



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7425/1  
File Number: A2368/201601  
Duration of Permit: From 17 June 2017 to 31 December 2017

### PERMIT HOLDER

Western Mining Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 20/519; Mining Lease 20/520; Mining Lease 20/522; Mining Lease 20/523; Mining Lease 20/524;  
Mining Lease 20/525

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 53.43 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7425/1.

### CONDITIONS

1. Staged Clearing  
The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised begins within 3 months of the clearing being undertaken.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Flora Management  
Where rare or priority flora have been identified and their written locations provided to the *CEO*, within report 'Vegetation Survey and Rare Flora Search of the Cue Victory Project, Conducted September 2016. - Supporting Information for the Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Application - Purpose Permit - October 2016' as retained on DMP file A2368/201601, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
  - (i) no clearing of identified rare or priority flora occurs unless first approved by the *CEO*;
  - (ii) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified priority flora unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
  - (iii) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of identified rare flora unless first approved by the *CEO*.

## 5. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify habitat/*habitat tree(s)* suitable to be utilised by *Egernia stokesii badia* (Western Spiny-tailed Skink) .
- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat/*habitat tree(s)* identified by Condition 5(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of fauna listed in Condition 5(a).
- (c) Where fauna are identified in relation to Condition 5(b) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
  - (i) no clearing of the identified habitat/*habitat tree(s)* occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
  - (ii) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified habitat/*habitat tree(s)* unless first approved by the *CEO*.

## 6. Records to be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

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) the purpose for which the clearing was undertaken.

## 7. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum 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 6 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 31 December 2017, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 6 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 7(a) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms in this Permit:

*CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment Regulation or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environment Protection Act 1986*;

*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, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*;

*fill* means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

*habitat tree(s)* means trees that have a diameter, measured at 1.5 metres from the base of the tree, of 50 centimetres or greater, that contains or has the potential to develop hollows or roosts suitable for native fauna;

*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, 4 or 5 in the *Department of Parks and Wildlife's Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia* (as amended);

*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 Parks and Wildlife 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*