



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 8834/3
Permit Holder:	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd
Duration of Permit:	From 30 May 2020 to 29 May 2030

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 a powerline and associated infrastructure.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Miscellaneous Licence 45/459
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 Miscellaneous Licence 45/469
 Miscellaneous Licence 47/847
 Miscellaneous Licence 47/914

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not *clear* more than 90.3 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow and pink in Figures 1-6 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 3 months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

5. 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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Fauna management – greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara

- (a) Within 14 days, or within another timeframe approved by the *CEO*, prior to undertaking any clearing authorised within the area cross-hatched pink in Figure 6 of Schedule 1 under this permit, the permit holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake pre-clearance survey of the area(s) intended to be cleared for the greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*) and brush-tailed mulgara (*Dasycercus blythi*) including the identification and inspection of burrows, and determination of whether burrows are being utilised.
- (b) Where evidence of recent burrow use is identified under condition 8(a) of this permit, the Permit holder shall:
 - (i) engage a *fauna specialist* to flag the location of the burrow/s showing signs of recent use;
 - (ii) not clear within 10 metres of the flagged burrow/s;
 - (iii) clearing of the burrows showing signs of recent use cannot be undertaken until a *fauna specialist* is engaged to monitor with cameras, the flagged burrow/s for a maximum of five days, or until such time that greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara have been observed to independently move on from the burrow/s; and
 - (iv) prior to clearing any burrows showing signs of recent use, engage a *fauna specialist* to re-inspect any flagged burrow/s for the presence of greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara.
- (c) If greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara are identified utilising any flagged burrow/s under condition 8(b)(iv) of this permit and cannot be avoided in accordance with condition 6 of this permit, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to remove and relocate the identified greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara to an area of *suitable habitat*, in accordance with a section 40 authorisation under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

- (d) Where active greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara burrows are identified under condition 8(a) of this permit, and/or greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara are relocated under condition 8(c) of this permit, the permit holder must include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO* within 14 calendar days of undertaking any *clearing* authorised under this permit:
- (i) the location of any greater bilbies or brush-tailed mulgara, as referred to under condition 8(a) of this Permit, captured using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (ii) a description of the camera monitoring measures undertaken under condition 8(b)(iii) of this Permit;
 - (iii) the date and time of greater bilbies or brush-tailed mulgara were recorded as independently moving from a flagged burrow;
 - (iv) the number of individuals, gender of each greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara captured/relocated under condition 8(b) and 8(c) of this permit;
 - (v) the date, time, vegetation type and weather conditions at each location where greater bilbies or brush-tailed mulgaras were captured under condition 8(c) of this permit;
 - (vi) the method of removal;
 - (vii) the location where each greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara was relocated to, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (viii) details pertaining to the circumstances of any death of, or injury sustained by, an individual;
 - (ix) the relevant qualifications of the *fauna specialist* undertaking removal and relocation; and
 - (x) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of fauna under condition 8(c) of this permit.

9. Vegetation management – watercourse

The permit holder must:

- (a) avoid clearing *riparian vegetation*, where practicable; and
- (b) maintain the existing surface flow of any *watercourse* and/or *wetland/s* that is to be impacted by the authorised clearing.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. 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	Specifications
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area; (b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to

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	generally	<p>GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;</p> <p>(c) the date that the area was cleared;</p> <p>(d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares)</p> <p>(e) purpose for which clearing was undertaken;</p> <p>(f) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6 of this Permit; and</p> <p>(g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 7 of this Permit.</p>
2.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 8	<p>(a) results of the pre-clearance surveys undertaken in accordance with condition 10 of this permit; and</p> <p>(b) a copy of the <i>fauna specialist's</i> report.</p>

11. Reporting

- (a) The permit holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 31 July of each calendar year, a written report containing:
 - (i) the records required to be kept under condition 10; and
 - (ii) records of activities done by the permit holder under this permit between 1 July and 30 June of the preceding financial year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this permit has been undertaken, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been undertaken, must be provided to the CEO on or before 31 July of each calendar year.
- (c) The permit holder must provide to the CEO, no later than 90 calendar days prior to the expiry date of the permit, a written report of records required under condition 10, where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a).

DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 2 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.
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.

Term	Definition
fauna specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising 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 <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.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
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.
riparian vegetation	has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the <i>Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004</i> ;
watercourse	has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> ;
wetland/s	means an area of seasonally, intermittently or permanently waterlogged or inundated land, whether natural or otherwise, and includes a lake, swamp, marsh, spring, dampland, tidal flat or estuary;
weeds	means any plant – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

B. Walker.

Belinda Walker
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

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

23 May 2025

Schedule 1

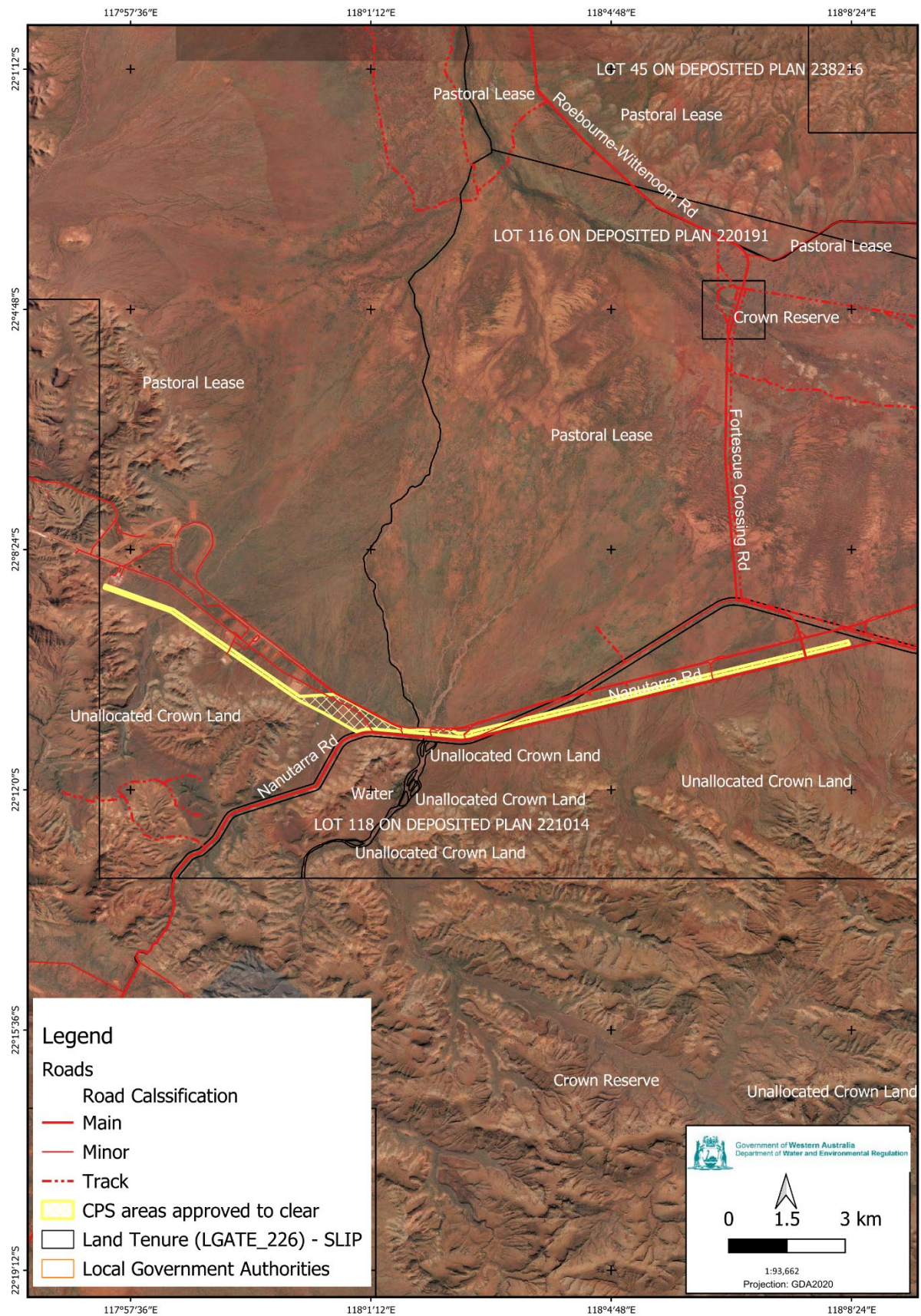


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur

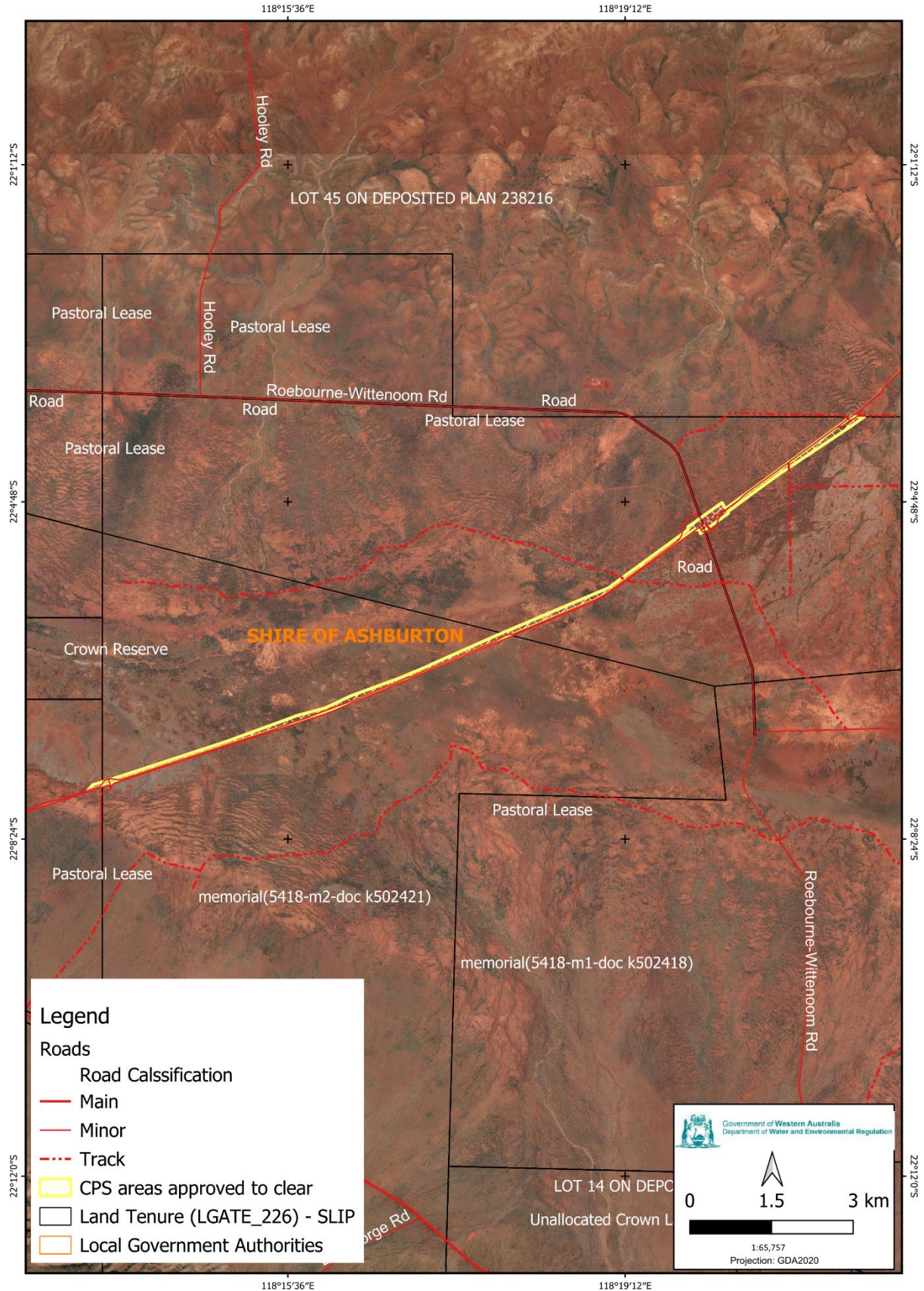


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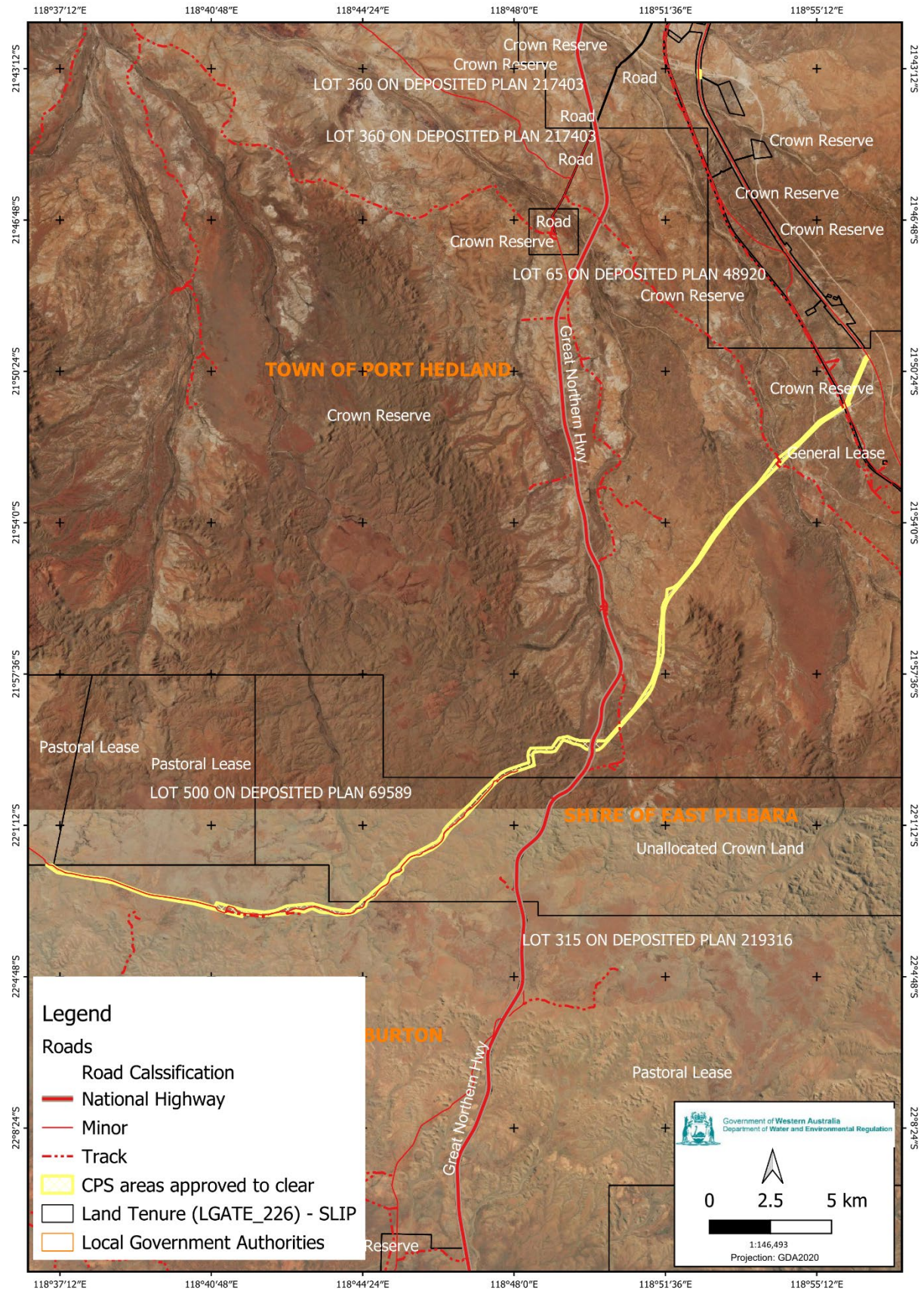


