



Mr Troy Flannery
Chief Executive Officer
Abra Mining Pty Ltd
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Dear Mr Flannery

**Permit to Clear Native Vegetation under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*
Abra Mining Pty Ltd – Abra Base Metals Project (CPS 8558/1)**

Please find enclosed your permit to clear native vegetation granted under s.51E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. This authorisation gives you approval to clear, subject to certain terms, conditions or restrictions. A copy of your permit is now available for the public to view, as required by the regulations.

Read your permit carefully. If you do not understand your permit, contact this Department immediately. There are penalties for failing to comply with the requirements of your permit.

If you are aggrieved by a decision of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, an appeal may be lodged with the Minister for Environment. If you choose to appeal, it must be in writing, clearly setting out the grounds of your appeal, and received by the Minister for Environment within **21** days of being notified. More information on lodging an appeal is available from the Office of the Appeals Convenor on telephone (08) 6364 7990. Completed appeals should be posted or delivered to:

Office of the Appeals Convenor
Level 22 Forrest Centre
221 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Tel: (08) 6364 7990
Fax: (08) 6364 7999
Email: admin@appealsconvenor.wa.gov.au
Web: www.appealsconvenor.wa.gov.au

Third parties may also appeal against the issue of this permit. **Please note that clearing must not commence until the date stated on the permit (14 September 2019) or until notified on the outcome of any appeal. In addition, clearing must not commence until all other environmental approvals have been obtained.**

Under Condition 8 of your permit to clear native vegetation, you are required to submit an annual clearing report. This clearing report should be forwarded to the General Manager Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, prior to the due date, via email to nvab@dmirs.wa.gov.au.

Please also note that in undertaking the clearing authorised under this permit, the Permit Holder is to have regard to avoiding clearing, minimising clearing, and reducing the impacts of clearing on any environmental value.

Compliance with the terms, conditions or restrictions of this permit does not absolve the Permit Holder from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all Commonwealth and State legislation.

If you have any queries regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact Gemma Maling, Environmental Officer on (08) 9222 3095 or email gemma.maling@dmirs.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Middleton

Jacqui Middleton
Acting General Manager Environmental Compliance
Resource and Environmental Compliance Division
22 August 2019

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	8558/1
Duration of Permit:	From 14 September 2019 to 13 September 2024
Permit Holder:	Abra Mining 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 52/198
- 2. Purpose for which clearing may be done**
Clearing for the purpose of an aerodrome and associated infrastructure.
- 3. Area of Clearing**
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 45 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 8558/1.
- 4. Application**
This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

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 authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in 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*:
 - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - (iii) 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 the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
 - (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (ii) the date that the area was cleared;
 - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
 - (iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.
- (b) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and the extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 5 of this Permit; and
- (c) actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with Condition 6 of this Permit.

8. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the General Manager Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety 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 8 of this Permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 13 September 2024, the Permit Holder must provide to the General Manager Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety a written report of records required under Condition 7 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 8(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

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;

weed/s means any plant -

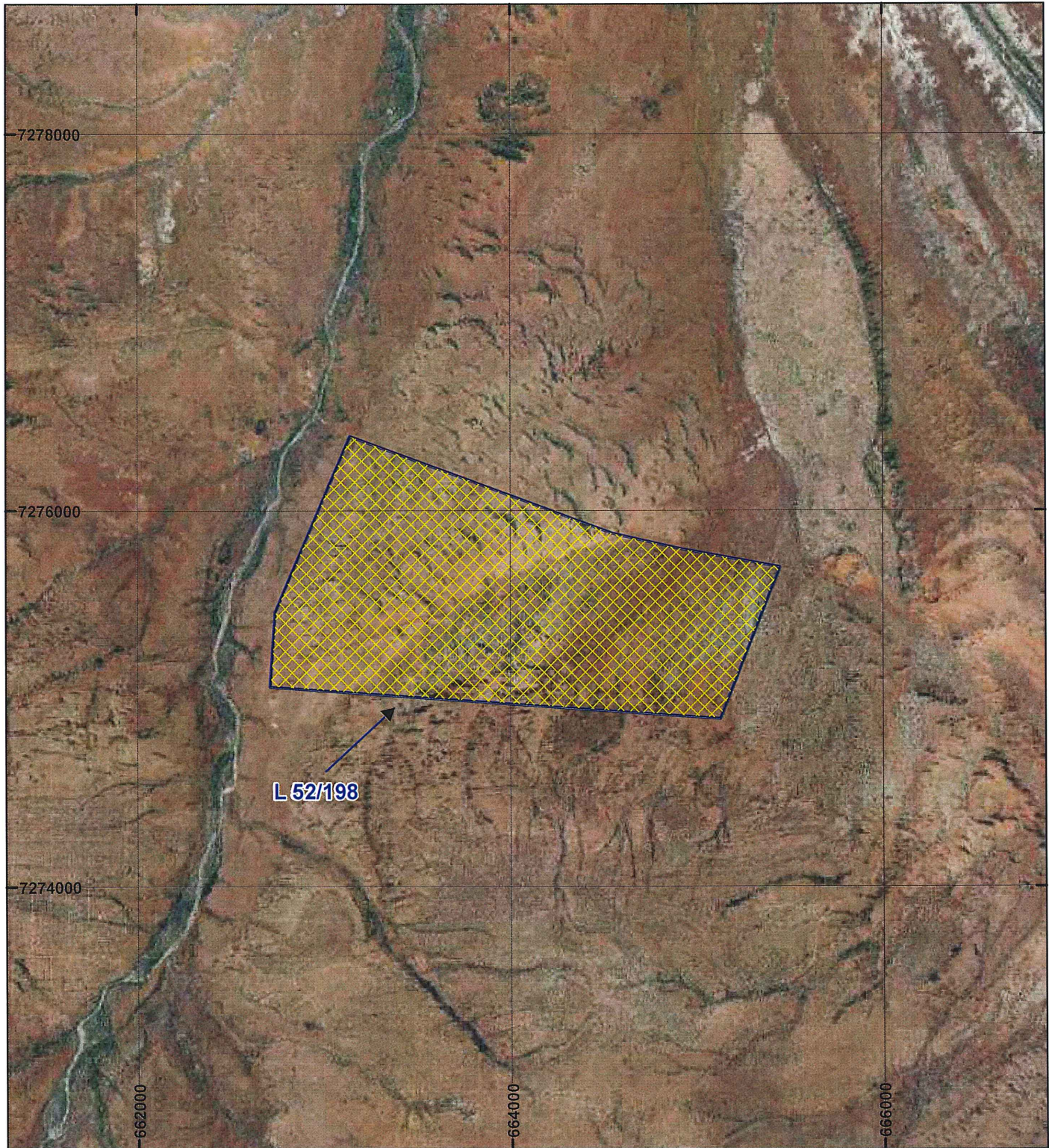
- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

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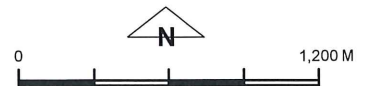
LEGEND

 Mining Tenements

Clearing Instruments

 Areas Approved to Clear

Orthophotography sourced from Landgate



Scale 1:30,000

(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been projected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.



JACQUI MIDDLETON Date 22/08/2019
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