GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 10354/1
Permit Holder:	Shane Smith
Duration of Permit:	From 24 November 2023 to 24 November 2033

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 overhead powerline installation.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 11 on Deposited Plan 17893, Irishtown

Lot 1206 on Deposited Plan 246996, Jennapullin

Northam-Pithara Road Reserve (PIN 11535299), Irishtown and Jennapullin

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 19 native trees and shrubs within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Period during which clearing is authorised

The permit holder must not clear any *native vegetation* after 24 November 2028.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. 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.

6. Weed and dieback management

When undertaking any clearing inimize d under this permit, the permit holder must take the following measures to inimize the risk of introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:

(a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;

(b) ensure that no known *dieback* or *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. Directional clearing

The permit holder must:

(a) conduct *clearing* activities in a slow, progressive manner towards adjacent *native vegetation*; and

(b) allow a reasonable time for fauna present within the area being cleared to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

8. Revegetation and rehabilitation

(a) The permit holder must plant and maintain 24 *native* trees and shrubs of which seven must be *Eucalyptus loxophleba* within the Northam-Pithara Road reserve (PIN 11535299), in Figure 2 of Schedule 2 with the following conditions:

  (i) ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used to revegetate and *rehabilitate;*

  (ii) ensure *planting* is undertaken at the *optimal time;*

  (iii) undertake *weed* control and watering of *plantings* for at least two years post *planting;*

  (iv) the *revegetation* is to commence within 24 months of undertaking clearing authorised under this permit and no later than 24 November 2025.

(b) Within 24 months of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 8(a) of this permit, the permit holder must;

  (i) engage an *environmental specialist* to make a determination on whether 24 planted native trees and shrubs trees will survive;

  (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist* the 24 planted native trees and shrubs (of which seven must be *Eucalyptus loxophleba)* will not survive, the permit holder must undertake additional *planting* of 24 native trees and shrubs (of which seven must be *Eucalyptus loxophleba)* to achieve this outcome; and

  (iii) where additional *planting* of native trees and shrubs is undertaken in accordance with condition 8 (b)(ii), the permit holder must repeat the activities required by conditions 8 (a) (i-iv) and 8 (b) (i-ii) of this permit.

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	(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 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (c) the date that the area was cleared; (d) direction of clearing; (e) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); (f) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and (g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback* in accordance with condition 6.
2.	In relation to the required *revegetation* activities in accordance with condition 8	(a) the location where the *native* trees and shrubs were planted, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographic coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (b) the date that the area was planted; (c) the number and species of the trees and shrubs planted; (d) the size (in mm) of the trees and shrubs planted; (e) dates of the *weed* and watering actions undertaken in accordance with condition 8(b)(iii); (f) a copy of the *environmental specialist's* report; (g) a description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken; and (h) any remedial actions required to be undertaken.

10. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 9 of this permit when requested by the *CEO*.

DEFINITIONS

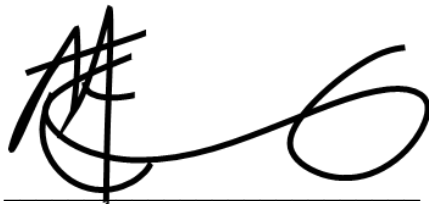
In this permit, the terms in Table have the meanings defined.

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
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.
department	means the department established under section 35 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.
dieback	plant disease is caused by a group of soil-borne water moulds in the genus *Phytophthora*
environmental specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under the permit, or who is approved by the *CEO* as a suitable *environmental specialist.*
EP Act	*Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA)
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
local provenance	means *native vegetation* seeds and propagating material from natural sources within 50 kilometres and the same IBRA subregion of the area cleared.
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.
optimum time	means the period from May to June for undertaking planting or seeding
planting/s	means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and *planting* seedlings of the desired species
rehabilitate	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.
revegetate/ion	means actively managing an area containing *native vegetation* in order to improve the ecological function of the area.
weeds	means any plant – (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and

Term	Definition
	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
MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

31 October 2023

Schedule 1

Plan 10354/1

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

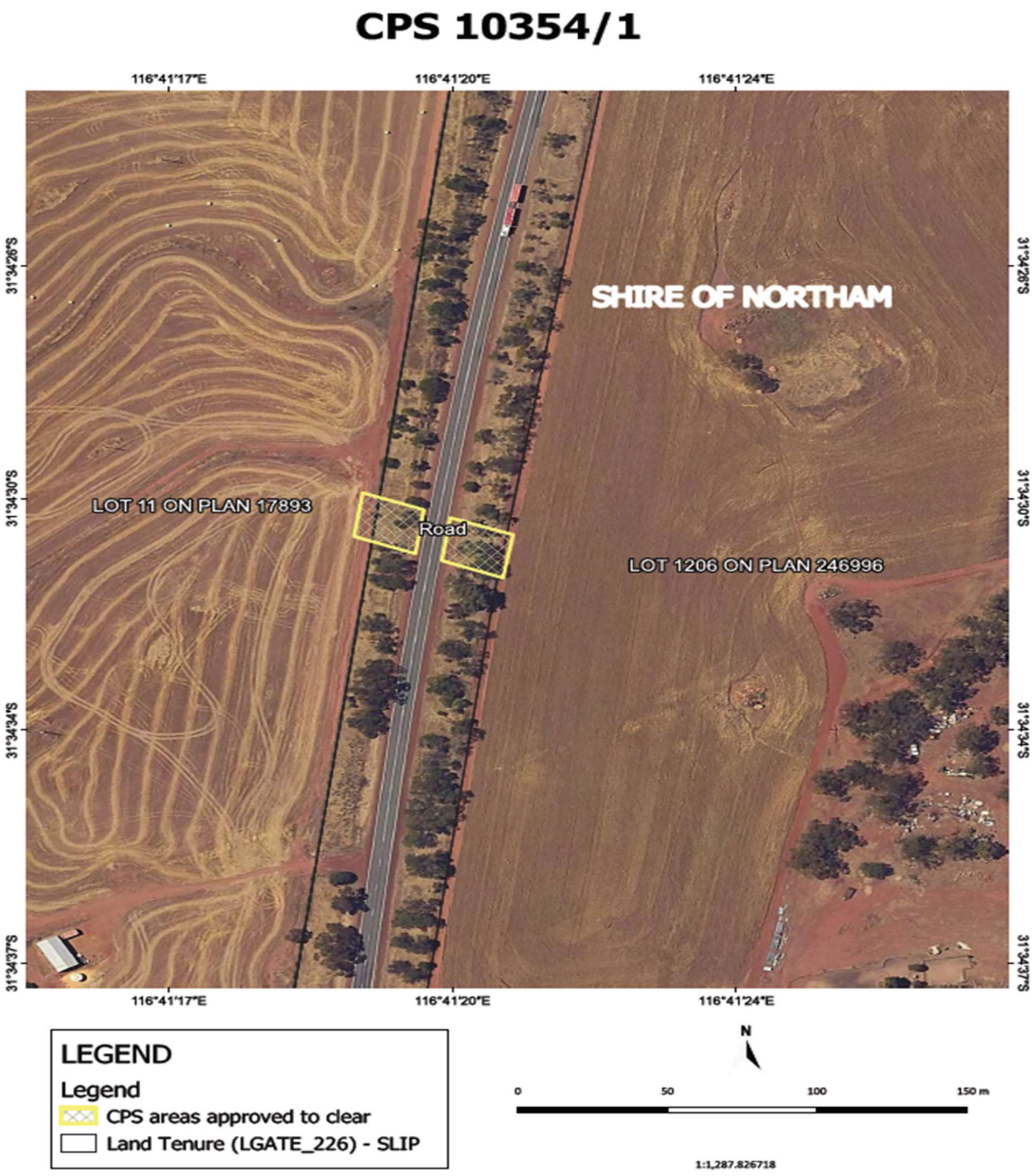


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur

Schedule 2

Plan 10354/1

The boundary of the area in which planting must occur cleared is shown in the map below (Figure 1).

