GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	11122/1
Duration of Permit:	From 12 November 2025 to 11 November 2030
Permit Holder:	MARBL Lithium Operations Pty Ltd

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

General Purpose Lease 45/290
General Purpose Lease 45/291
General Purpose Lease 45/321
Mining Lease 45/49
Mining Lease 45/50
Mining Lease 45/254
Mining Lease 45/353
Mining Lease 45/365
Mining Lease 45/381
Mining Lease 45/382
Mining Lease 45/383
Mining Lease 45/887
Mining Lease 45/888
Mining Lease 45/923
Mining Lease 45/924
Mining Lease 45/925
Mining Lease 45/949
Mining Lease 45/950
Mining Lease 45/1188
Mining Lease 45/1252
Miscellaneous Licence 45/58
Miscellaneous Licence 45/93
Miscellaneous Licence 45/105
Miscellaneous Licence 45/437
Miscellaneous Licence 45/441
Miscellaneous Licence 45/443

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities.

3. Area of clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 683.8 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded yellow, shaded purple and shaded green in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Clearing restricted

The Permit Holder shall not clear:

(a) native vegetation within the areas shaded red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1;
(b) more than 14.7 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded purple in Figure 1 of Schedule 1; and
(c) more than 18.5 hectares of native vegetation within the areas shaded green in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared under this Permit, the Permit Holder must apply the following principles, set out in descending order of preference:

(d) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
(e) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
(f) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

6. Weed control

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the 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.

7. Directional clearing

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

8. Vegetation management

(a) where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing *riparian vegetation*; and
(b) where a *watercourse* or *drainage line* is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall ensure that the existing surface flow is maintained, or reinstated downstream into existing natural *drainage lines*.

9. Flora management

Where the *priority flora* species *Euphorbia clementii, Euploca mutica, Goodenia obscurata, Gymnanthera cunninghamii, Terminalia supranitifolia, Triodia chichesterensis* and*, Vigna triodiophila* have been identified and their written locations provided to the *CEO*, within report 'Flora and Vegetation Assessment, Wodgina Lithium Operation. Report prepared for Mineral Resources Limited by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited, February 2025)' as retained on DMPE file DMS08240/2025 as Doc ID A93203423, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:

(a) no clearing within 10 metres of the identified *Goodenia obscurata, Gymnanthera cunninghamii,* and *Vigna triodiophila*, unless first approved by the *CEO*;
(b) no greater than 530 individuals of *Euphorbia clementii* are impacted; and
(c) no greater than 272 individuals of *Euploca mutica* are impacted; and
(d) no greater than 96 individuals of *Terminalia supranitifolia* are impacted; and
(e) no greater than 306, 305 individuals of *Triodia chichesterensis* are impacted.

10. Fauna management – greater bilby pre-clearance survey

(a) within fourteen (14) days prior to undertaking any clearing within the areas shaded blue on Figure 2 of Schedule 1 of this Permit the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to:

(i) undertake surveys using transects spaced at 20 metres on average, to identify evidence of burrows that may be suitable for greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*) use.

(b) where potential greater bilby burrow/s are identified under Condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must engage a fauna specialist to:

(i) flag the location of the burrow/s; and

(ii) inspect the burrow/s and determine whether the burrow/s are potentially occupied.

(c) where a potentially occupied burrow is identified under Condition 10(b), the Permit Holder must not clear within 50 metres of the potentially occupied burrow and ensure there is an undisturbed vegetative linkage between the potentially occupied burrow and vegetation outside of the area to be cleared, where practicable.

(d) where a potentially occupied burrow is identified under Condition 10(b), and cannot be avoided with a minimum 50 metre vegetative buffer in accordance with Condition 10(c), the Permit Holder must engage a fauna specialist to:

(i) monitor the burrow with remote cameras for greater bilby use for a minimum of three (3) consecutive nights;

(ii) where no evidence of greater bilby activity is identified under Condition 10(d)(i), the burrow shall be deemed as unoccupied and the Permit Holder must engage a fauna specialist to:

A. carefully excavate the burrow by hand, and remove and relocate any native vertebrate fauna found within the burrow; and
B. collapse and fill the burrow immediately after the fauna specialist has confirmed no native vertebrate fauna are present within the burrow.

(iii) where evidence of greater bilby use is identified under Condition 10(d)(i), the Permit Holder must engage a fauna specialist to:

A. continue to monitor the burrow for greater bilby activity;
B. implement displacement techniques such as deliberate disturbance of the burrow entrance, while ensuring the disturbance does not prevent the greater bilby from exiting the burrow; and
C. once greater bilby displacement from the burrow is confirmed, stop monitoring, and undertake the actions required under Condition 10(d)(ii)A and Condition 10(d)(ii)B.

(e) if the greater bilby has not moved on from an occupied burrow under Condition 10(d)(iii), the Permit Holder must, within 24 hours prior to clearing, engage a fauna specialist to remove and relocate the identified greater bilby to an area of greater bilby *suitable habitat* no closer than 100 metres from the area to be cleared, in accordance with a section 40 authorisation under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

(f) immediately after the greater bilby has been relocated under Condition 10(e), the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake the actions required under Condition 10(d)(ii)A and Condition 10(d)(ii)B.

(g) within 24 hours prior to clearing the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to re-inspect any flagged burrow/s identified under Condition 10(b)(i) for evidence of re-excavation by greater bilby, unless these burrows are being avoided with a minimum 50 metre vegetative buffer in accordance with Condition 10(c).

(h) where re-excavated greater bilby burrow/s are identified under Condition 10(g), the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to:

(i) flag the location of the burrow/s; and

(ii) inspect the burrow/s and determine whether the burrow/s are occupied.

(i) where an occupied burrow is identified under Condition 10(h)(ii), the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to:

(i) remove and relocate any identified greater bilby from the burrow to an area of greater bilby suitable habitat, in accordance with a section 40 authorisation under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*; and

(ii) immediately after the greater bilby has been relocated under Condition 10(i)(i), undertake the actions required under Condition 10(d)(ii)A and Condition 10(d)(ii)B.

(j) where an unoccupied burrow is identified under Condition 8(h)(ii), the Permit Holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to undertake the actions required under Condition108(d)(ii)A and Condition 10(d)(ii)B.

(k) where any greater bilby burrows are identified under Condition 10(a) or 10(g), and any greater bilby

is relocated under Condition 10(e) or 10(i), the Permit Holder must include the following in a report to be submitted to the *CEO* within two (2) months of undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit:

(i) the location of any burrow identified including a description of whether the burrow was unoccupied, potentially occupied, or occupied, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;

(ii) a description of the remote camera monitoring actions undertaken under Condition 10(d);

(iii) the date and time that burrows have been excavated and collapsed under Conditions 10(d), 10(f), 10(i) and 8(j);

(iv) the date and time greater bilby are recorded as independently moving on from an occupied burrow under Condition 10(d);

(v) the sex of each greater bilby captured and relocated under Condition 10(e) or 10(i);

(vi) the location of any greater bilby captured under Condition 10(e) or 10(i), using a GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;

(vii) the date, time and vegetation type at each location where greater bilby are captured under Condition 10(e) or 10(i);

(viii) the location of any greater bilby relocated under Condition 10(e) or 10(i), using a GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;

(ix) the date, time and vegetation type at each location where greater bilby are relocated under Condition 10(e) or 10(i);

(x) the name of the fauna specialist that relocated greater bilby under Condition 10(e) or 10(i); and

(xi) a copy of the fauna licence authorising the relocation of greater bilby under Condition 10(e) or 10(i).

11. Fauna management – mulgara pre-clearance survey

(a) within fourteen (14) days prior to undertaking any clearing within the areas shaded blue on Figure 2 of Schedule 1 this Permit the Permit Holder shall engage a fauna specialist to conduct a fauna survey of that area to identify *Dasycercus blythi* (brush-tailed mulgara) burrows.

(b) prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under the Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the fauna survey in a report to the *CEO*.

(c) the fauna survey report must include the following:

(i) the location of any burrows recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;

(ii) the location of any *Dasycercus blythi* individuals if identified, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and

(iii) the methodology used to survey the Permit Area.

(d) where burrows are identified in relation to Condition 11(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 10 metres of the identified burrows, unless first approved by the *CEO*.

12. Offset

(a) No later than 1 December 2025, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* for an approval, an *offset proposal* prepared in accordance with the *Western Australian Environmental Offsets Policy* (2011), and *Western Australian Environmental Offsets Guidelines* (2014).

(b) The *offset proposal* must counterbalance the significant residual impacts of the clearing of native vegetation authorised under condition 3 of this permit that provides habitat for the northern quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), Pilbara olive python (*Liasis olivaceus barroni*), ghost bat (*Macroderma gigas*) and Pilbara leaf-nosed bat (*Rhinonicteris aurantia*).

(c) If it is necessary to modify the *offset proposal* approved by the CEO, then the permit holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the *CEO* for the *CEO's* approval, prior to implementing the modified *offset proposal*.

(d) The permit holder must implement the latest version of the *offset proposal* approved by the *CEO.*

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

13. Records to 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 location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (b) the date that the area was cleared; (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); (d) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and (e) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 6; and (f) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to *riparian vegetation* in accordance with condition 8.
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 9	(a) the name and location of each *priority flora* species, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; (b) the number of each *priority flora* species cleared; (c) actions taken to demarcate each *priority flora* species recorded and their relevant buffers; and (d) actions taken to avoid the clearing of *priority flora* species.
3.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 10	(a) Results of the pre-clearance surveys undertaken in accordance with condition 10 of this permit; and (b) A copy of the *fauna specialist*'s report.
4.	In relation to *offset* implemented pursuant to condition 11.	(a) a copy of the *offset proposal* approved by the *CEO*; (b) the location of any *offset* implemented; (c) the boundaries of the area of *offset* required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (d) a description of activities undertaken to implement the approved *offset proposal*; (e) the size of the area of the *offset* (in hectares); and (f) the results of the monitoring against the compliance with the relevant approved *offset proposal*

14. Reporting

(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the *CEO* by 31 July each year for the life of this Permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this Permit, and setting out the records required under condition 13 of this Permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.

(b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the *CEO* by 31 July of each year.

(c) Prior to 11 November 2030, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 13 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 14(a) or 14(b) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

In this Permit, the terms in Table 2 have the meanings defined.

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for administering the clearing provisions contained within the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.
condition/s	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.
drainage line/s	means a natural depression that carries surface water runoff.
EP Act	*Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA)
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
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.
offset	means a direct offset as described in the Government of Western Australia's Environmental Offsets Policy, September 2011.
offset proposal	means a documented plan that addresses the principles outlined the Government of Western Australia's Environmental Offsets Policy, September 2011.
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).
riparian vegetation	has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulation 2004.
suitable habitat	means habitat known to support Greater Bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*), within the known current distribution of the specie.
watercourse	has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914.*
weed/s	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 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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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

SCHEDULE 1

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

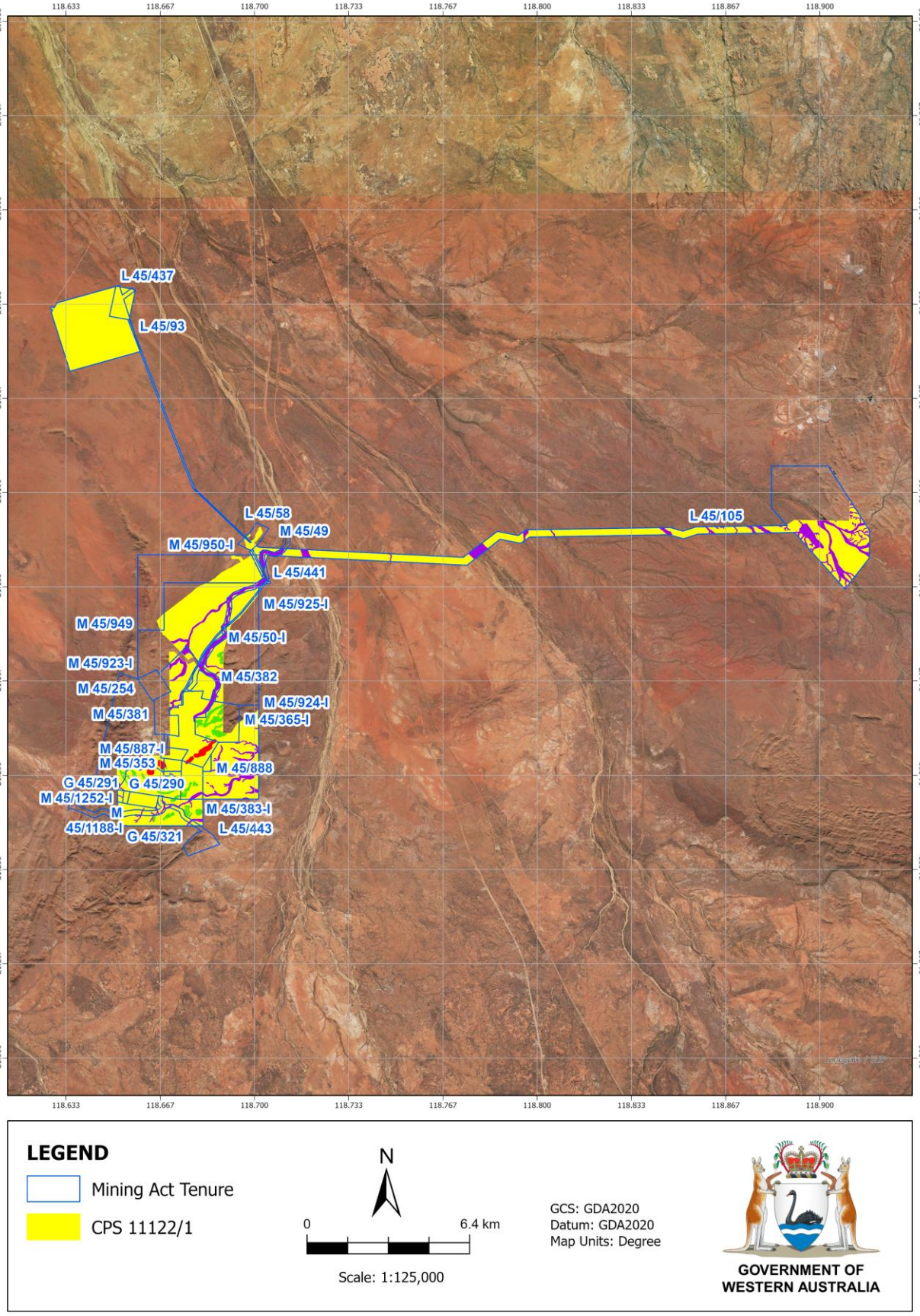


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

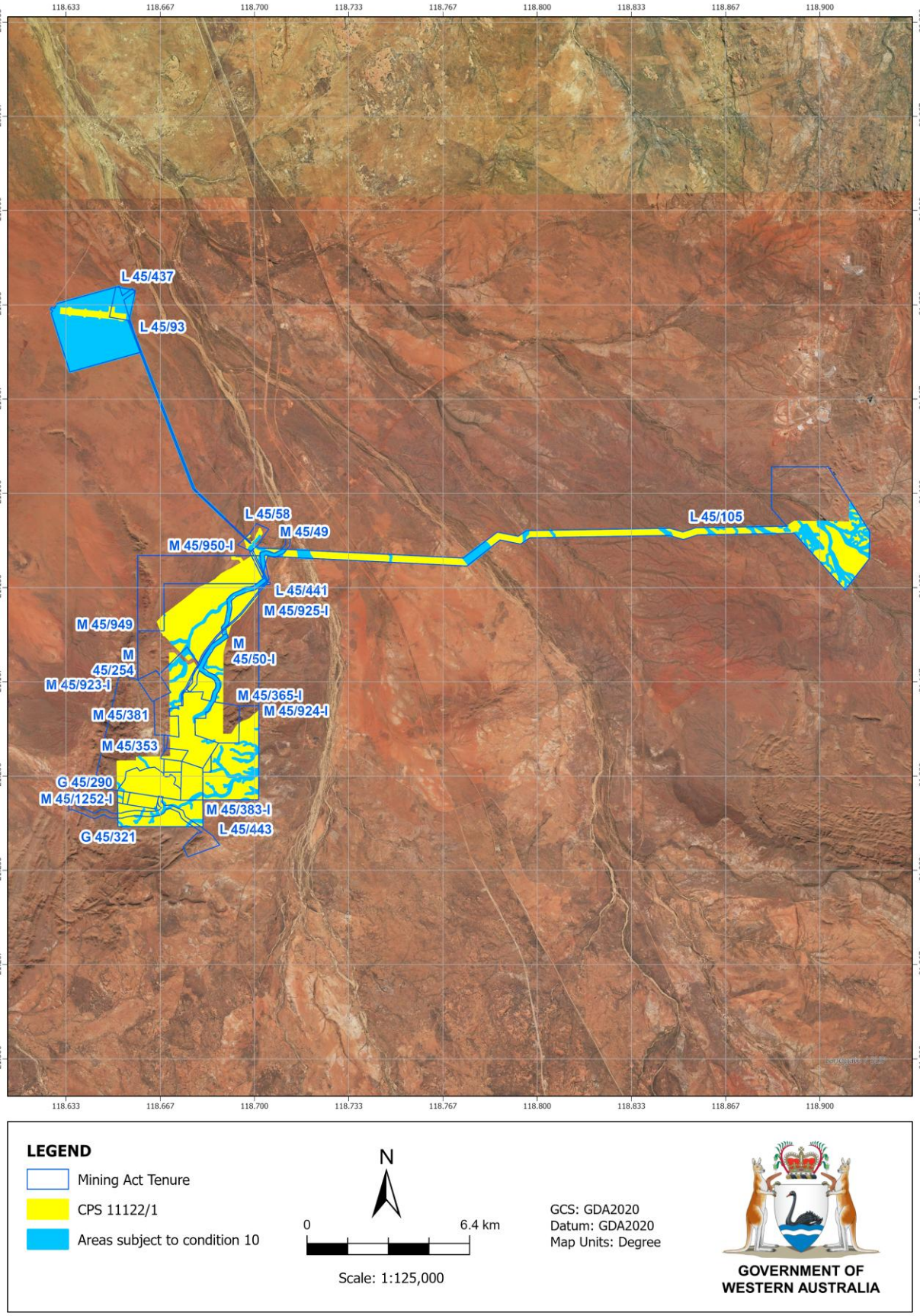


Figure 2: Map of the areas subject to condition 10.