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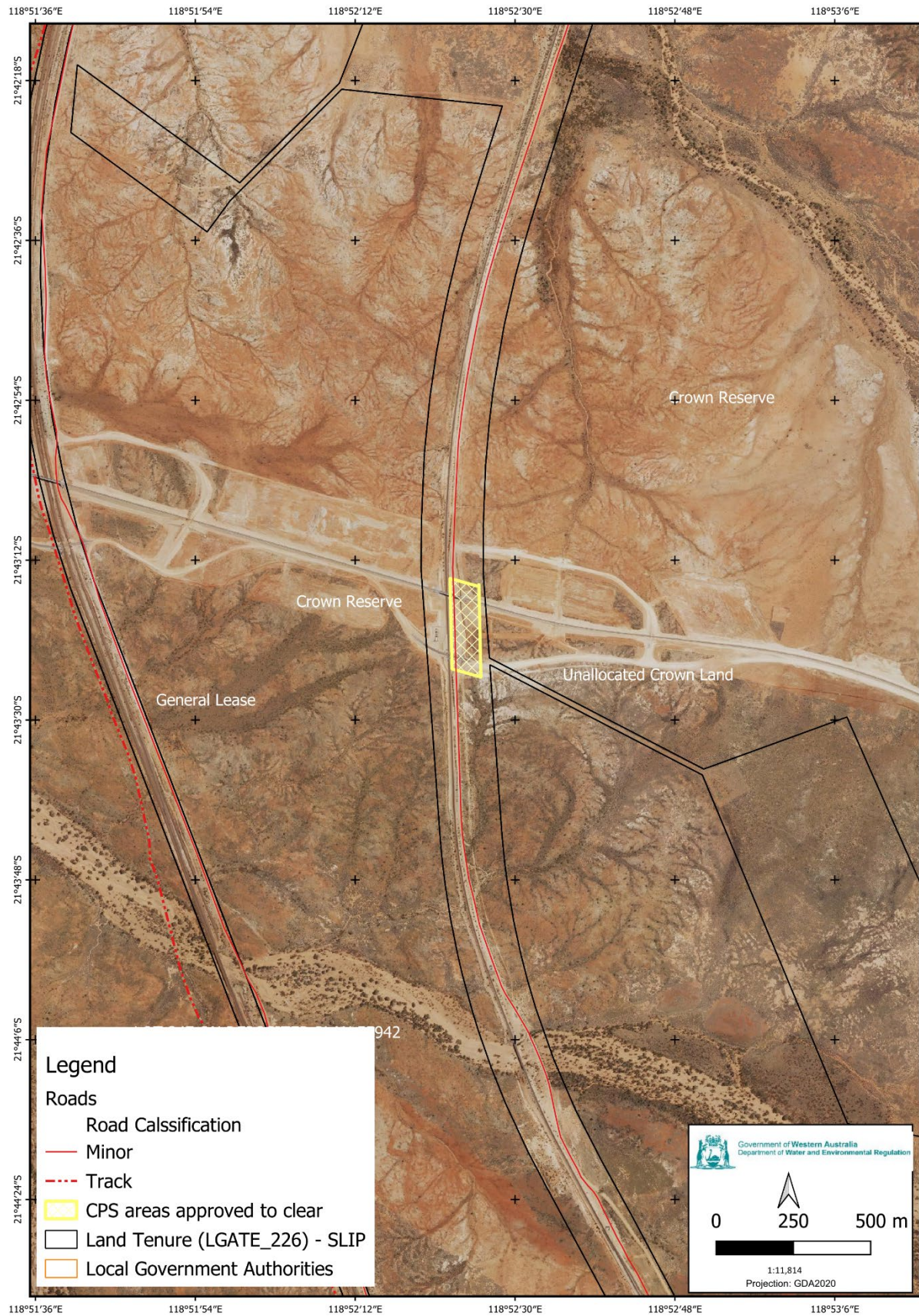


