GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11209/2
Duration of permit:	23 June 2026 to 22 June 2031
Permit holder:	Pilgangoora 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

Mining Lease 45/1266
Mining Lease 45/1324
Miscellaneous Licence 45/473
Miscellaneous Licence 45/484

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 87.34 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, and shaded red, orange, and blue, in Figure 2 of Schedule 1.

4. Directional clearing

The permit holder shall:

(a) conduct all clearing authorised under this permit in one direction towards adjacent vegetation; and
(b) allow a reasonable time for fauna present within the area being cleared to move into that adjacent native vegetation ahead of the clearing activity.

5. Restricted clearing

The permit holder shall clear no more than:

(a) 4.19 hectares of *Northern Quoll critical habitat* as shaded red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1;
(b) 82.72 hectares of *Northern Quoll supporting habitat* as shaded orange and blue in Figure 2 of Schedule 1; and
(c) 5.56 hectares of *Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat supporting habitat* as shaded blue and red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

6. 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:

(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.

7. 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;

(c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared;

8. Watercourse 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. Offset – Monetary contribution to the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund

The permit holder shall:

(a) The permit holder must contribute funds to the *Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund* in accordance with the approved *Offset Proposal*, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining native vegetation, to counterbalance the significant residual impacts to:

  (i) 4.19 hectares of *Northern Quoll (Dasyurus hallucatus) critical habitat*;

  (ii) 82.72 hectares of *Northern Quoll (Dasyurus hallucatus) supporting habitat*; and

  (iii) 5.56 hectares of *Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat* (*Rhinonicteris aurantia*) *supporting habitat*.

(b) Within 12 months of clearing commencing within the areas shaded red, blue and orange on Figure 2 of Schedule 1, and no later than 30 June of that financial year in which clearing commenced, the permit holder must contribute to the *Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund* with the amount calculated based on the area of clearing (in hectares) undertaken in that financial year, in accordance with the rates outlined in condition 9(d) and in accordance with condition 9(e).

(c) The permit holder must contribute to the *Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund*, once every 12 months, prior to 30 June of each financial year for the term of this permit or until no further clearing is required within the area shaded red, blue and orange on Figure 2 of Schedule 1, with the amount calculated based on the area of clearing (in hectares) undertaken in that financial year, in accordance with the rates outlined in condition 9(d)and subject to condition 9(e) for subsequent financial years.

(d) Calculated on the 2025-2026 financial year, the contribution rates are:

  (i) $3,306 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of *Northern Quoll critical habitat* cleared within the Chichester *IBRA* subregion.

  (ii) $1,653 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare habitat for *Northern Quoll supporting habitat* and *Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat supporting habitat* cleared within the Chichester *IBRA* subregion.

(e) The rates in condition 9(d) change annually each subsequent financial year in accordance with the percentage change in the *CPI* applicable to that financial year.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. 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) action taken in accordance with Condition 4; (e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; and (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 7; and (g) actions taken in accordance with condition 8.
2.	In relation to the restricted clearing condition pursuant to condition 5	(a) 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 or decimal degrees; and (b) actions taken to restrict clearing within the habitat types.
3.	In relation to the PEOF offset in pursuant to condition 9.	(a) the location where the clearing occurred per financial year, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; (b) the size of the Northern Quoll critical habitat cleared (in hectares) per year; (c) the size of the Northern Quoll supporting habitat cleared (in hectares) per year; (d) the size of the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat habitat cleared (in hectares) per year (e) the date(s) on which the area of the Northern Quoll critical habitat was cleared per year; (f) the date(s) on which the area of the Northern Quoll supporting habitat was cleared per year; (g) the date(s) on which the area of the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat critical habitat was cleared per year; (h) the boundaries of the area of Northern Quoll and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat habitat cleared per year, (recorded digitally as a shapefile); and (i) evidence of contributions made to the *Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund* each financial year, including invoices and receipts of payment.

