



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 9520/1
Permit Holder:	Regional Power Corporation T/A Horizon Power
Duration of Permit:	From 24/09/2022 to 24/09/2029

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 the construction of an overhead transmission line.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 40 on Deposited Plan 241646, Pardoo & Marble Bar
Lot 42 on Deposited Plan 241586, Pardoo & Marble Bar
Lot 98 on Deposited Plan 238434, Pardoo
Lot 1556 on Deposited Plan 70856, Pardoo
Crown Reserve 9700, Pardoo
Lot 100 on Deposited Plan 238025, Marble Bar
Lot 104 on Plan 220785, Marble Bar and
Unallocated Crown Land (PIN 1004424), Marble Bar

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 70 hectares of *native vegetation* within the combined area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7, Figure 8, Figure 9, Figure 10, Figure 11, Figure 12, Figure 13, Figure 14, Figure 15 and Figure 16 of Schedule 1.

4. 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

5. Period during which clearing is authorised

The permit holder must not clear any *native vegetation* after 24 September 2027.

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. Wind erosion management

The permit holder shall not clear native vegetation unless construction commences within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

9. Directional clearing

The permit holder must conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner to allow fauna to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

10. Fauna management

- (a) Within 7 days prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake clearance surveys for the greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*) within the combined area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7, Figure 8, Figure 9, Figure 10, Figure 11, Figure 12, Figure 13, Figure 14, Figure 15 and Figure 16 of Schedule 1, to identify and inspect (if present) greater bilby burrows for signs of use.
- (b) Where evidence of recent burrow use by greater bilbies is identified under condition 10(a) of this permit, the permit holder must:
 - (i) engage a *fauna specialist* to flag the location of the burrow/s showing signs of recent use;
 - (ii) not clear within ten metres of the flagged burrow/s;
 - (iii) engage a *fauna specialist* to monitor with cameras, the flagged burrow/s for a maximum of five days, or until such time that greater bilbies have been observed to independently move on from the burrow/s; and
 - (iv) immediately prior to clearing, engage a *fauna specialist* to re-inspect any flagged burrow/s for the presence of greater bilbies.
- (c) In the event that greater bilbies are identified utilising any flagged burrow/s under condition 10(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 to an area of *suitable habitat*, in accordance with a section 40 authorisation under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.
- (d) Where active greater bilby burrows are identified under condition 10(a) of this permit, and/or greater bilbies are relocated under condition 10(c) of this permit,

the permit holder shall include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO*, within two month of undertaking any *clearing* authorised under this permit:

- (i) the location of any active greater bilby burrows identified, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 or 2020 (GDA94 or GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
- (ii) a description of the camera monitoring measures undertaken under condition 10(b)(iii) of this permit;
- (iii) the date and time that greater bilbies were recorded as independently moving from a flagged burrow;
- (iv) the gender of each greater bilby captured under condition 10(c) of this permit;
- (v) the location of any greater bilbies captured, using a GPS unit set to GDA94 or GDA 2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
- (vi) the date, time, vegetation type and weather conditions at each location where greater bilbies were captured under condition 10(d)(v) of this permit;
- (vii) the scientific name and gender of each greater bilby relocated under condition 10(c) of this permit;
- (viii) the location of any greater bilbies relocated, using a GPS unit set to GDA94 or GDA 2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
- (ix) the date, time, vegetation type and weather conditions at each location where greater bilbies are relocated under condition 10(d)(viii) of this permit;
- (x) the name of the *fauna specialist* that relocated fauna under condition 10(c) of this permit; and
- (xi) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of fauna under condition 10(c) of this permit.

11. **Revegetation and rehabilitation (temporary works)**

The permit holder must *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* areas cleared for *temporary works* within six months of the area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was cleared.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

12. **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 generally	<ol 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 Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), or GDA2020) expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (c) the date that the area was cleared; (d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
		(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; and (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 7; and (g) actions undertaken in accordance with condition 8;
2.	In relation of fauna management pursuant to condition 10	(a) results of the pre-clearance surveys (b) a copy of the fauna specialist's report
3.	In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 11	(a) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated; (b) the date(s) on which the area revegetation and rehabilitation was undertaken; and (c) the boundaries of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (recorded digitally as a shapefile)

13. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 12 of this permit when requested by the *CEO*.

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> .
clearance survey/s	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.
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.
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> .
department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> (WA) and designated as responsible for the

Term	Definition
	administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
native vegetation	has the meaning given under section 3(1) and section 51A of the EP Act.
rehabilitate/ rehabilitated rehabilitation	/ means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area.
revegetate / vegetated / revegetation	means the re-establishment of a cover of local provenance native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting, so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
temporary works	means access tracks, spoil areas, side tracks, site offices, storage areas, laydown areas, extraction sites, camps, project surveys, pre-construction activities, and similar works associated with a project activity that are temporary in nature
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