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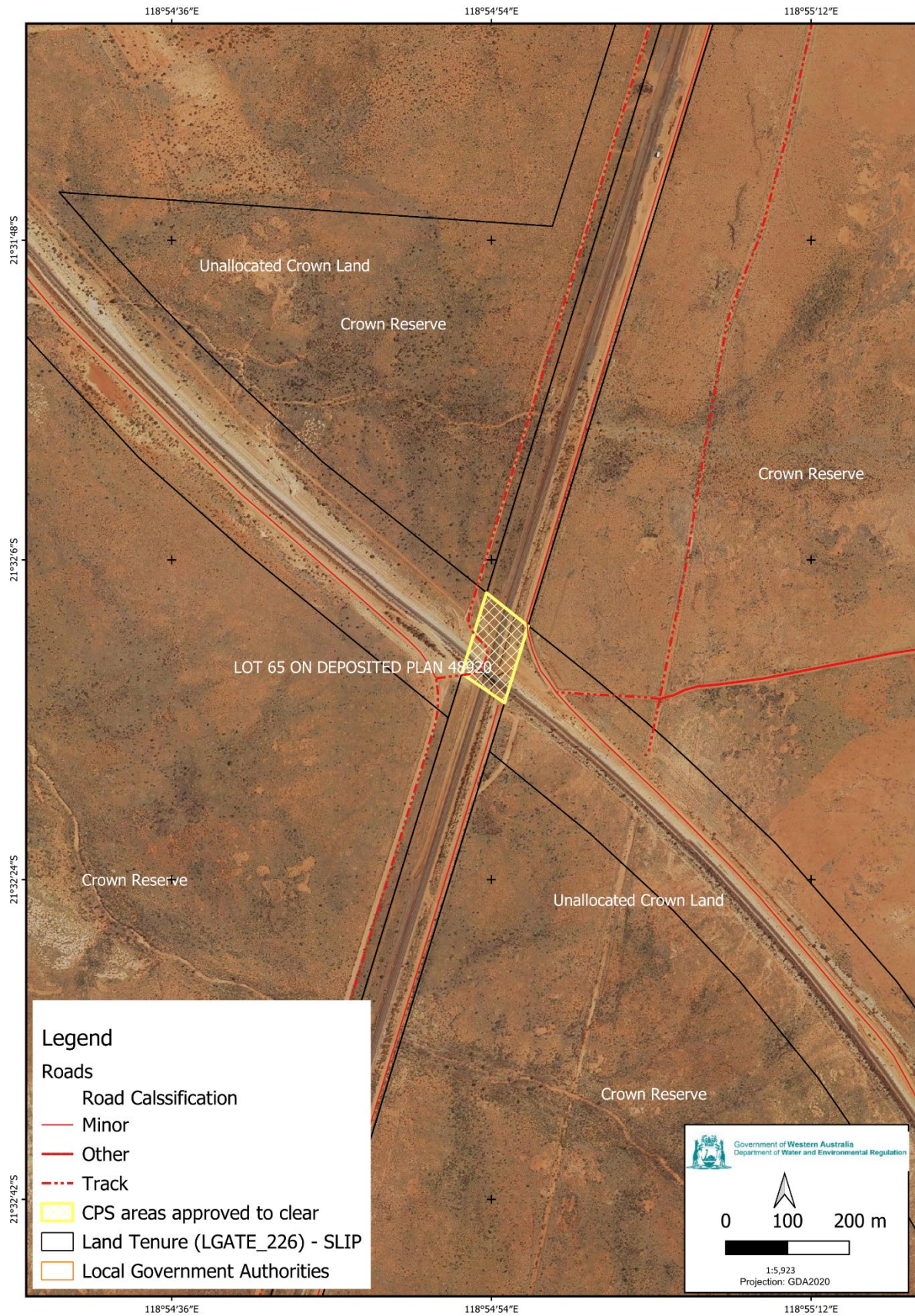


