 2017 to 31 December 2027

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* subject to the following conditions of this permit.

#### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

## 1. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities.

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

Mining Leases 39/18, 39/36, 39/228, 39/236, 39/272, 39/273, 39/282, 39/305, 39/390, 39/395, 39/403, 39/513, 39/1107, 39/1120, 39/1129

Miscellaneous Licences 39/57, 39/244

## 3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 765 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

## 4. Period during which clearing is 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 impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the native vegetation authorised 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 management

When undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must take the following measures to minimise the risk of 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.

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### PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

#### 7. Records that must 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	Speci	ifications
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	(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;
		(b)	the date that the area was cleared;
		(c)	the size of the area cleared (in hectares);
		(d)	actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and
		(e)	actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6.

#### 8. 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 7 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 31 July of each year.
- (c) Prior to 31 December 2027 the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under Condition 7 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 8(a) or 8(b) of this Permit.

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this permit, the terms in Table have the meanings defined.

**Table 2: Definitions** 

Term	Definition
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.
condition	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.
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	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)
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.

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Term	Definition
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)
Threatened flora	means a threatened flora as defined in:  (a) the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> section 5(1); or the Commonwealth Environment Act section 528.
weeds	means any plant —  (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> ; or  (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or  (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

# **END OF CONDITIONS**

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# Schedule 1

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

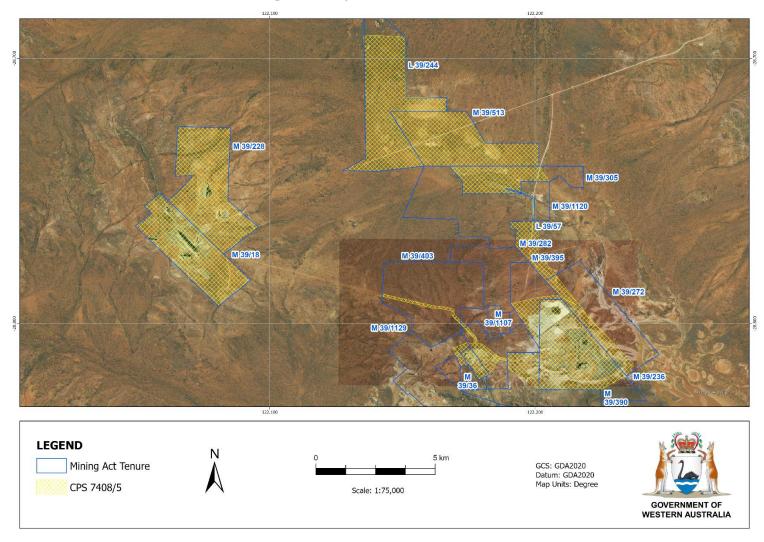


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur

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