



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 8348/1
File Number: A0928/201901
Duration of Permit: From 30 March 2019 to 29 March 2021

PERMIT HOLDER

BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 36/9
Mining Lease 36/294
Mining Lease 53/166
Mining Lease 53/217
Mining Lease 53/218
Mining Lease 53/489

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 55.6 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 8348/1.

CONDITIONS

1. 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.

2. Avoid, minimise etc 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:

- (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

3. 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.

4. 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 28 February each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 3 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous calendar year.
- (b) Prior to 29 March 2021, 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 3 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 4(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms in this Permit:

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*