



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 9683/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Regional Power Corporation trading as Horizon Power
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	From 18 September 2022 to 18 September 2027

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 installing overhead power lines.

#### **2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 292 on Plan 217712, Roebuck  
Lot 291 on Plan 217711, Roebuck  
Lot 425 on Plan 218390, Roebuck  
Lot 461 on Plan 40702, Roebuck  
Lot 463 on Plan 40702, Roebuck  
Lot 516 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 523 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 525 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 514 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 522 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 526 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 513 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 517 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 519 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 521 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 518 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 520 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 515 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Lot 524 on Plan 56733, Roebuck  
Un-named road PIN: 1157365, Roebuck  
Un-named road PIN: 1157366, Roebuck  
Un-named road PIN: 1157367, Roebuck  
Un-named road PIN: 1157368, Roebuck  
Un-named road PIN: 1157369, Roebuck

Un-named road PIN: 11249988, Roebuck  
Broome Road PIN: 11731057, Roebuck  
Broome Road PIN: 11731060, Roebuck

### **3. Clearing authorised**

The permit holder must not clear more than 9 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figures 1 (a-e) 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;
- (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 a single direction to allow fauna to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

### **7. Fauna management - Pre-clearance survey**

- (a) Within 7 days prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake clearance surveys within the areas cross-hatched yellow on Figure 1 (a-e) of Schedule 1 for the Bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*), including the identification and inspection of burrows, and determination of whether burrows are being utilised.
- (b) The Bilby pre-clearance survey should also include searches for other conservation significant fauna.
- (c) Where evidence of recent burrow use is identified under condition 7(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 five 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 Bilbies have been observed to independently move on from the burrow/s; and
  - (iv) prior to clearing, engage a *fauna specialist* to re-inspect any flagged burrow/s for the presence of Bilbies.
- (d) If Bilbies are identified utilising any flagged burrow/s under condition 7(c)(iv) of this permit and cannot be avoided in accordance with condition 7(c)(ii) of this permit, the permit holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to remove and relocate the identified Bilbies to an area of suitable habitat, in accordance with a section 40 authorisation under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.
- (e) Where active Bilby burrows are identified under condition 7(a) of this permit and are relocated under condition 7(d) of this permit, the permit holder shall include the following in a report submitted to the *CEO* within two months of undertaking any *clearing* authorised under this permit:
- (i) the location of any active Bilby burrows identified, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 94 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (ii) a description of the camera monitoring measures undertaken under condition 7(c)(iii) of this permit;
  - (iii) the date and time of Bilby recorded as independently moving from a flagged burrow;
  - (iv) the gender of each Bilby captured under condition 7(d) of this permit;
  - (v) the location of the Bilby as referred to under condition 7(d) of this permit, captured using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 94 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (vi) the date, time, vegetation type and weather conditions at each location where Bilby are captured under condition 7(d) of this permit;
  - (vii) the location of any Bilby, identified in accordance with condition 7(a) of this permit, relocated using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 94 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (viii) the date, time, vegetation type and weather conditions at each location where Bilby are relocated under condition 7(d) of this permit;
  - (ix) the name of the *fauna specialist* that relocated fauna under condition 7(d) of this permit; and
  - (x) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of fauna under condition 7(d) of this permit.

## 8. Fauna management

- (a) The permit holder must restrict clearing activities to day-light hours to avoid the possibility of injury to fauna.
- (b) The permit holder must ensure the presence of a *fauna specialist* during clearing activities.

## 9. Flora management – Demarcation of priority flora

Prior to clearing, the permit holder shall demarcate the four individuals of *Terminalia kumpaja* identified at the GPS location set to GDA94:

- Northing: 8025442
- Easting: 440585

## 10. Erosion management

The permit holder must commence the installation of overhead power lines no later than two months after undertaking the authorised clearing activities to reduce the potential for wind and water erosion.

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

## 11. 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"><li>(a) the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area;</li><li>(b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 94 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;</li><li>(c) the date that the area was cleared;</li><li>(d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</li><li>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 4;</li><li>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> in accordance with condition 5;</li><li>(g) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to Bilbies in accordance with condition 7;</li><li>(h) the name of the <i>fauna specialist</i> that was present on site during clearing activities in accordance with condition 8;</li><li>(i) actions taken to demarcate Priority flora in accordance with condition 9; and</li></ul>

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		(j) actions taken to manage water and wind erosion in accordance with condition 10.

## 12. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 11 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> .
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> .
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
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.
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.
weeds	means any plant – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>; or</li> <li>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or</li> <li>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.</li> </ul>

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## END OF CONDITIONS

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*Officer delegated under Section 20  
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26 August 2022

Schedule 1

The boundary of the area authorised to be cleared is shown in the figures below (Figure 1a - Figure 1e).

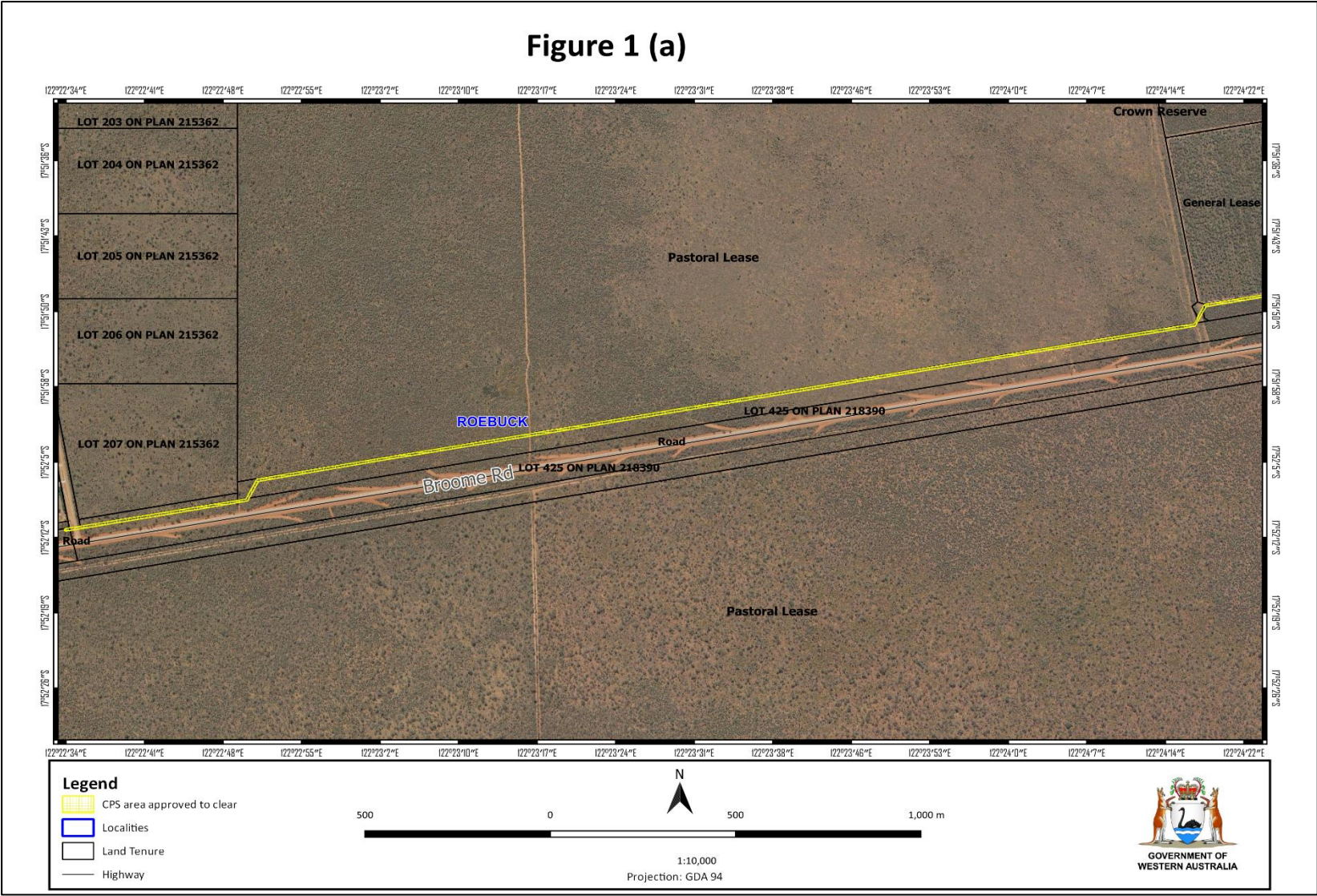


Figure 1a: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur



Figure 1 (b)

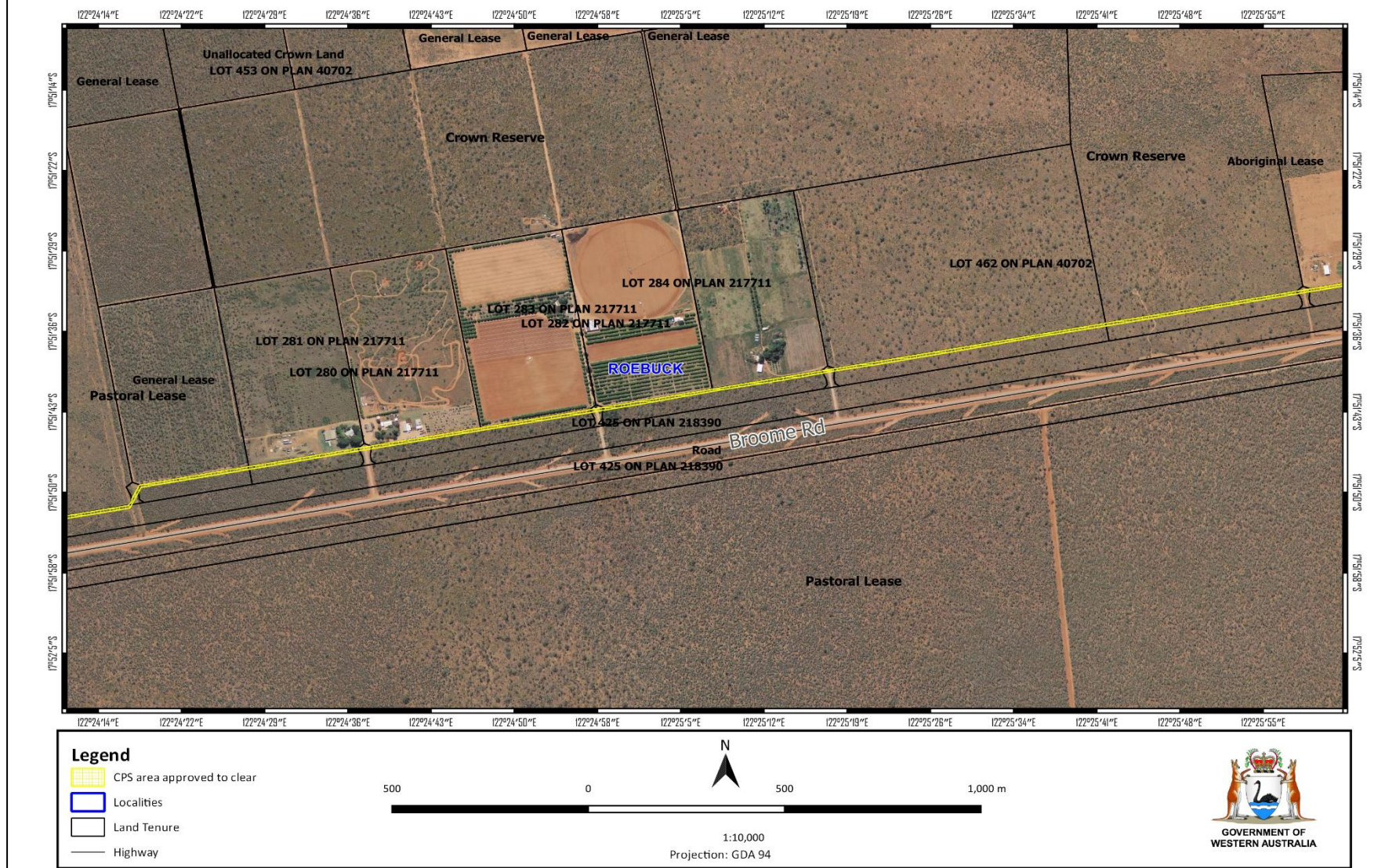


Figure 2b: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur



Figure 1 (c)

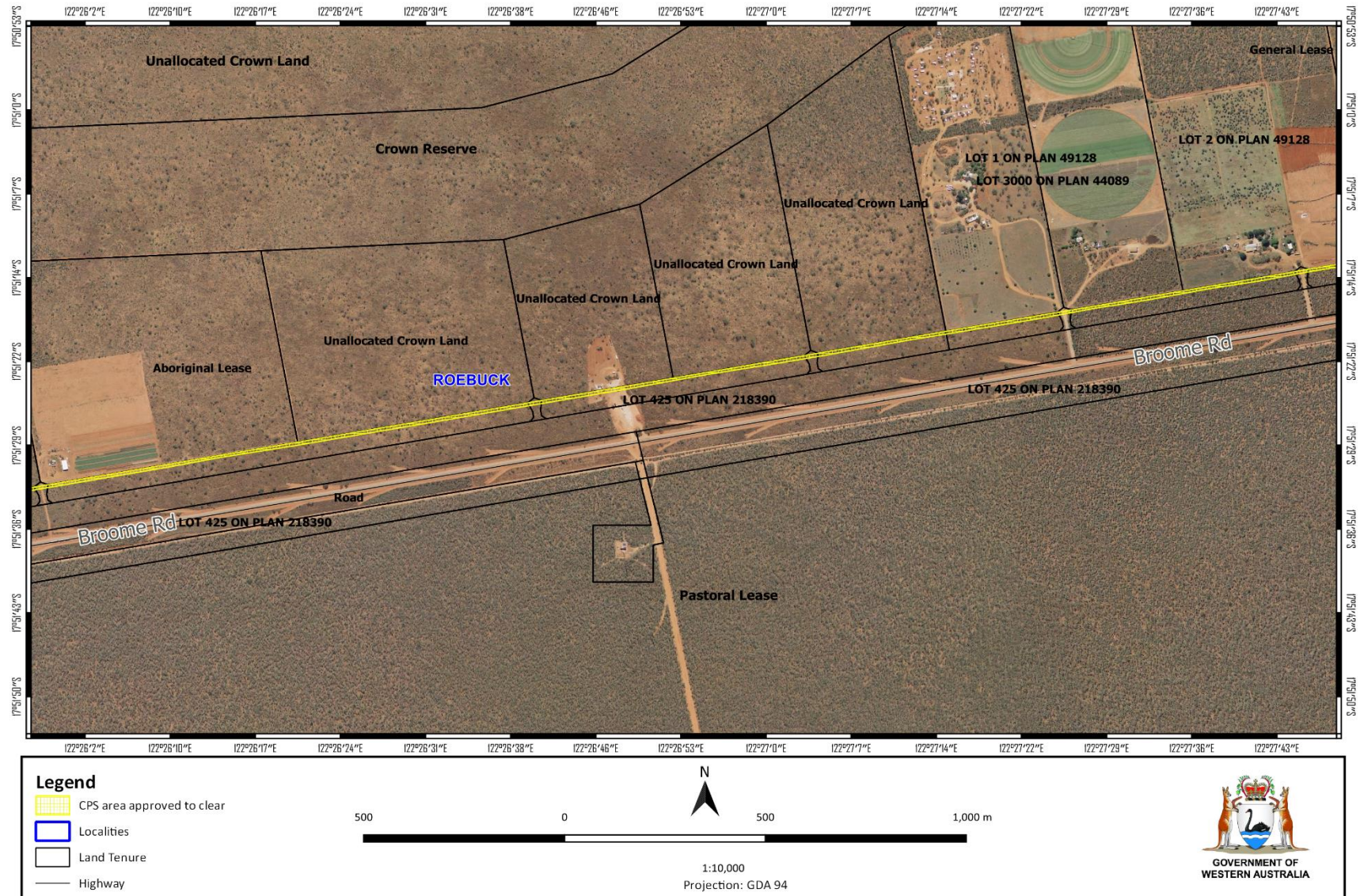


Figure 3c: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur



Figure 1 (d)

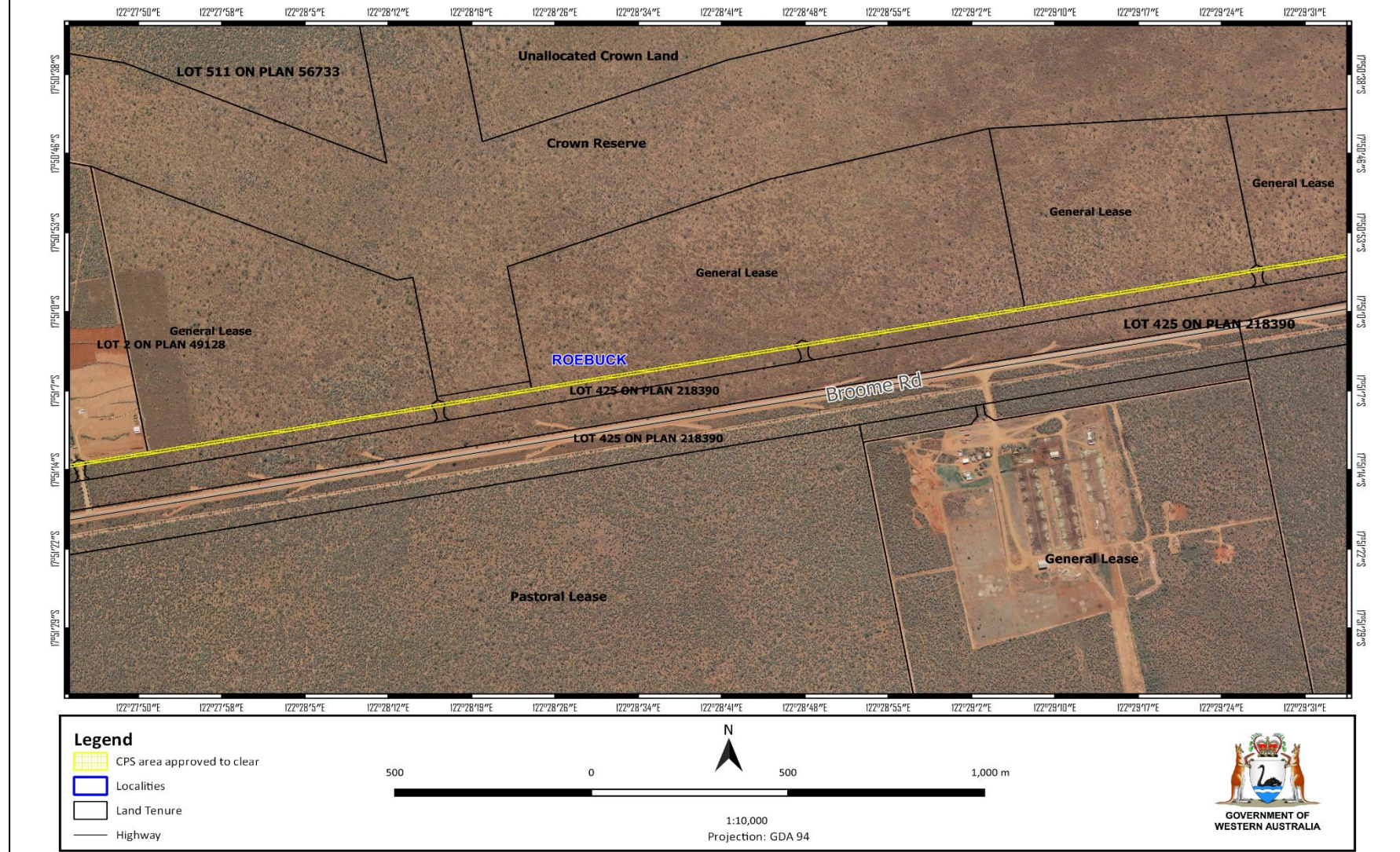


Figure 4d: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur



Figure 1 (e)

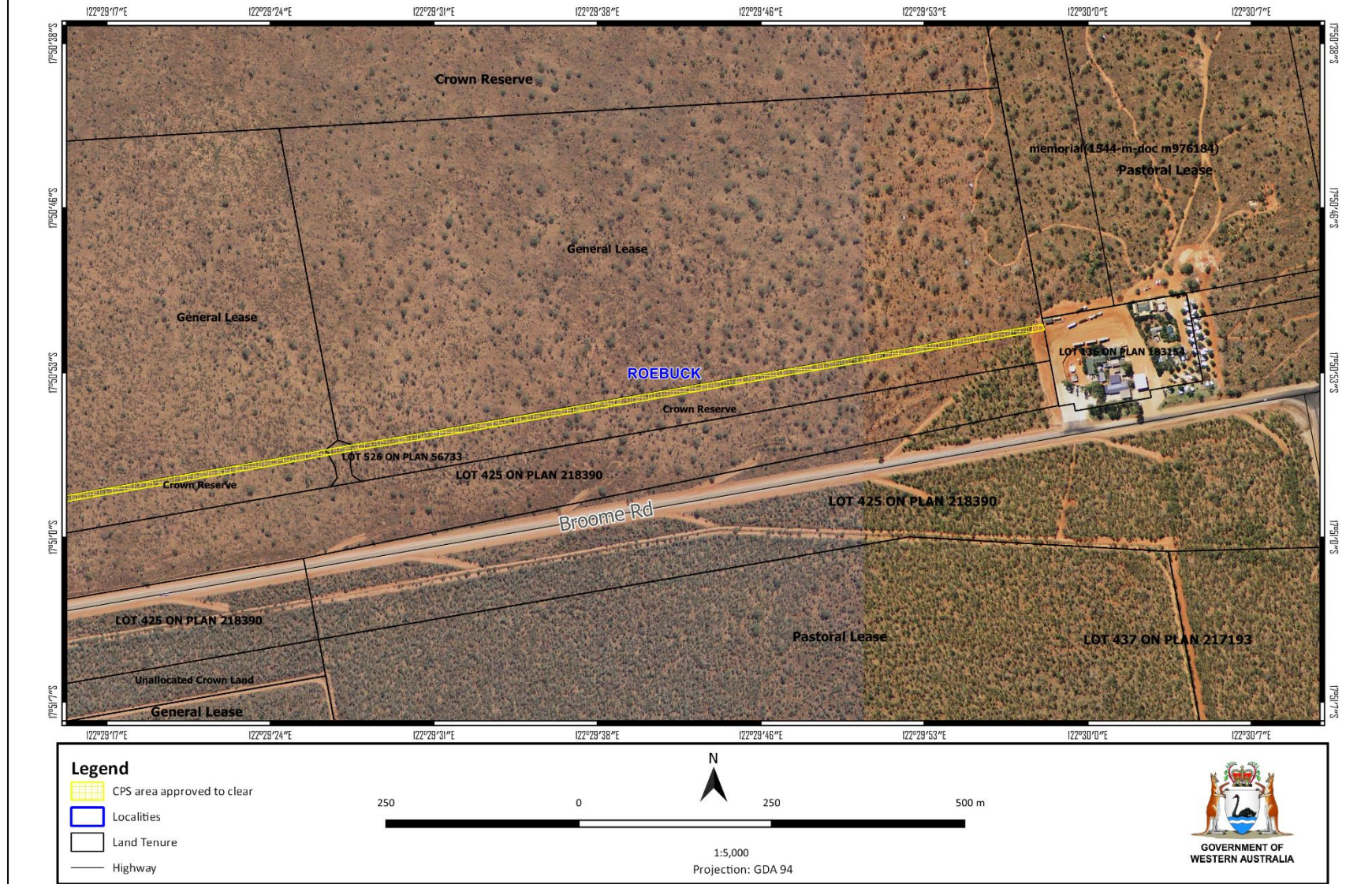


Figure 5e: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur