GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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| **Purpose permit number:** | 9435/2 |
| **Duration of permit:** | 26 February 2027 to 25 February 2032 |
| **Permit holder:** | Big Bell Gold 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 20/55,
Mining Lease 20/108,
Mining Lease 20/111,
Mining Lease 20/176,
Mining Lease 20/183,
Mining Lease 20/195,
Mining Lease 20/247

**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 250 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

**4. Type of clearing authorised**

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.

## 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:

(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 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;

## PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

**7. 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;<br>(b) the date that the area was cleared;<br>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);<br>(d) actions pursuant to condition 4;<br>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; and<br>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 6. |

**8. 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 7 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 25 February 2032, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 7 of this permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 8(a) or 8(b) of this permit.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**Table 2: Definitions**

| Term | Definition |
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| 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. |
| 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) |
| 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. |
| weed(s) | means any plant –<br>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or<br>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or<br>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned. |

**END OF CONDITIONS**

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29 October 2026
General Manager Mine Closure and Environmental Services

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).

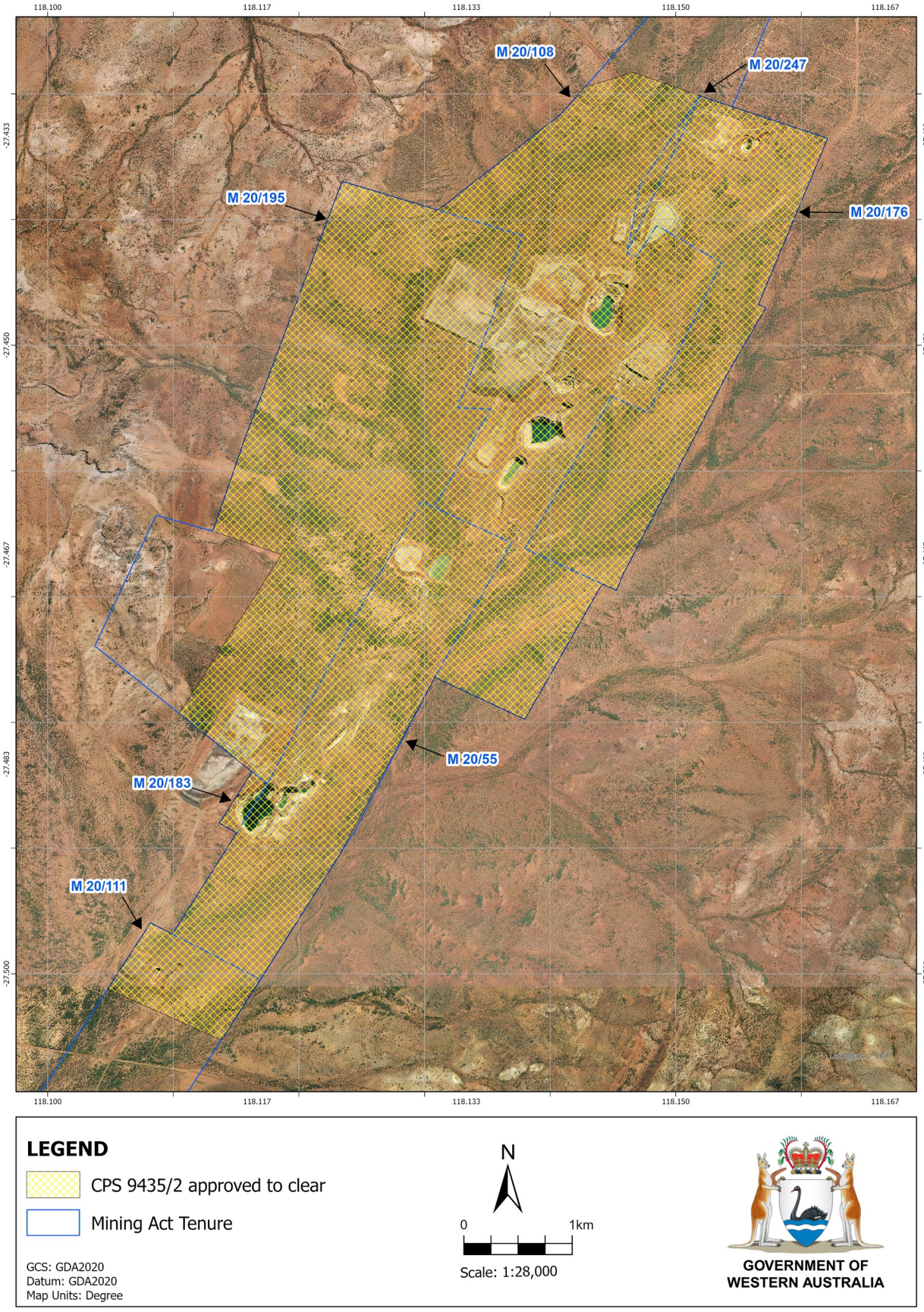



**Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.**