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31 August 2022

Schedule 1

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

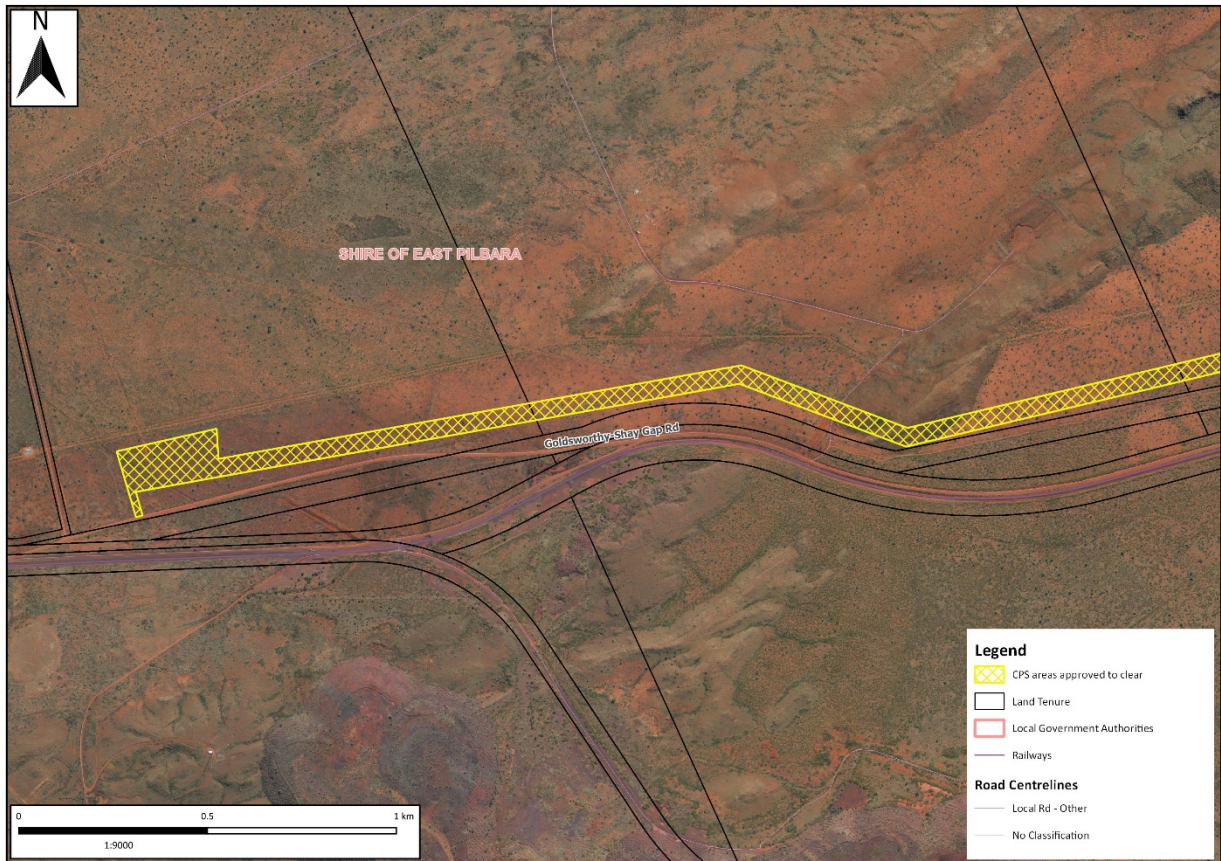


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur

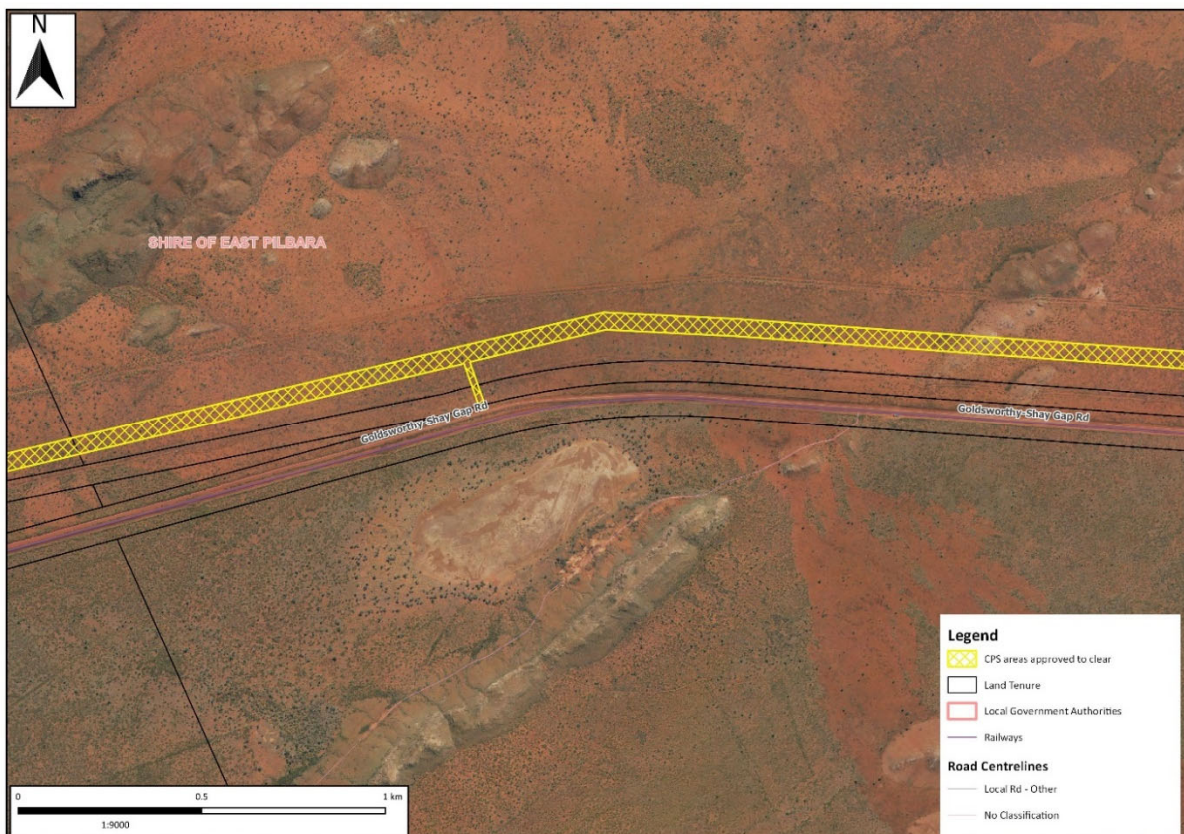


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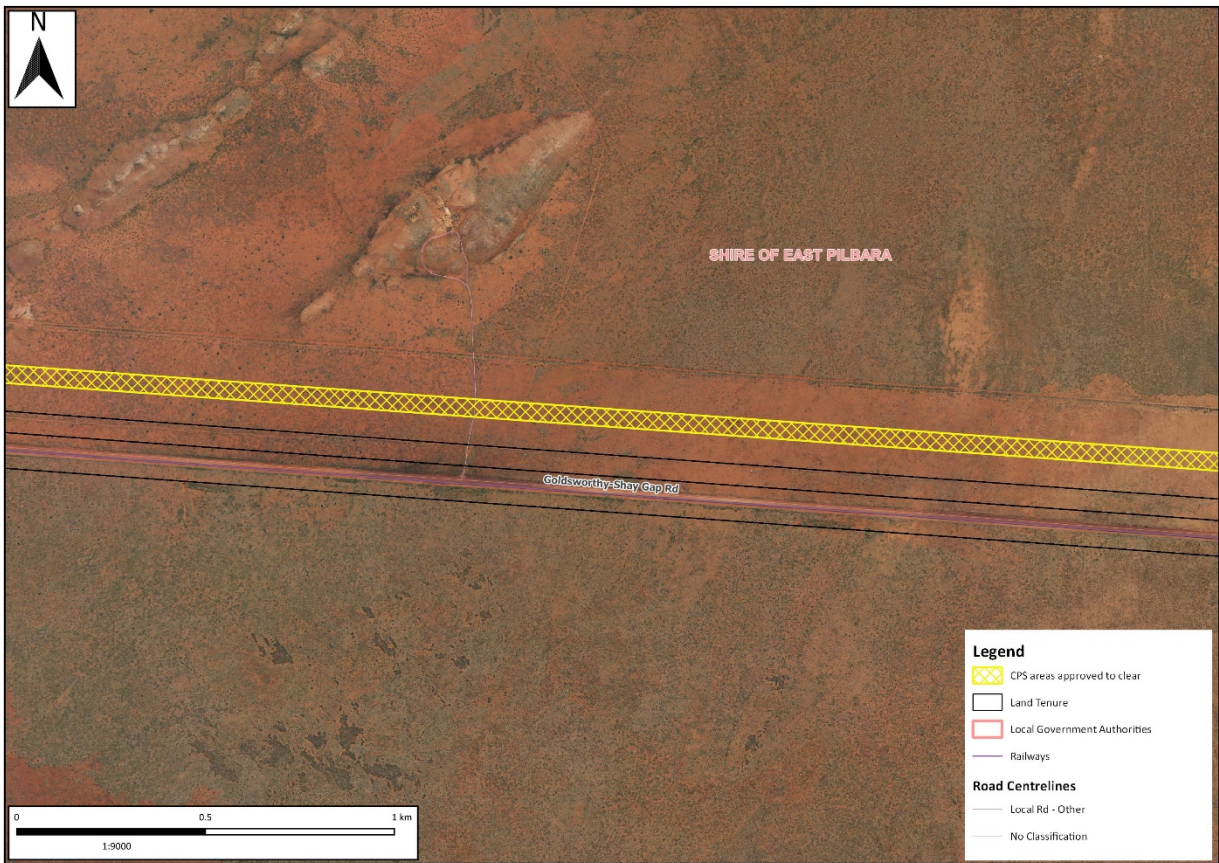


