



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	9198/2
Duration of permit:	15 May 2021 to 14 May 2031
Permit holder:	Corona Minerals Pty Ltd

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 15/1828

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

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

3. Area of clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 150 hectares of native vegetation within the areas cross-hatched yellow and shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Clearing restricted

The permit holder shall not clear native vegetation within the area shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, unless for the purpose of access tracks.

5. Type of clearing authorised

The permit holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

6. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation 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 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*:

- (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. Flora management

Where *priority flora* have been identified and their written location(s), provided to the *CEO*, within the report 'Reconnaissance Flora and Vegetation of the Spargos Project – October 2020, Final V2.0, December 2020, prepared by Native Vegetation Solutions' as retained on the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration file number A0317/202101, the permit holder shall ensure that:

- (a) no clearing of the identified *priority flora* occurs, unless first approved by the *CEO*; and
- (b) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified *priority flora*, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

9. Fauna management – malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*)

Where clearing authorised under this permit within areas cross-hatched yellow and shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 is to occur between 1 September and 31 January, the permit holder shall:

- (a) within two weeks prior to undertaking any clearing, engage an *environmental specialist* to conduct an inspection of the area to be cleared to identify *active (in use) malleefowl (Leipoa ocellata) mounds*.
- (b) where an *active (in use) malleefowl mound* is identified under condition 9(a) of this permit, the permit holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 200 metres of the mound, during the months of September through to January.

10. Fauna management – inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*)

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit within areas cross-hatched yellow and shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to identify potential *critical habitat* utilised by inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*).
- (b) Where potential *critical habitat* has been identified under condition 10(a), the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct a *fauna survey* within the areas to be cleared, to identify the fauna species listed below:
 - (i) inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*)
- (c) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder shall provide the results of the *fauna survey* in a report to the *CEO*.
- (d) Where inland hairstreak butterfly (*Jalmenus aridus*) is identified under condition 10(b), the permit holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of *inland hairstreak butterfly host plant(s)*.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

11. Records to 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 generally	(a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the

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		<p>geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;</p> <p>(b) the date that the area was cleared;</p> <p>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</p> <p>(d) actions taken in accordance with condition 4;</p> <p>(e) actions taken in accordance with condition 5;</p> <p>(f) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; and</p> <p>(g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 7.</p>
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 8	<p>(a) the name and location of each <i>priority flora</i> species, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;</p> <p>(b) actions taken to demarcate each <i>priority flora</i> species recorded and their relevant buffers; and</p> <p>(c) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>priority flora</i> species.</p>
3.	In relation to malleefowl fauna management pursuant to condition 9	<p>(a) the location of each <i>active (in use) malleefowl (Leipoa ocellata) mound</i> recorded using a global positioning system (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographic coordinates in Eastings and Northings; and</p> <p>(b) actions taken in accordance with condition 9.</p>
4.	In relation to inland hairstreak fauna management pursuant to condition 10	<p>(a) the location of potential <i>critical habitat</i> for species identified under condition 10(a), recorded 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;</p> <p>(b) the location of inland hairstreak butterfly (<i>Jalmenus aridus</i>), recorded 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;</p> <p>(c) the location of <i>inland hairstreak butterfly host plant/s</i> recorded 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;</p> <p>(d) the methodology used to survey the permit area and to establish the potential <i>critical habitat</i>;</p> <p>(e) the extent of the potential <i>critical habitat</i> of the identified fauna shown on a map;</p> <p>(f) a description of the potential <i>critical habitat</i>;</p> <p>(g) the methodology used to survey the permit area for inland hairstreak butterfly (<i>Jalmenus aridus</i>); and</p> <p>(h) actions taken in accordance with condition 10.</p>

12. Reporting

- (a) The permit holder must provide a written 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 11 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 14 May 2031, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 11 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 12(a) or 12(b) of this permit.

DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 2 have the meanings defined.

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
active (in use) malleefowl mound	means a mound with evidence of current malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) activity, such as: working of the mound; scratching; litter trails leading to the mound; or loose uncompacted surfaces. The form and structure of the mound will show that it is currently being prepared for egg laying or it already contains eggs.
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.
condition(s)	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.
critical habitat	means any part of the permit area comprising of the habitat of flora or fauna species and its population, that is critical for the health and long term survival of the flora or fauna species and its population.
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.
environmental specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this permit, or who is approved by the <i>CEO</i> as a suitable environmental specialist.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
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> .
fauna survey	means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of fauna and/or fauna habitat of the permit area. Where conservation significant fauna are identified in the permit area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the permit area into local context. The survey must be conducted during the season and conditions most suitable for detection and identification of fauna species.
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.

Term	Definition
inland hairstreak butterfly host plant(s)	means, but not limited to, the following plant taxa; <i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i> and <i>Senna artemisioides</i> subsp. <i>filifolia</i> , where <i>Froggattella kirbii</i> and inland hairstreak butterflies (<i>Jalmenus aridus</i>), larvae, pupae or pupal exuviae have been identified.
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.
priority flora	means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' <i>Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia</i> (as amended).
weed(s)	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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 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

SCHEDULE 1

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

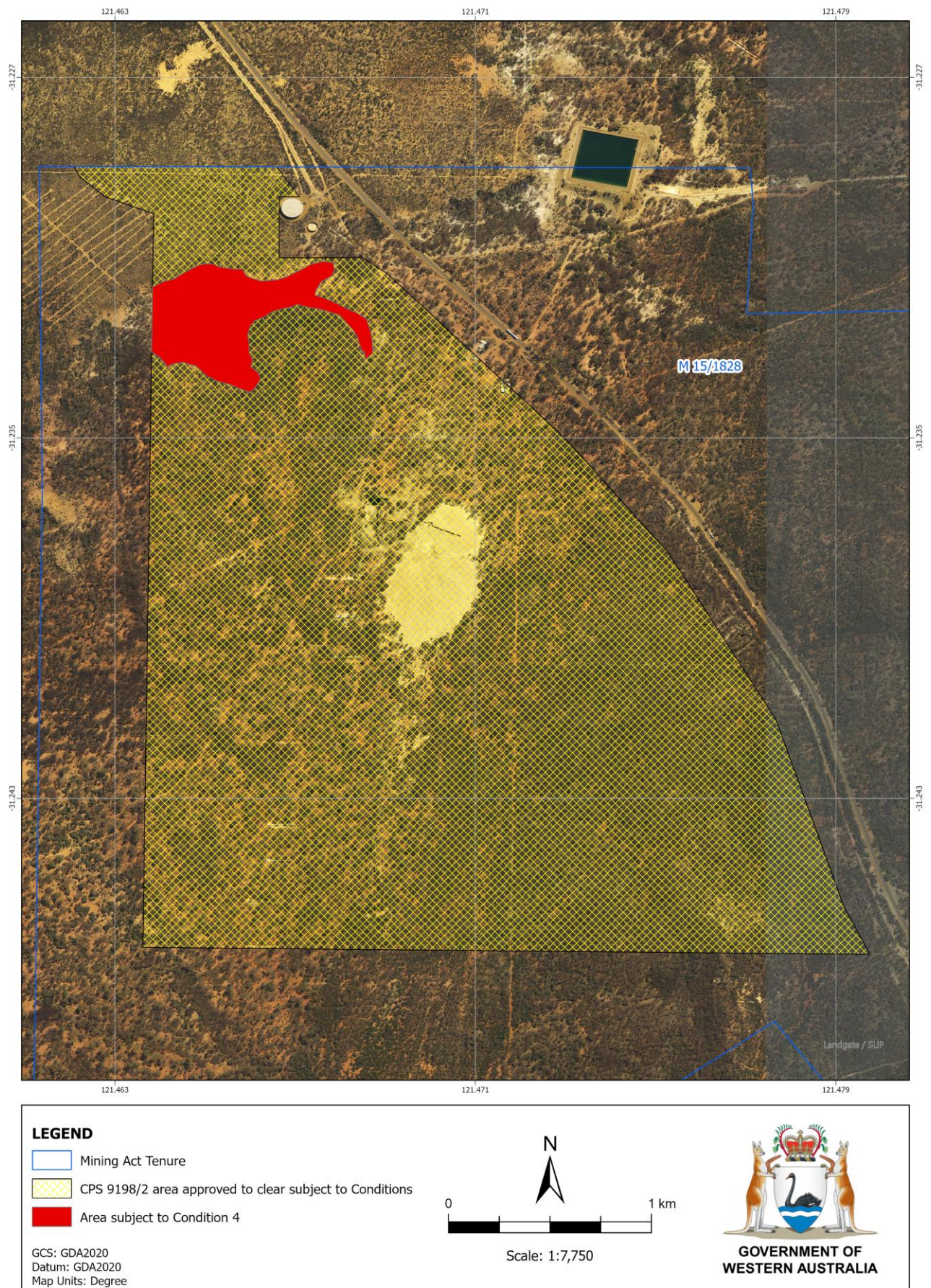


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.