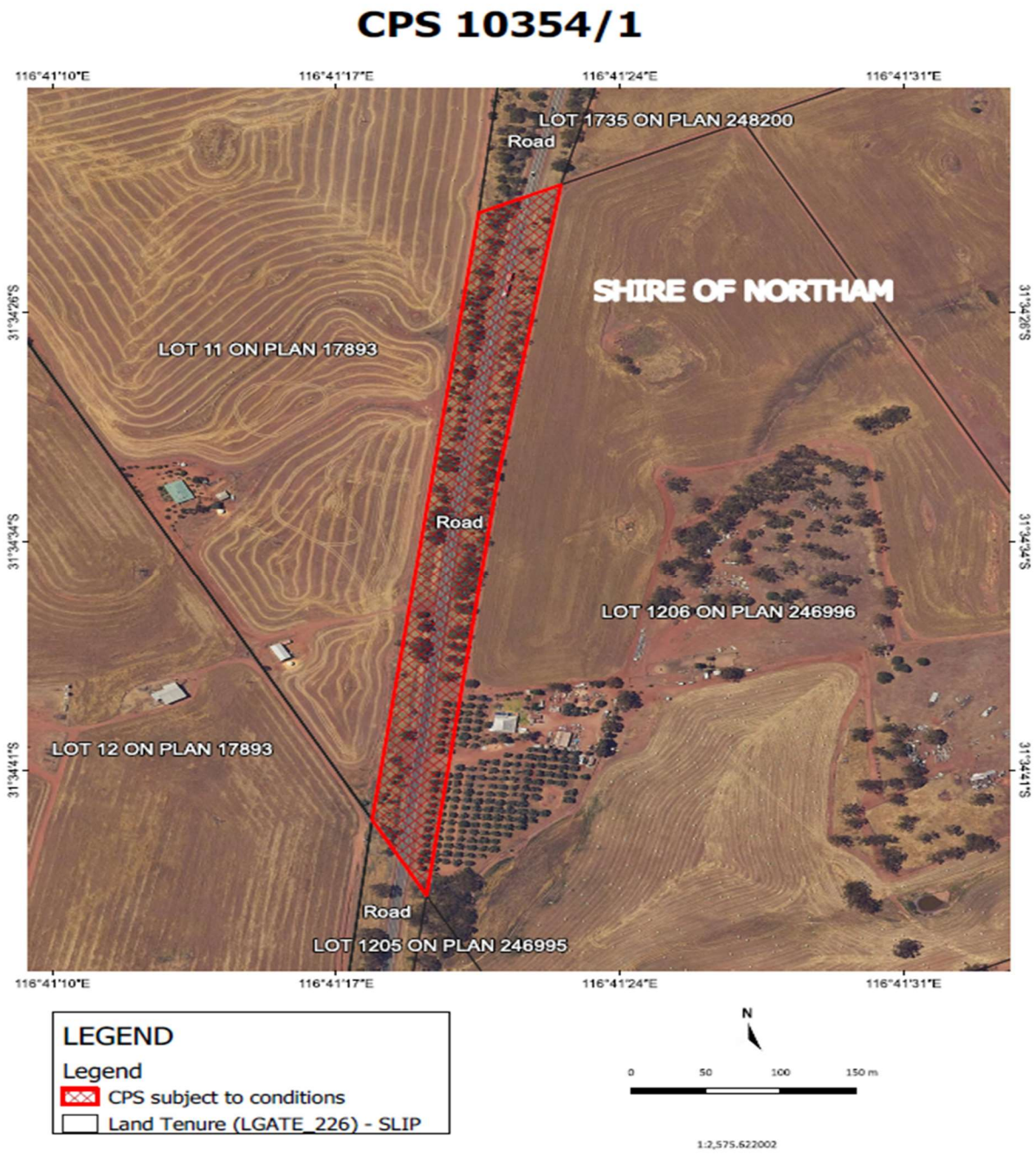


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which planting must occur