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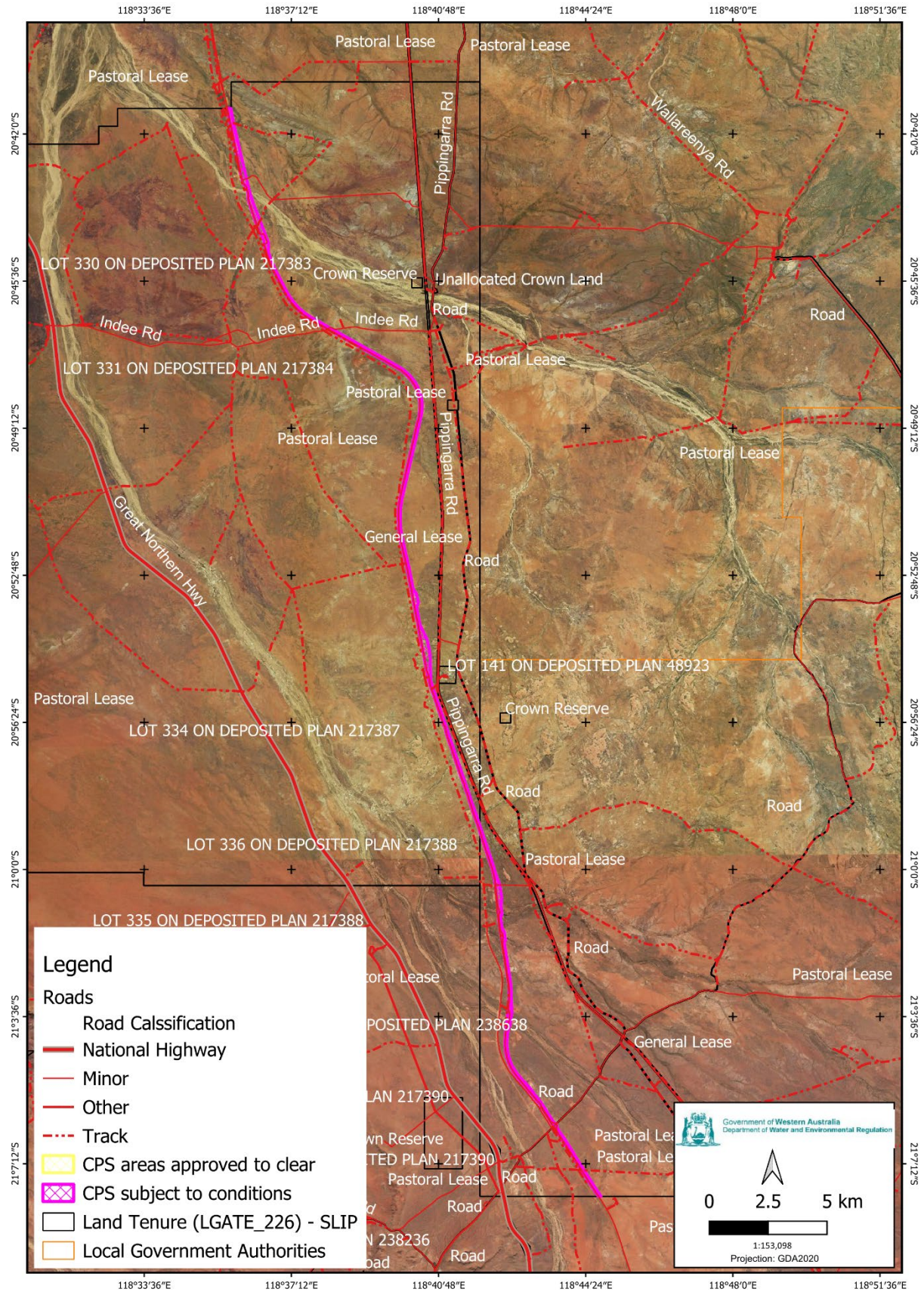


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