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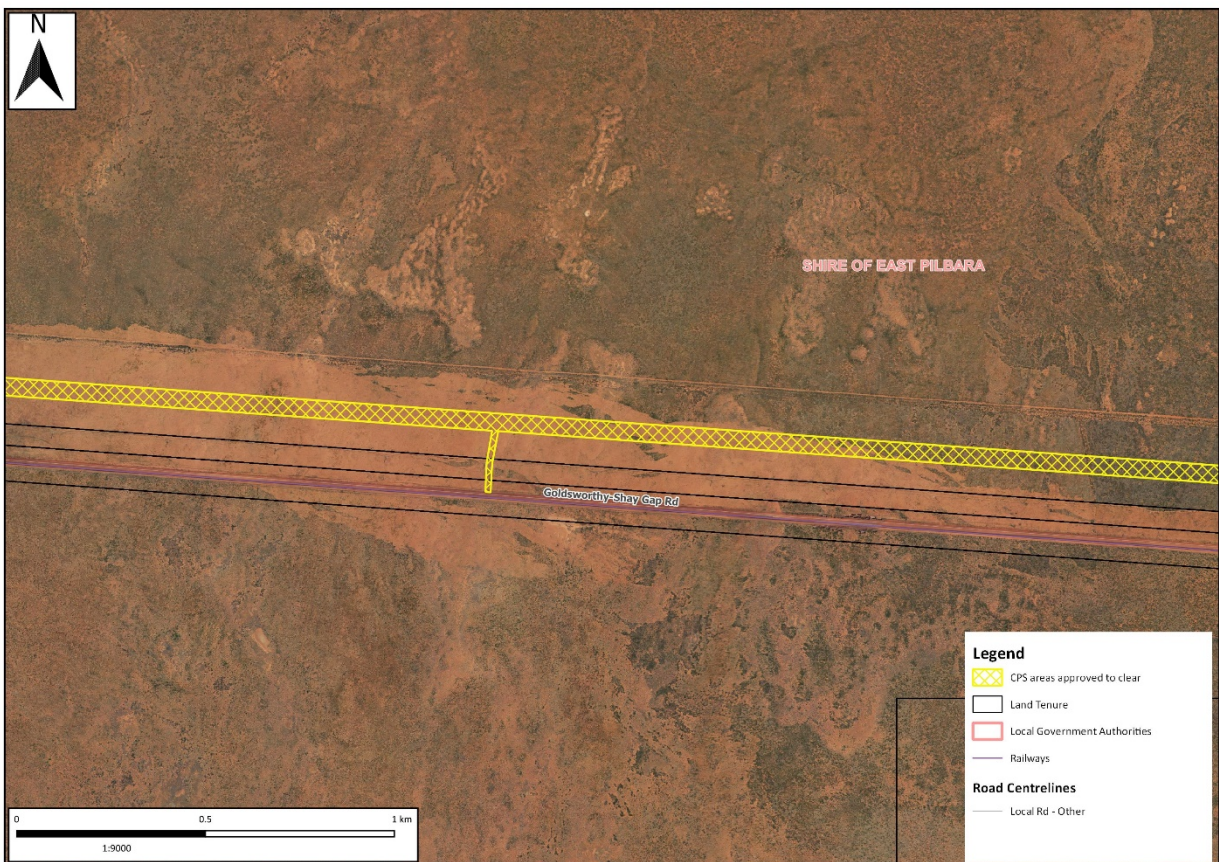


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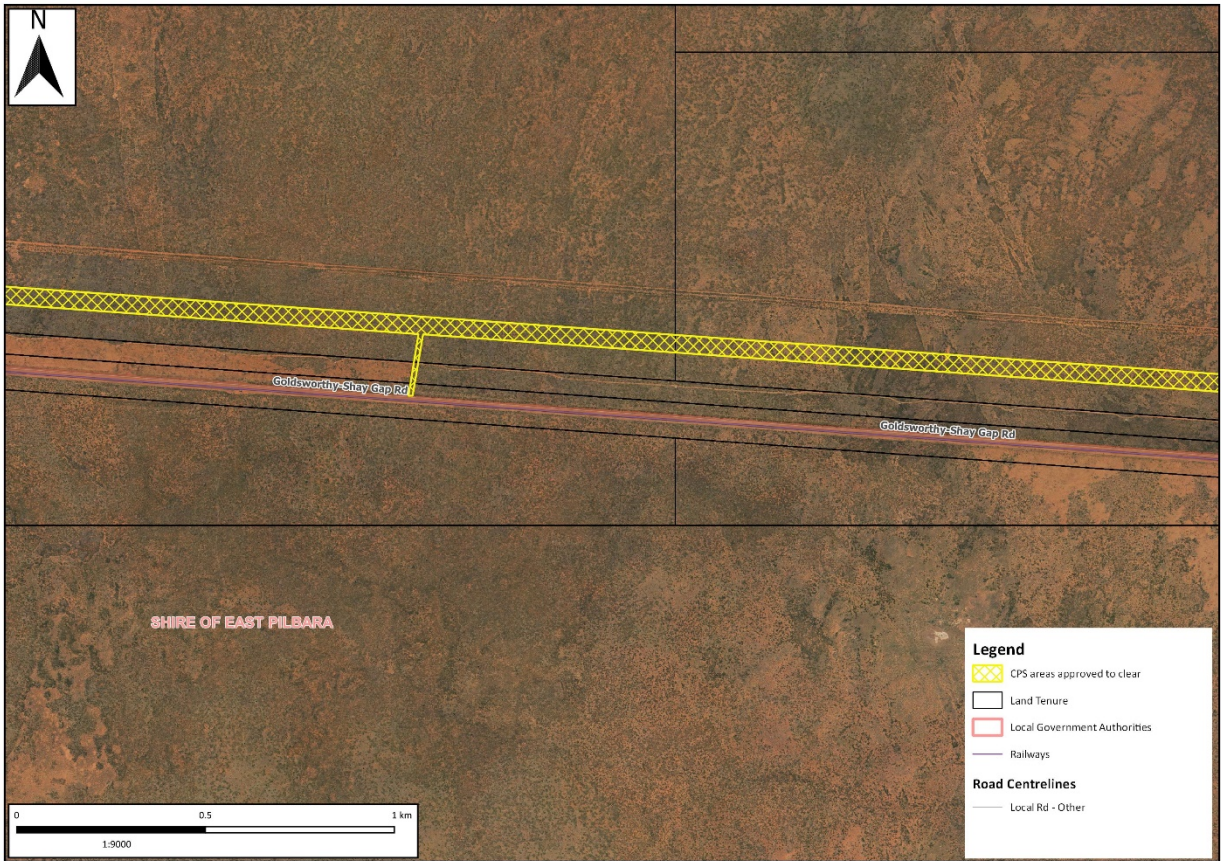


