



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 9545/1
Permit Holder:	DevelopmentWA
Duration of Permit:	From 15 January 2023 to 15 January 2028

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 purposes of providing engineering fill to facilitate general industrial development and constructing an access road.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 152 on Deposited Plan 220265, Talandji
Lot 561 on Deposited Plan 71346, Talandji
Lot 600 on Deposited Plan 400249, Talandji
Lot 603 on Deposited Plan 407842, Talandji

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 148.55 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Directional clearing

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

7. Wind erosion management

- (a) Where possible, the permit holder must commence earthworks and construction activities for general industrial development no later than three (3) months after undertaking the authorised clearing activities to reduce the potential for wind erosion.
- (b) Where earthworks and construction activities cannot commence within three (3) months of undertaking the authorised clearing activities in accordance with condition 7(a), the permit holder must apply a *dust suppressant* to all areas of bare ground within cleared areas to reduce the potential for wind erosion.

8. Flora management – Priority flora

- (a) The permit holder must ensure that:
 - (i) the boundaries of the area to be cleared are identified and demarcated using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994/2020 (GDA94/20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and
 - (ii) *recorded priority flora* are identified within the clearing boundary using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994/2020 (GDA94/20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.
- (b) When undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must not cause or allow the clearing of more than the *recorded priority flora* within the clearing boundary.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. 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	<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 Geocentric Datum Australia 1994/2020 (GDA94/20), 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); (e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 4; (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 5; (g) actions taken to conduct directional clearing in accordance with condition 6; and (h) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to reduce the potential for wind erosion in accordance with condition 7.
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the name and date <i>recorded priority flora</i> species were cleared; (b) the <i>recorded priority flora</i> taxa and number of individuals cleared; (c) the location of <i>recorded priority flora</i> taxa cleared, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994/2020 (GDA94/20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; and (d) actions taken to avoid the clearing of <i>recorded priority flora</i> species, where practicable.

10. Reporting

- (a) The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
 - (i) of records required under condition 9 of this permit; and
 - (ii) concerning activities done by the permit holder under this permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year.

- (b) If no clearing authorised under this permit was undertaken between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each year.
- (c) Prior to 15 October 2027, 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) of this permit.

DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 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.
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.
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.
dust suppressant	means a material used to stabilise soil, prevent wind erosion of granular materials, and restrict the airborne dissemination of particulate matter.
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.
priority flora	means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended from time to time).
recorded	means individuals of those <i>priority flora</i> species found within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 during the following surveys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>Ashburton Infrastructure Project – Flora and vegetation Assessment</i> (360 Environmental, 2021); (b) <i>Detailed Flora and Vegetation Assessment – Onslow Rare Earths Plant</i> (RPS Group, 2021); (c) <i>Eremophila forrestii subsp. viridis targeted flora survey August 2022</i> (Anders Environmental Consulting, 2022a); (d) <i>Eremophila forrestii subsp. viridis targeted flora survey September 2022</i> (Anders Environmental Consulting, 2022b); (e) <i>Targeted Eremophila forrestii subsp. viridis (P3) Survey at Onslow</i> (EcoLogical Australia, 2021); and (f) <i>Warrirda Road Detailed and Targeted Flora and Basic Fauna</i>

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	<i>Assessment</i> (Spectrum Ecology, 2021).
weeds	<p>means any plant –</p> <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

Mathew Gannaway
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Schedule 1

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

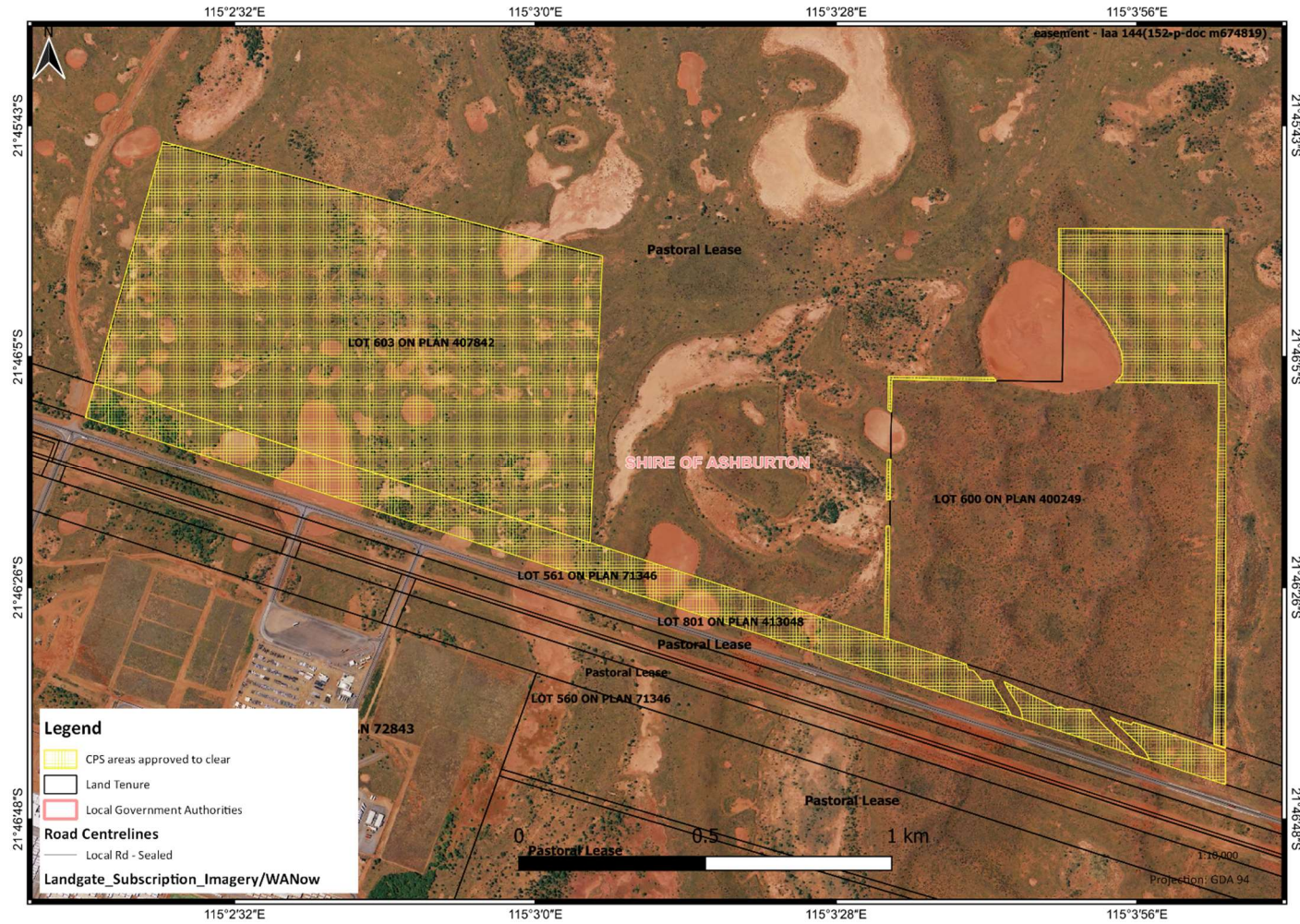


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur