



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1 Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	997/2
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Quadrant Energy Australia Ltd
Application received:	28 September 2021
Application area:	8.36 hectares
Purpose of clearing:	Fire risk reduction and maintenance activities
Method of clearing:	Mechanical Removal
Property:	Production Licence 6 (TL/6)
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Ashburton
Colloquial name:	Varanus Island Project

1.2. Description of application

The permit holder applied to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 997/2 as the permit has been replaced by CPS 7551/1.

1.3. Decision on application

Decision:	Revoked
Decision date:	10 March 2022
Decision area:	8.36 hectares of native vegetation, as depicted in Section 1.5, below.

1.4. Reasons for decision

In making the decision, the Delegated Officer had regard for:

- a review of the permit holder's compliance with conditions of Clearing Permit CPS 997/2 (section 2.1 of this report)
- other matters considered relevant to the decision (section 2.2 of this report).

The application to surrender was submitted, accepted and determined in accordance with section 51M, 51MA and 51L of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

After consideration of the above information, the Delegated Officer decided to revoke Clearing Permit CPS 997/2.

1.5. Site map

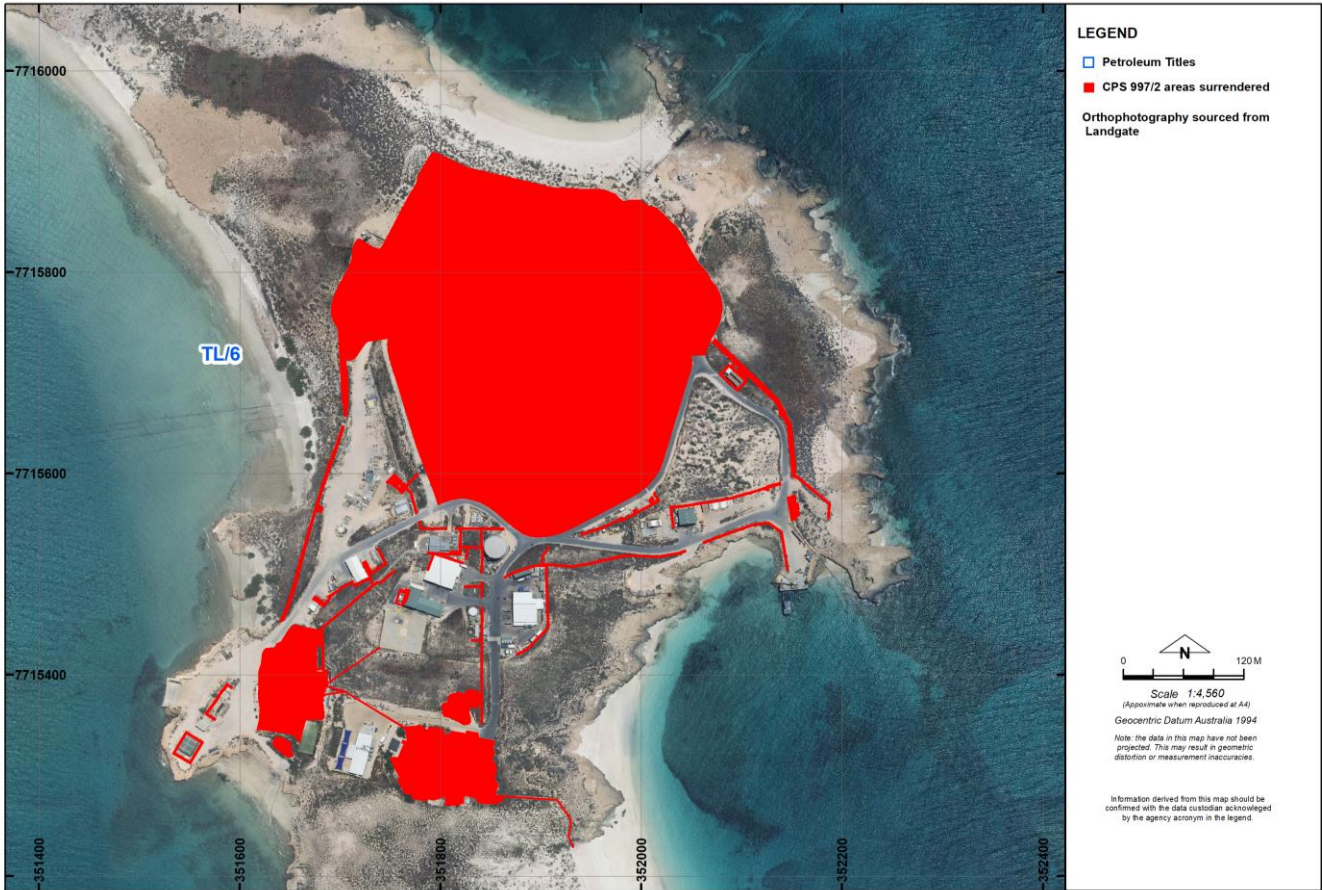


Figure 1: Map of the application area. The areas shaded red indicate the areas which have been revoked

2 Assessment

2.1. Review of compliance with clearing permit conditions

On 22 February 2022, the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (the Department) reviewed the annual clearing permit report for Clearing Permit CPS 997/2. The Department identified that the permit holder has cleared 1.860 hectares under CPS 997/2. No clearing has occurred since 2017 (Santos, 2021).

The Department's review of the permit holder's requirements under Clearing Permit CPS 997/2 did not identify any non-compliance with the clearing permit conditions, and the permit holder has satisfied the conditions on the permit.

2.2. Relevant planning instruments and other matters

On 28 September 2021, the Department accepted the permit holder's application to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 997/2 and in accordance with section 51M(5)(a) of the EP Act, invited the permit holder to provide comments on its proposed decision to revoke the permit.

On 3 March 2022, the permit holder advised they had no comments on the Department's proposed decision.

The CEO notes that the surrender application was made by Santos WA Energy Limited, which is the new name for the company entity formerly known as Quadrant Energy Australia Ltd.

Appendix A. References

Santos (2021) Final Close Out Report CPS 997/2. Santos Ltd, September 2021.