



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

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| <b>Purpose permit number:</b> | 9282/2                       |
| <b>Duration of permit:</b>    | 31 July 2021 to 30 July 2031 |
| <b>Permit holder:</b>         | Fortescue 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**

Miscellaneous Licence 45/457

Miscellaneous Licence 45/470

**2. Clearing authorised (purpose)**

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of a powerline and associated infrastructure.

**3. Area of clearing**

The permit holder must not clear more than 38.5 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded yellow and red in Figures 1 and 2 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 three (3) months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

### **PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

**5. 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. Fauna management

When undertaking any clearing within the area shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall:

- (a) within two (2) weeks prior to undertaking any clearing activities involving *ground disturbance*, engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake *clearance surveys* for greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*) and brush-tailed mulgara (*Dasycercus blythi*).
- (b) where greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara burrows are identified under condition 7(a), engage a *fauna specialist* to determine if the burrow is occupied.
- (c) within two (2) weeks prior to undertaking any clearing activities involving *ground disturbance*, engage a *fauna specialist* to relocate any greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara found under condition 7(a) and 7(b) of this permit.
- (d) where any greater bilby or brush-tailed mulgara are identified and relocated under condition 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c) of this permit, include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO*:
  - (i) the location of any evidence of greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara 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;
  - (ii) the type of evidence recorded under condition 7(d)(i) e.g. fauna individuals, burrows, scats, tracks;
  - (iii) the location and date where any greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara was relocated 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;
  - (iv) the name of the *fauna specialist* that relocated the greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara under condition 7(c); and
  - (v) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of the greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara under condition 7(c).

## 8. Vegetation management

- (a) where practicable the permit holder shall avoid clearing *riparian vegetation*; and
- (b) where a *watercourse* or *drainage line* or *wetland* is to be impacted by clearing, the permit holder shall ensure that the existing surface flow is maintained or reinstated downstream into existing natural *drainage lines*.

## **PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

### **9. 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**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Relevant matter</b>                                       | <b>Specifications</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1.         | In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(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 geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;</li><li>(b) the date that the area was cleared;</li><li>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</li><li>(d) actions taken in accordance with condition 4;</li><li>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5;</li><li>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 6; and</li><li>(g) actions taken in accordance with fauna management pursuant to condition 7.</li></ul> |
| 2.         | In relation to vegetation management pursuant to condition 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to <i>riparian vegetation</i> in accordance with condition 8; and</li><li>(b) the size and location of <i>riparian vegetation</i> cleared 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.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## 10. 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 9 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 30 July 2031, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 9 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a) or 10(b) of this permit.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**Table 2: Definitions**

| Term                | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| clearance survey(s) | means a search of immediate impact areas prior to clearing to locate fauna. The clearance survey should focus on locating burrows, recent foraging signs, fresh tracks and scats.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 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> . |
| ground disturbance  | means clearing with the use of machinery but does not include clearing by hand felling or pruning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| condition(s)        | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| drainage line(s)    | means a natural depression that carries surface water runoff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| EP Act              | <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| riparian vegetation | has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| watercourse         | has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Term       | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| weed(s)    | <p>means any plant –</p> <p>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>; or</p> <p>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or</p> <p>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.</p> |
| wetland(s) | <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                   |

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## END OF CONDITIONS

*Danielle Risbey*

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**Danielle Risbey** | General Manager Mine Closure and Environmental Services  
Resource and Environmental Compliance Division  
30 July 2026

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

## SCHEDULE 1

The boundary of the areas authorised to be cleared are shown in the maps below (Figures 1 and 2).

