GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	11628/1
Duration of permit:	21 November 2026 to 1 February 2032
Permit holder:	Pilbara Iron 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

Miscellaneous Licence 47/223

2. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a camp and associated activities.

3. Area of clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 35 hectares of native vegetation within the area(s) cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Type of clearing authorised – staged clearing

The permit holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

5. 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.

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; and

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

8. Revegetation and rehabilitation – retention of vegetative material and topsoil

(a) The permit holder must retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil

(b) The permit holder must *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the area(s) that are no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this permit by:

(i) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five (5) metres of uncleared land; and

(ii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; and

(iii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained

9. Fauna management – western pebble-mound mouse

(a) Where the western pebble-mound mouse burrows have been identified and their written location(s), provided to the *CEO*, within the report 'Wildflower Camp – Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Habitat Assessment – Native Vegetation Clearing Permit, 13 May 2026' as retained on Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration file number DMS07418/2026 as object ID A111177221, the Permit Holder shall ensure that the mounds are not cleared.

(b) In addition to condition 9a, within fourteen (14) days prior to undertaking any clearing authorised within the yellow-hatched area in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder shall engage a fauna spotter to undertake *clearance surveys* for western pebble-mound mouse (*Pseudomys chapmani*).

(c) Where western pebble-mouse mounds are identified under condition 9(b), the permit holder shall engage a fauna spotter to determine if the burrow is occupied

(d) Where active burrows are identified in relation to condition 9(b) and 9(c) of the permit, the permit holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 10 metres of the identified active western pebble-mound mouse mounds, unless approved by the *CEO*.

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) actions taken in accordance with condition 4; (e) actions taken in accordance with condition 5; (f) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6; and

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
		(g) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 7
2.	In relation to rehabilitation and revegetation management pursuant to condition 8	(a) The location of any areas revegetated and rehabilitated, 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) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; and (c) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares).
3.	In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 9	(a) the locations of mounds 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) the location of any western pebble-mound mouse individuals, if identified, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA 2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.

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 1 February 2032, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 11 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	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*.
clearance survey(s)	means a search of immediate impact areas prior to clearing to locate fauna. The clearance survey should focus on locating burrows, recent foraging signs, fresh tracks and scats.
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.
EP Act	*Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA)

Term	Definition
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.
rehabilitate / rehabilitated / rehabilitation	means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of flora and vegetation of the permit area, focusing on habitat suitable for flora species that are being targeted and carried out during the optimal time to identify those species. Where target flora are identified in the permit area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the permit area into local context.
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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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SCHEDULE 1

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

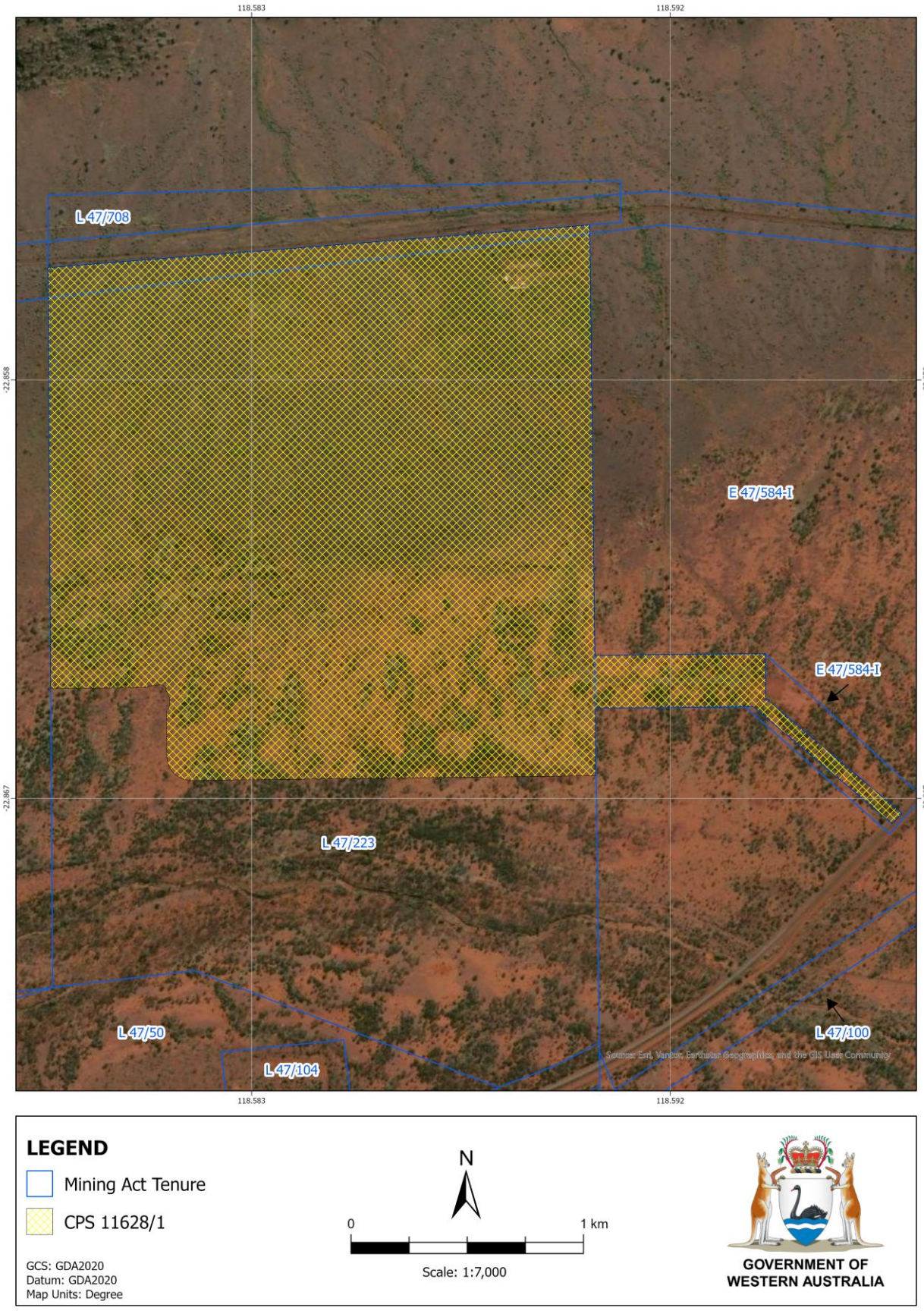


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.