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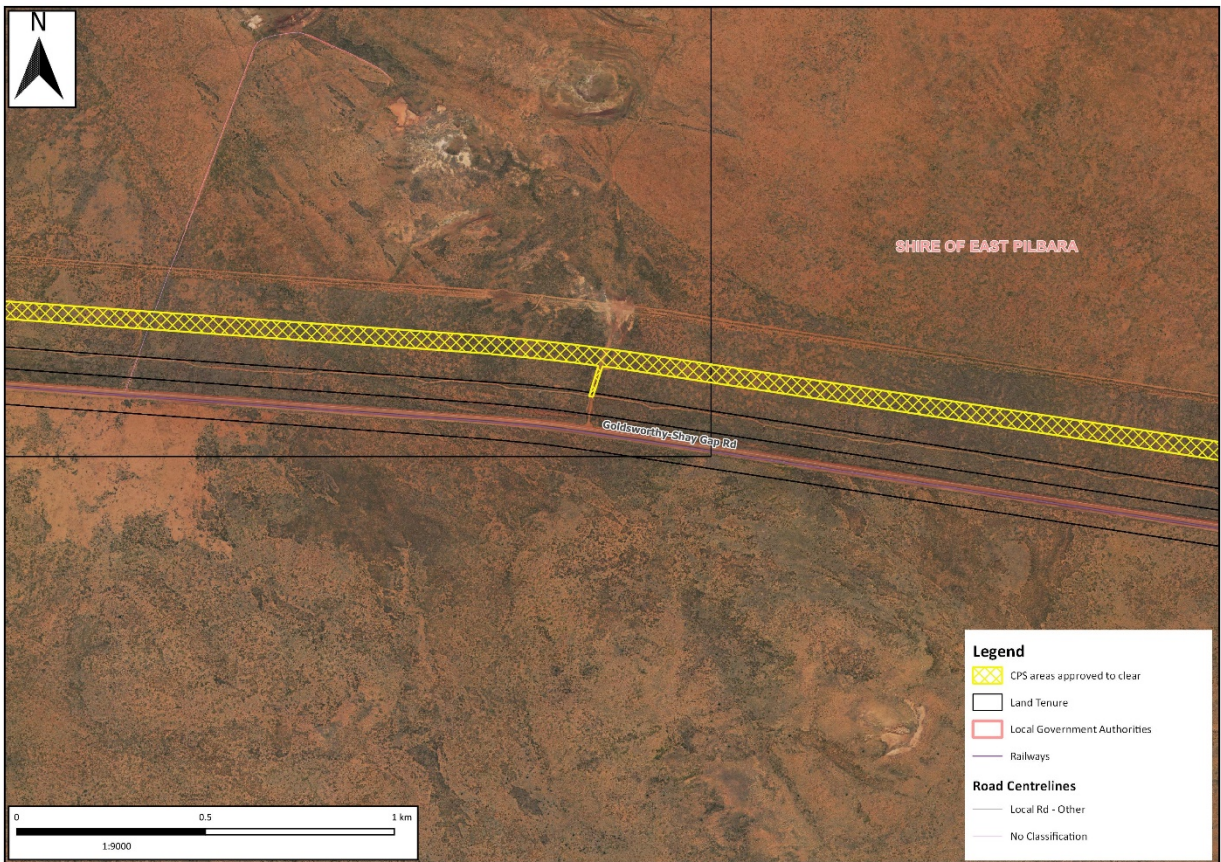


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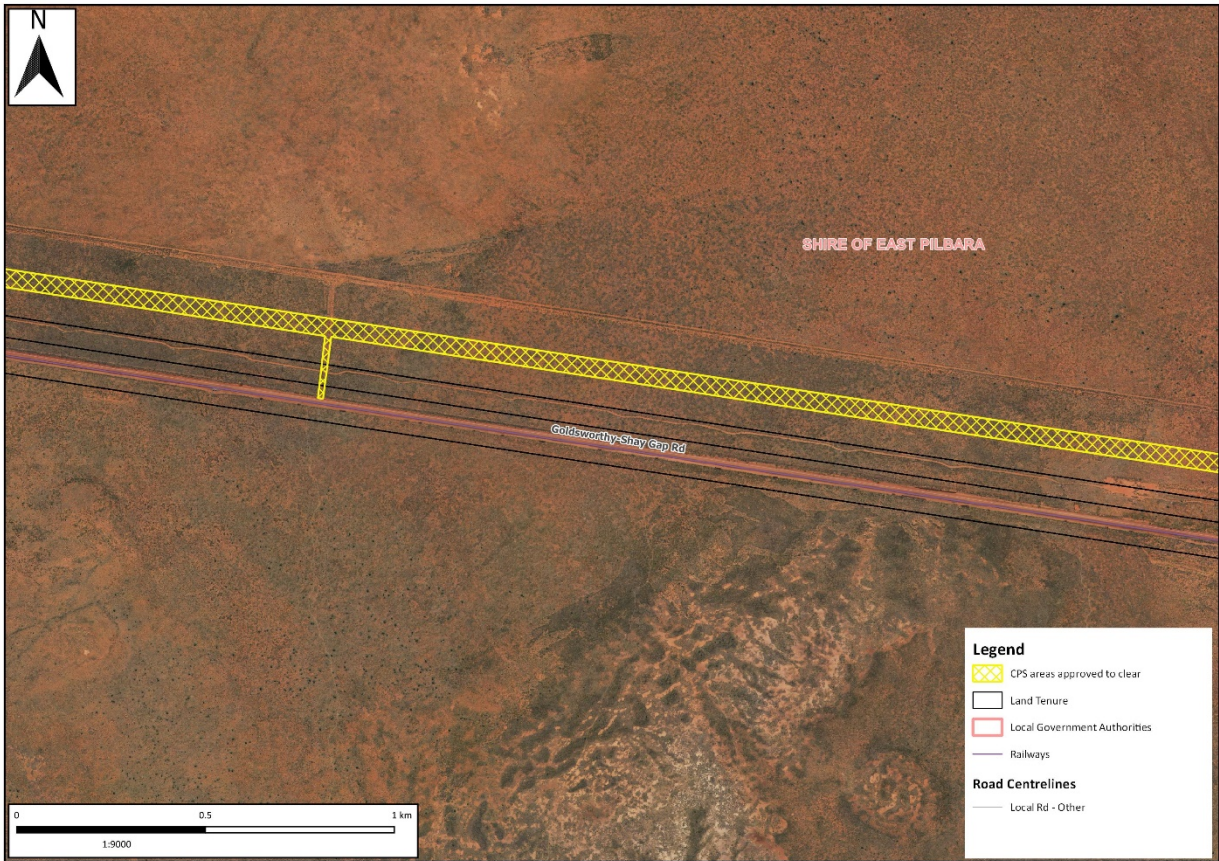