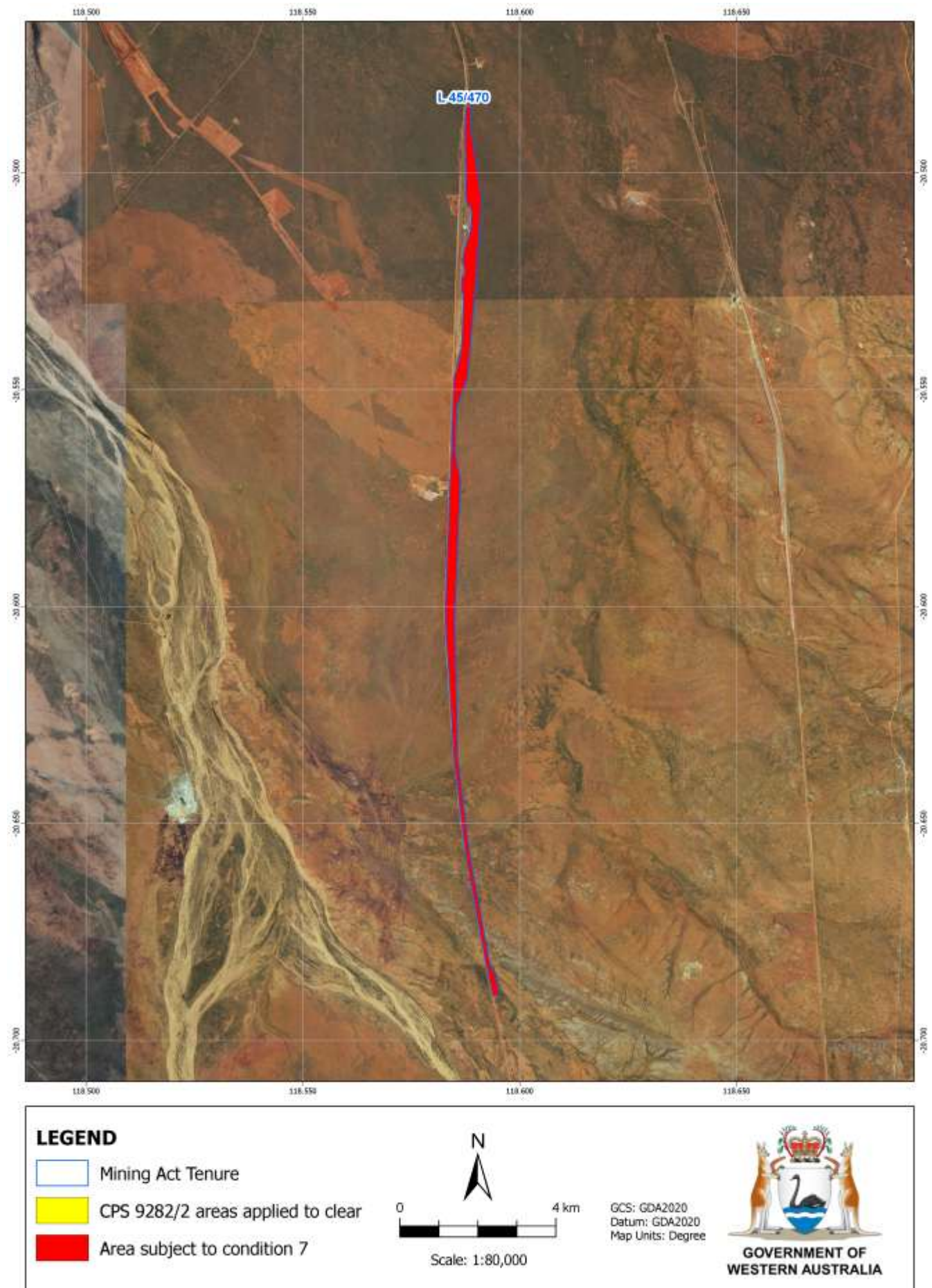


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur, subject to condition 7.



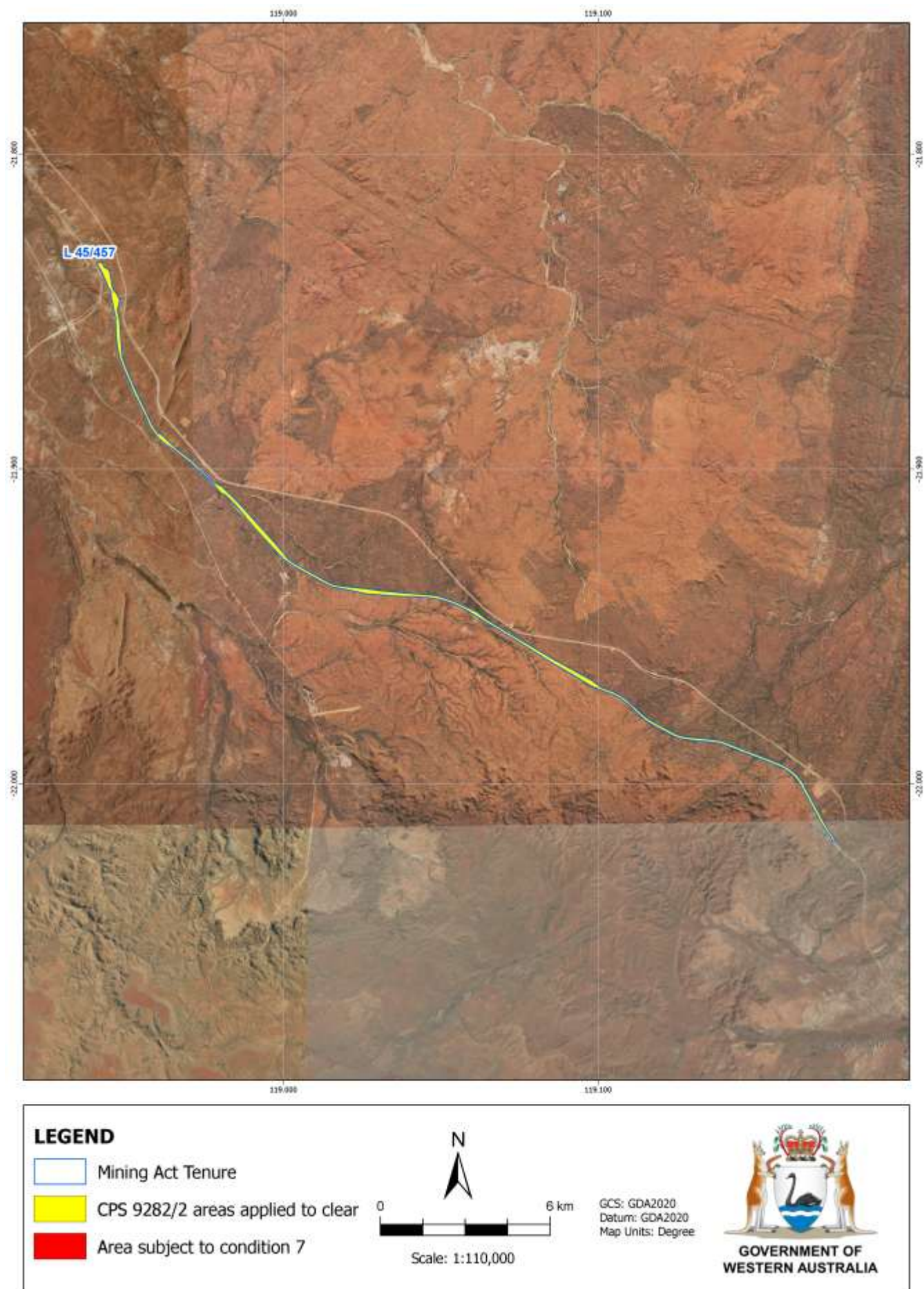


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.