11. Reporting

(a) The permit holder must provide a written 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 10 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 22 June 2031, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 10 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a) or 11(b) of this permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
CEO	means 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.
CPI	means the All Groups Consumer Price Index numbers for Perth, compiled and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
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.
IBRA	means Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia.
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.
Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*) critical habitat	means habitat that is considered to be habitat critical to the survival of the Northern Quoll by supporting breeding/denning.
Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus)* supporting habitat	means habitat considered to support the survival of the species for foraging, dispersal or water sources within one kilometre of the critical denning habitat for the Northern Quoll.
offset	means an offset as described in the Government of Western Australia's *Environmental Offsets Policy, September 2011*.
Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund	means a special purpose account created pursuant to section 16(1)(d) of the *Financial Management Act 2006* by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.
Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat (*Rhinonicteris aurantia*) supporting habitat	means habitat considered to support the survival of the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat for foraging, dispersal or water sources within 20 kilometres of the criticalcaves for the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat.

Term	Definition
riparian vegetation	has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.
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

Demelza Dravnieks

27 October 2026
Team Leader Compliance and Enforcement

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).

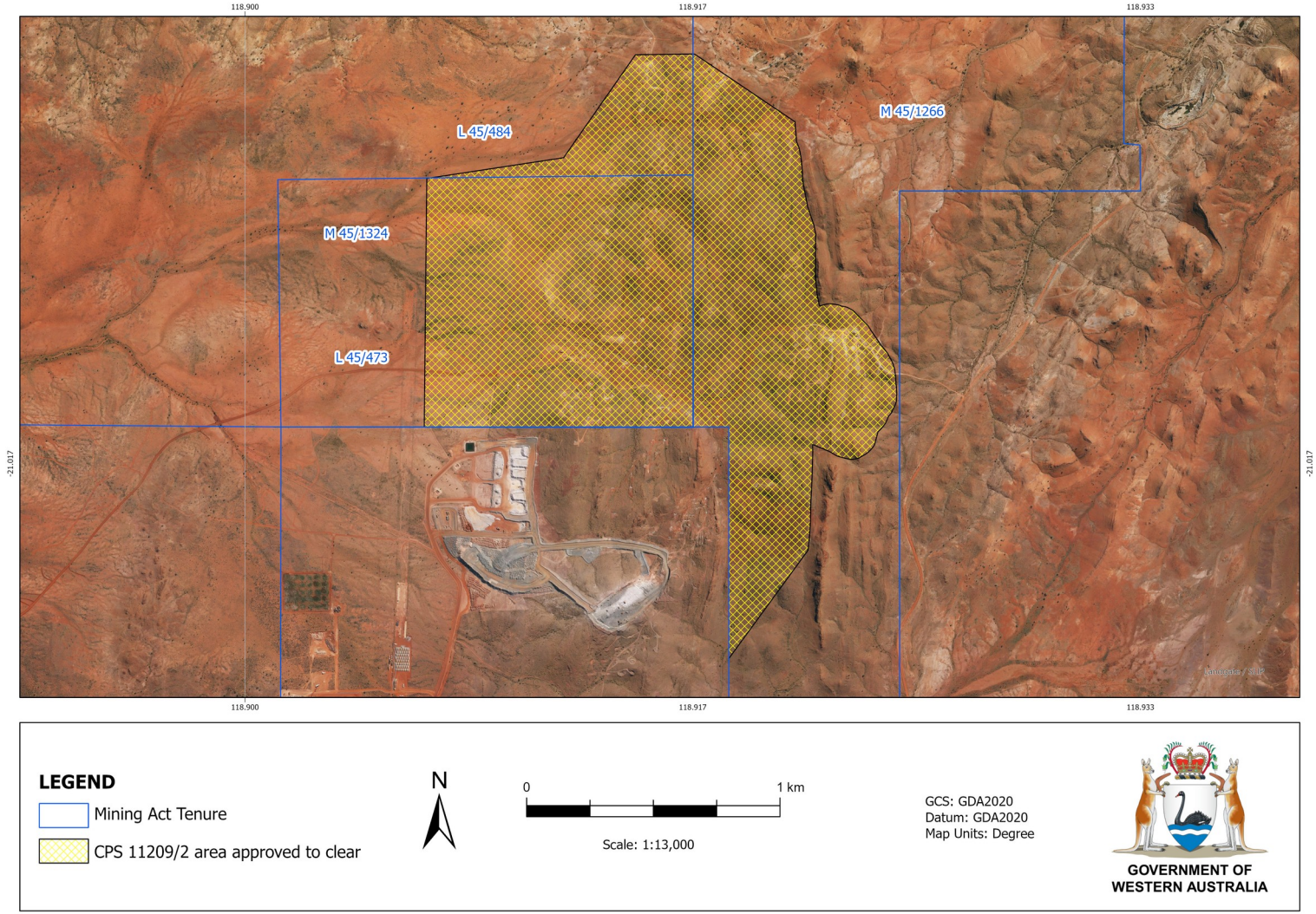


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

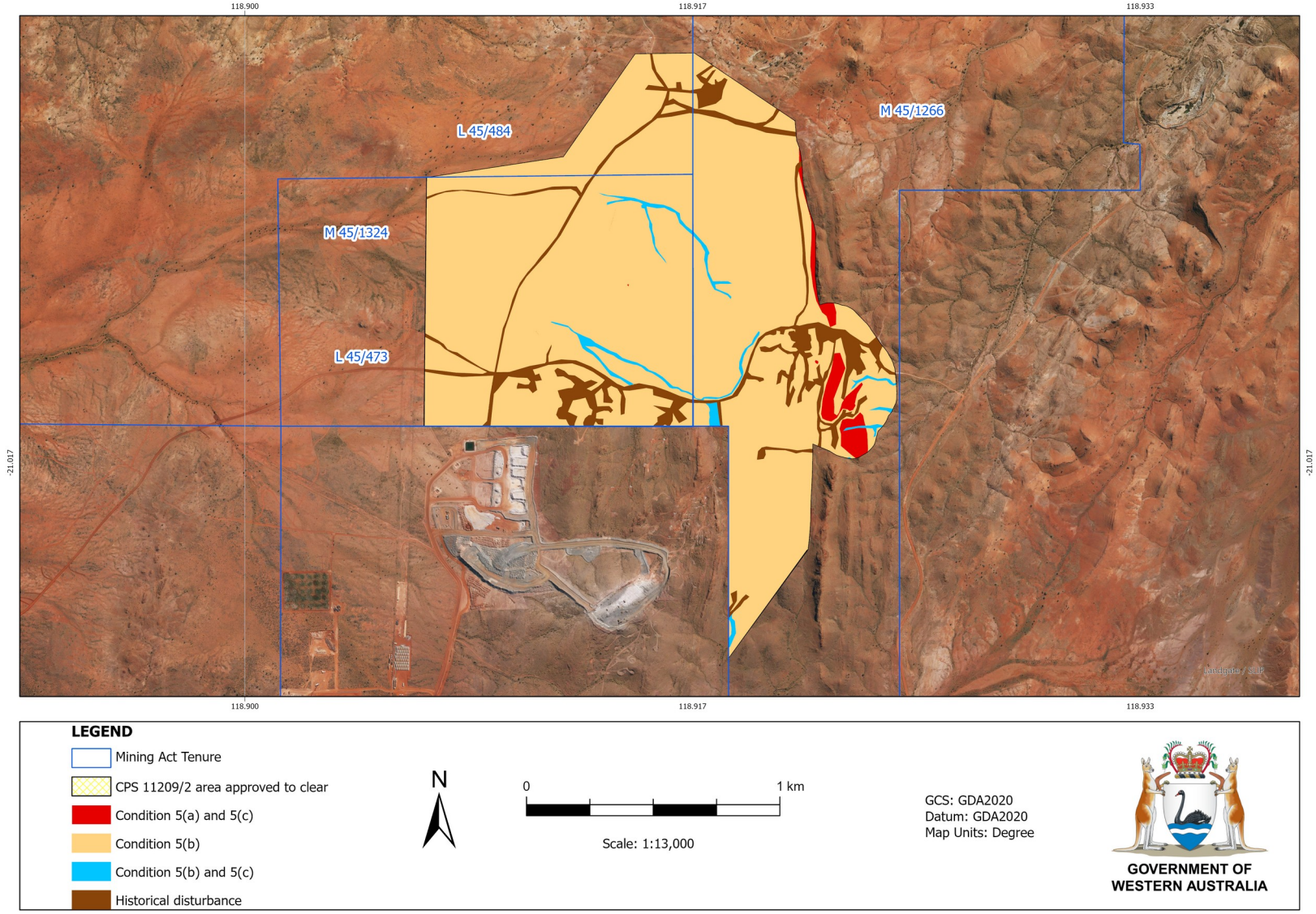


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur. Areas shaded in red, blue and orange are subject to offset.