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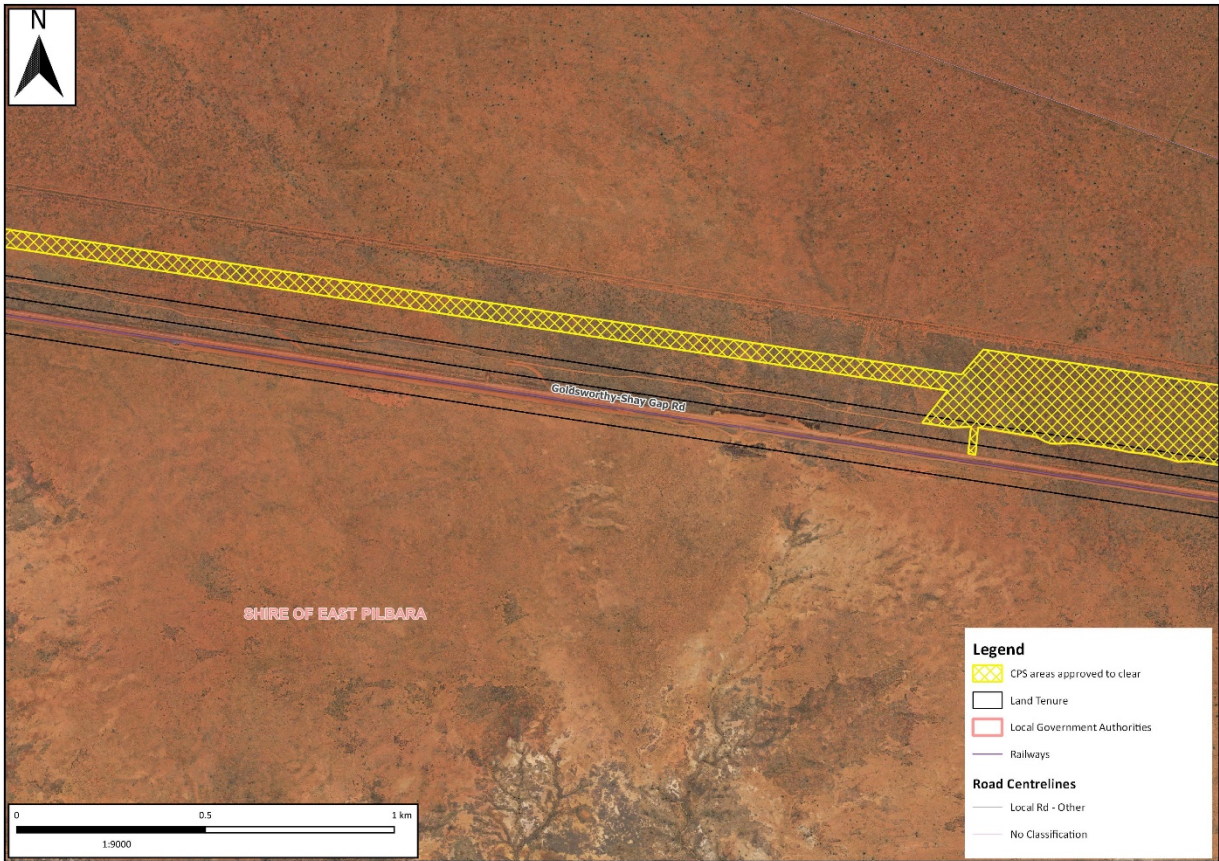


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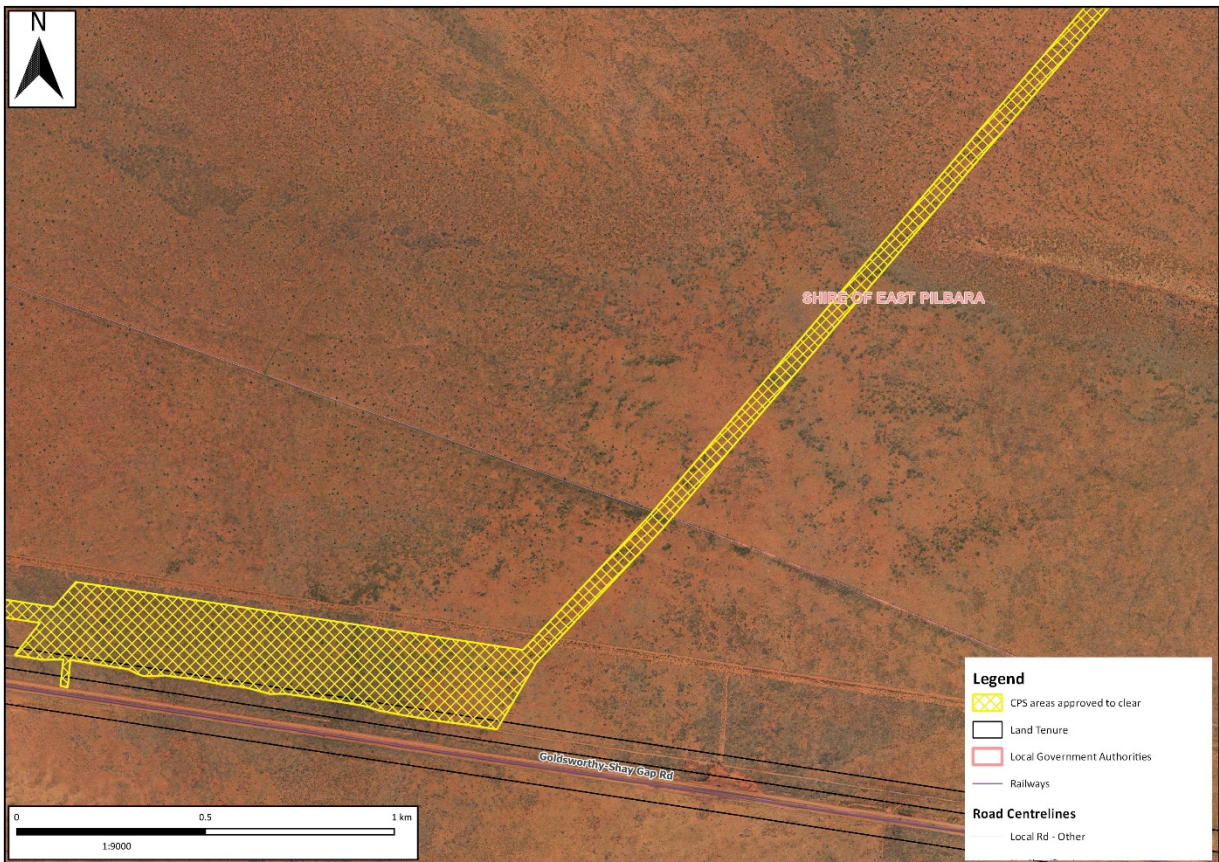


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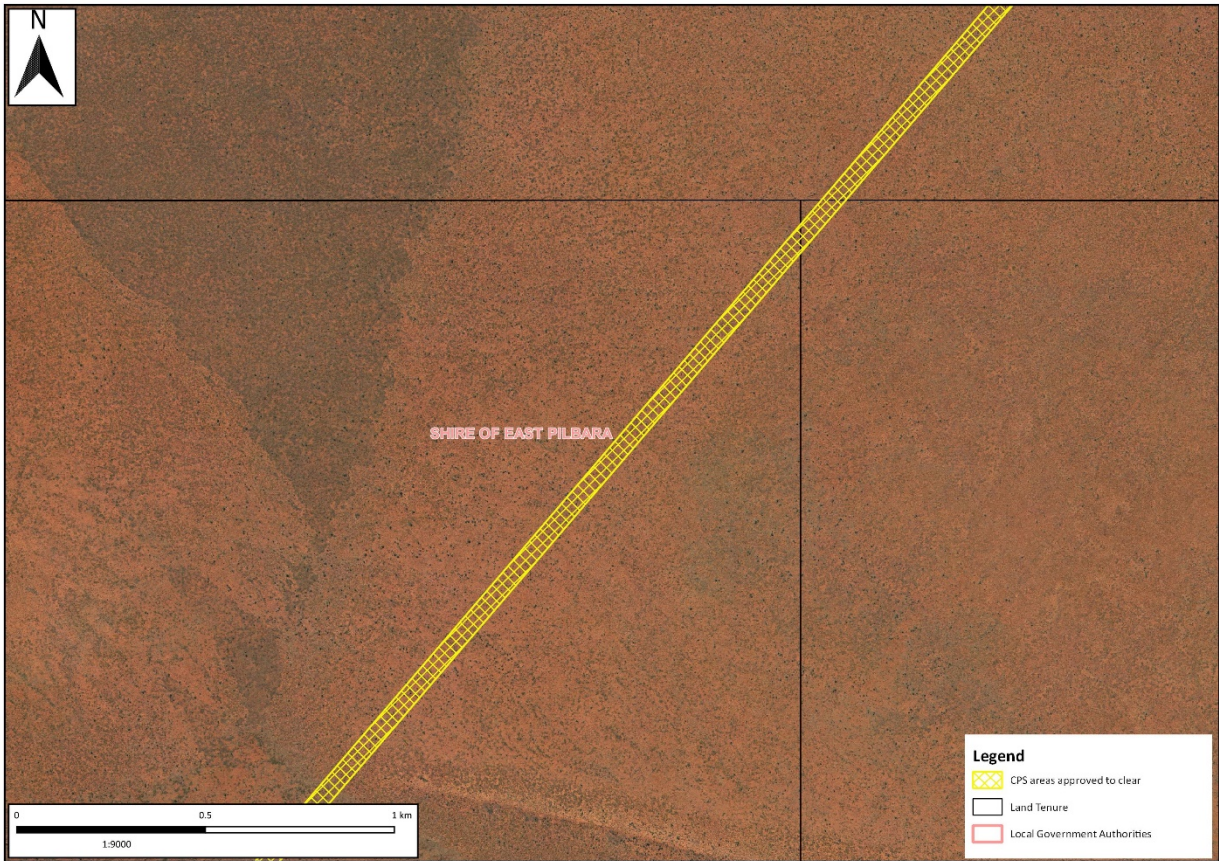


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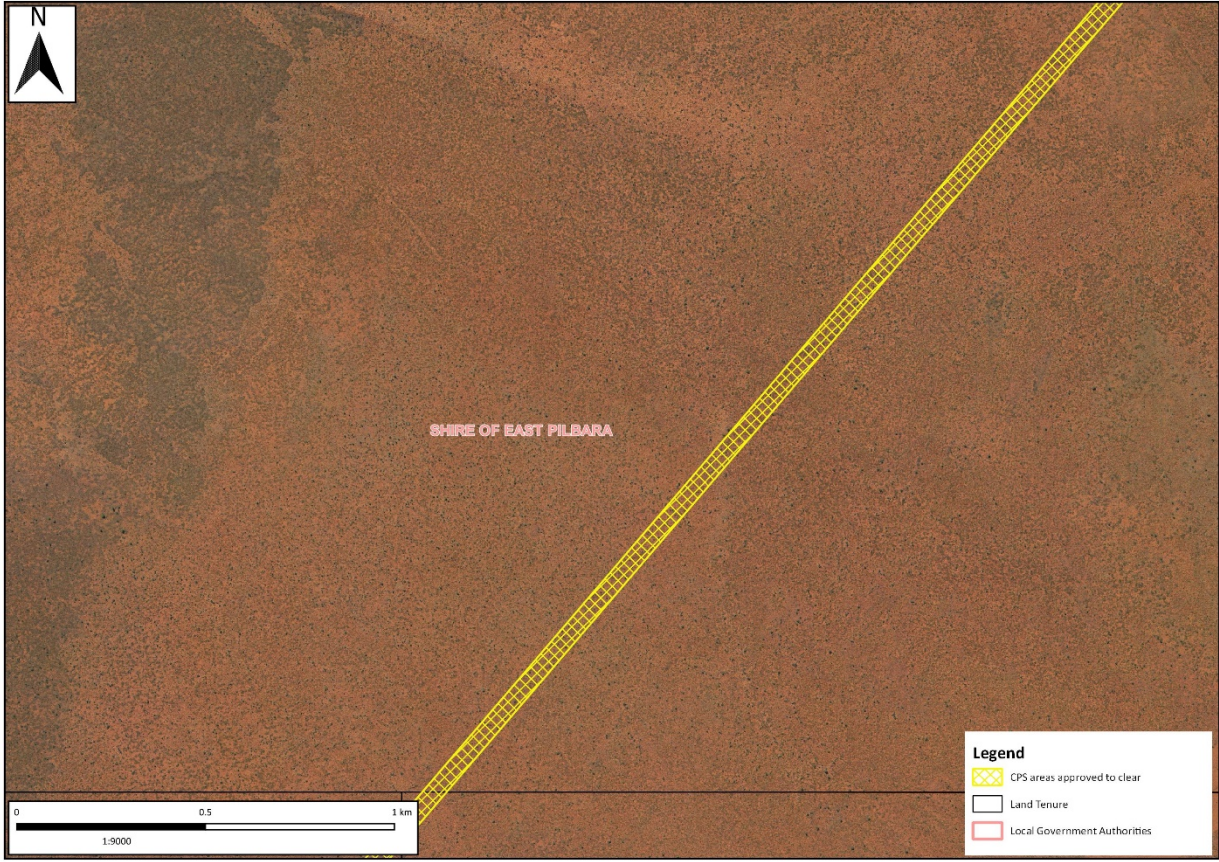


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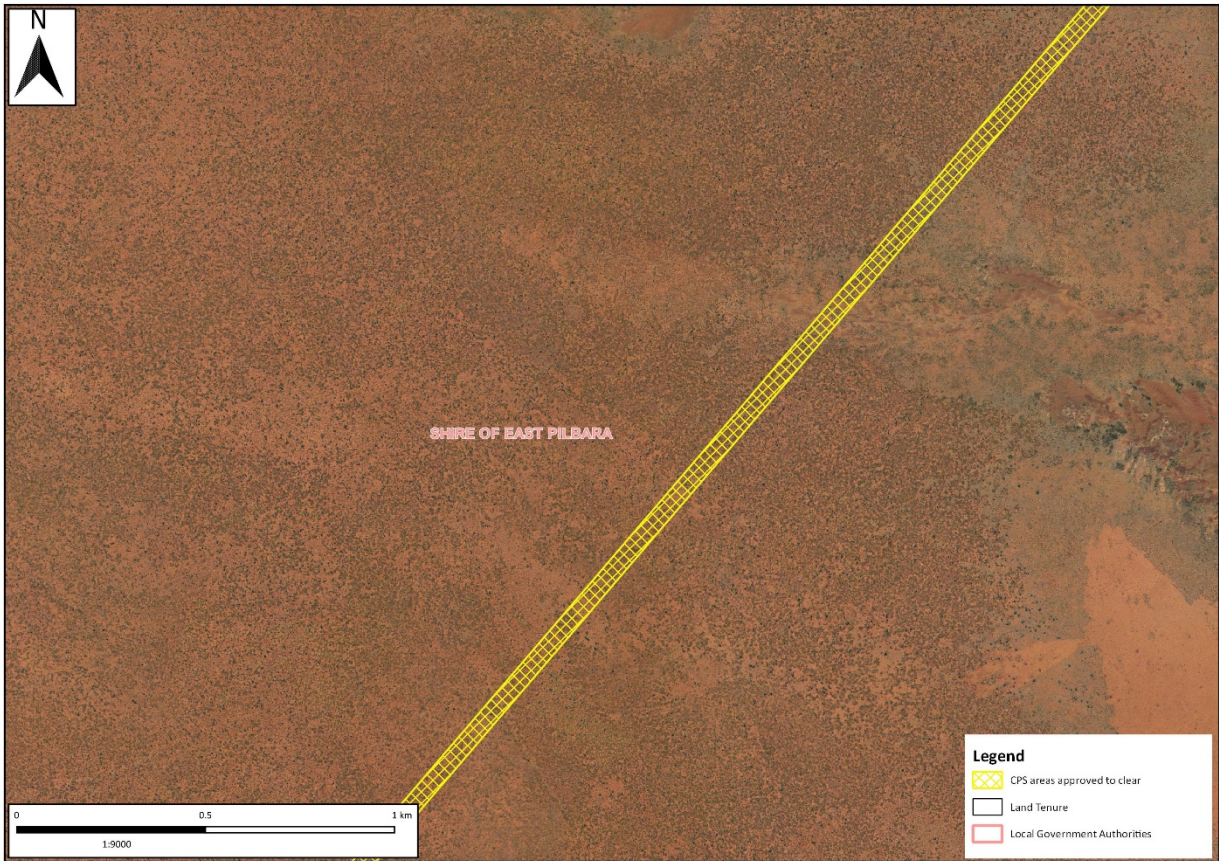


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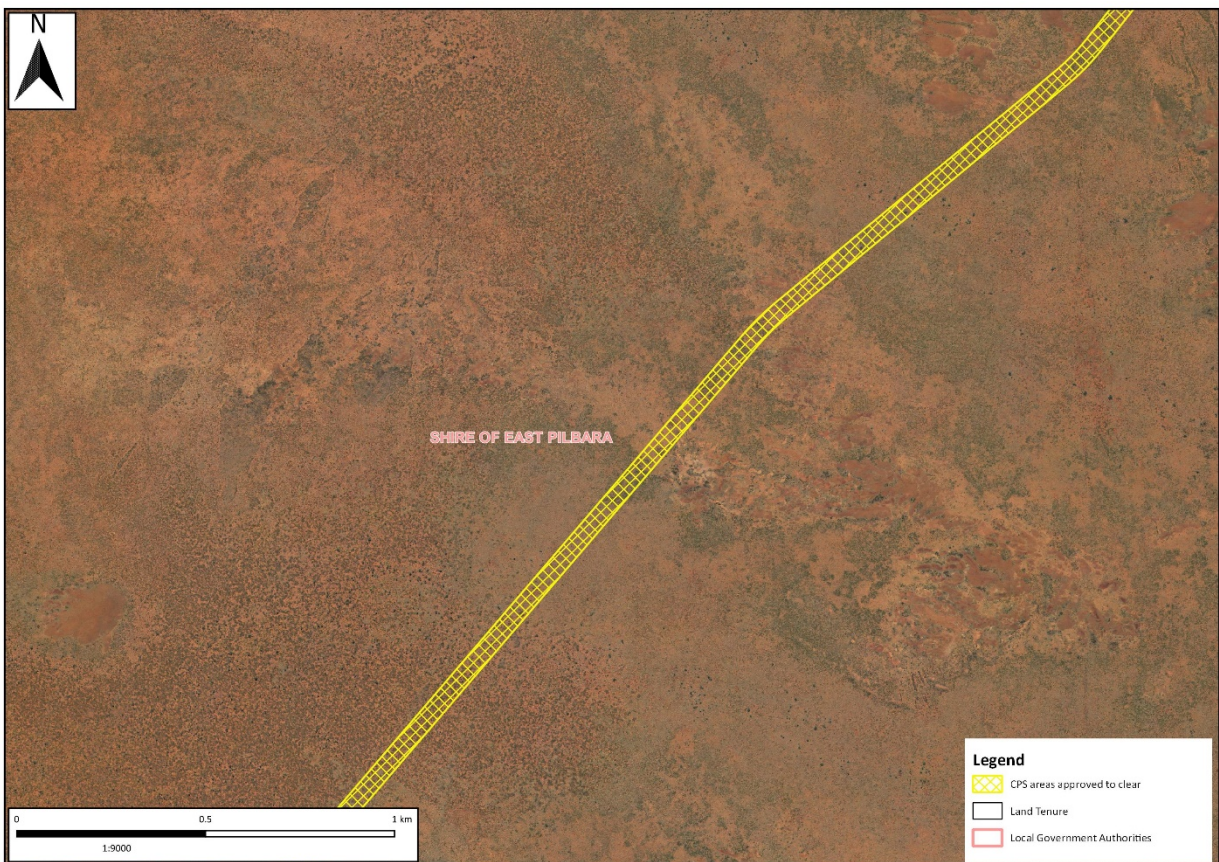


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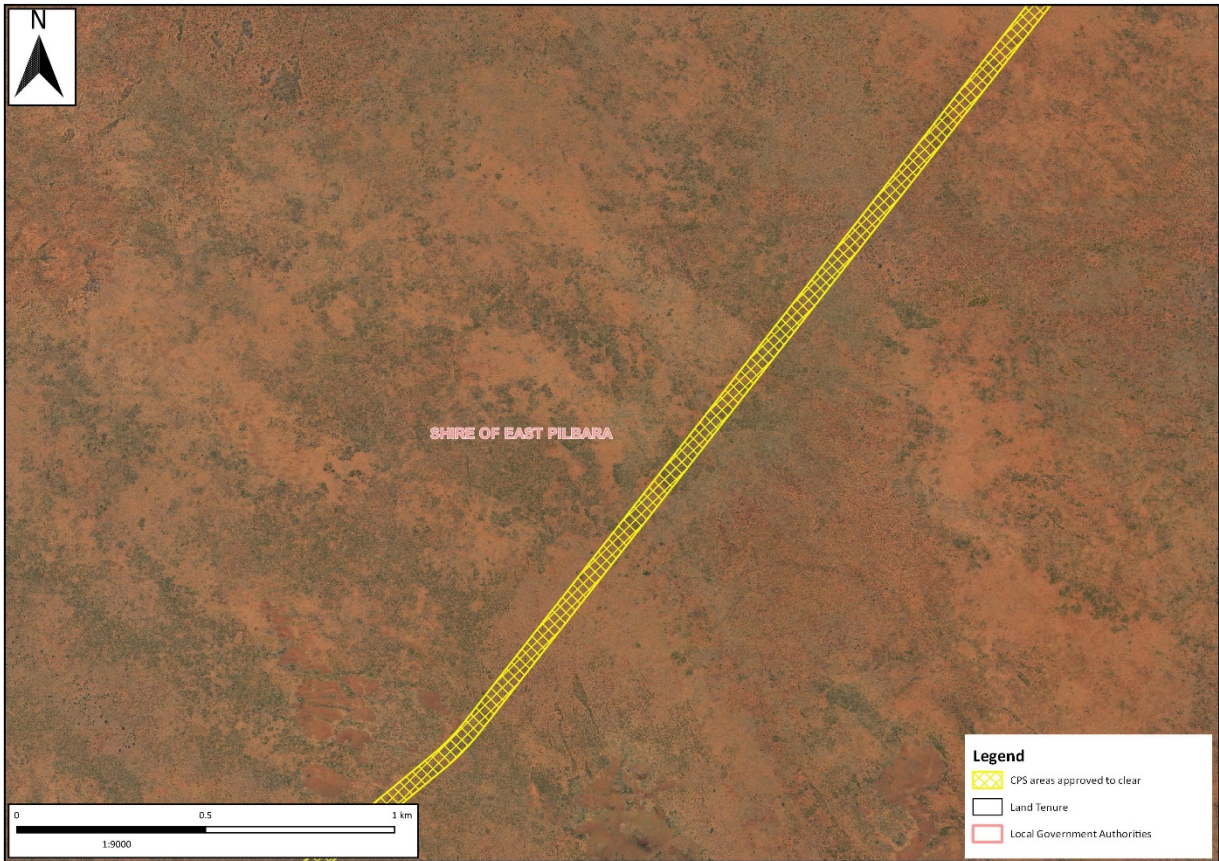


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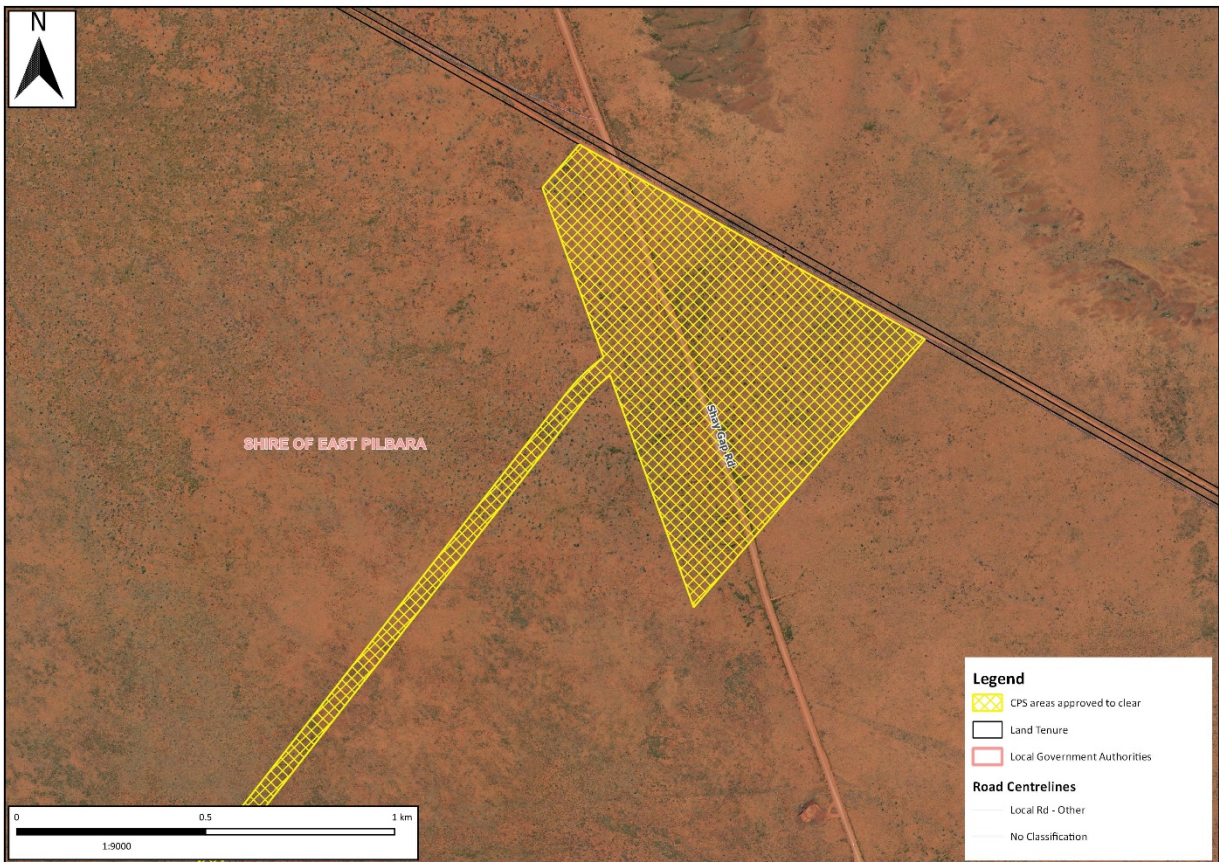


Figure 16: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur