NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Pastoral Land Act 1992 – section 91H(2)(a)

CLEARING PERMIT

Permit Number: PLC26/03

Manbulloo

Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1205

NT Portion 1604

Katherine Pastoral District

APPROVED PURPOSE

To use and develop the land for the purpose of clearing native vegetation for Pastoral Purposes, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Conditions and the Endorsed Drawing.

PERMITTED CLEARING AREA

The area of 3904.07 hectares (Albers) within NT Portion 1604 depicted in the Endorsed Drawing.

CLEARING PERIOD

Subject to sections 91J, 91K, 91N, 91P, 91Q, 91R and 91S of the *Pastoral Land Act 1992*, the clearing period is 10 years from the date of issue.

Date of Permit: 28 October 2026

Paul Burke
Chairperson, Pastoral Land Board

DEFINITIONS

In this Permit:

"**Clearing Activities**" means any works associated with the clearing of native vegetation, including, but not limited to, any earth-disturbing preparatory works within the Permitted Clearing Area.

"**Endorsed Drawing**" means any clearing plan subject to the conditions of the Permit that has been endorsed by the Board as forming part of this Permit.

"**Pastoral Lessee**" has the same meaning as in the *Pastoral Land Act 1992*.

"**Pastoral Purposes**" has the same meaning as in the *Pastoral Land Act 1992.*

"**Permit Holder**" means the Pastoral Lessee.

"**Permitted Clearing Area**" means the area shown on the Endorsed Drawing.

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

Condition precedence

1. Prior to the commencement of any Clearing Activities, a Property Fire Management Plan, prepared by a suitably qualified person, must be submitted to pastoralandboard@nt.gov.au, to the satisfaction of the Pastoral Land Board. The Property Fire Management Plan must apply to the entirety of NT Portion 1604 and be prepared in accordance with the requirements of NT Fire and Emergency Services.

General conditions

2. The Permit Holder must ensure that Clearing Activities are carried out in accordance with the Endorsed Drawing Number PLC26/03-001.
3. The Permit Holder must have, and must ensure that any person who carries out the clearing on its behalf has, a copy of this Permit and the Endorsed Drawing in possession at all times while carrying out Clearing Activities and comply with them.
4. Prior to the commencement of Clearing Activities, the Permit Holder must convene a start-up meeting with all contractors and relevant personnel to ensure awareness of the requirements of this Permit, the Endorsed Drawing, and the conditions of this Permit.
5. The Permit Holder must implement and maintain the Property Fire Management Plan approved by the Pastoral Land Board and ensure that all Clearing Activities are undertaken in accordance with that Plan.
6. The Permit Holder must ensure that all relevant personnel are provided a copy of the Unexpected Finds Protocol before commencing clearing activities, are familiar with it, and follow and comply with it during clearing activities.
7. Appropriate erosion and sediment control measures are to be employed throughout the clearing, establishment and operational phases of the development, including (but not limited to):
    a. retention of buffer zones where appropriate and measures to address seasonal timing of works,
    b. management of groundcover and minimisation of bare ground,

c. crop layout and maintenance of natural sheet flow patterns,
d. avoidance or removal of soil windrows or other surface modifications that create concentrated flow paths for runoff, and
e. installation of erosion controls on access tracks, fence-lines and firebreaks where appropriate.

8. Consent for the clearing of native vegetation subject to this permit is provided for Pastoral Purposes only.

NOTES

1. This permit is at all times subject to existing rights, title and interests of all other persons (including any rights or interests registered on the certificate as to title (as defined by the *Land Titles Act 2001*). The Permit Holder must comply with all terms and conditions of such existing rights, title and interests. The Permit Holder must not unreasonably or unduly interfere with, impede, restrict or limit the rights, title or interests of any person.

2. Despite any term or condition of this clearing permit, the Permit Holder must at its own cost in all respects, comply with all relevant laws, statutes and subordinate instruments, applicable to the clearing of pastoral land.

3. Despite assessments made under Northern Territory legislation, the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* requires that the Permit Holder self-assess potential risk to protected matters identified by the protected matters search tool and self-refer where scientific uncertainty exists in relation to the likelihood of a significant impact occurring or being likely to occur.

4. The extraction of surface water or groundwater in connection with the activities contemplated under this clearing permit must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Water Act 1992*.

5. Information regarding best practice erosion and sediment control is available on the following websites: https://www.austieca.com.au/; https://nt.gov.au/environment/soil-land-vegetation; http://www.catchmentsandcreeks.com.au/fact-sheets/.

6. All land in the Northern Territory is subject to the *Weeds Management Act 2001*. The Act states that the owner and occupier of land must:

   (a) take all reasonable measures to prevent the land being infested with a declared weed; and

   (b) take all reasonable measures to prevent a declared weed or potential weed on the land spreading to other land.

   Further information is provided at: https://nt.gov.au/environment/weeds/how-to-manage-weeds/prevent-weed-spread-industry-and-recreation/pastoral-industry.

7. Gamba grass, grader grass and neem are subject to Statutory Weed Management Plans. Management obligations outlined in these Plans are legally binding on all owners and occupiers. Management requirements and copies of the Statutory Weed Management Plans are available at https://nt.gov.au/environment/weeds/weed-management-planning.

8. Standard precautions to reduce bushfire risk should be taken in relation to the use of heavy machinery and burning of felled vegetation windrows. Fire prevention measures are to be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the *Bushfires Management Act 2016*.

9. Where the land proposed for clearing is adjacent to or slopes towards a public road reserve (Victoria Highway), the applicant shall retain a vegetated buffer, a minimum of 50m wide as established ground cover, to reduce overland flow and flooding onto the road reserve.

10. Access to the proposed clearing sites from Victoria Highway shall be to the standards and approval of Transport and Civil Infrastructure, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure. Note that a development permit issued for the clearing of the land is not an approval for access to adjacent

roads. Approval for access to be taken from, or constructed within a public road reserve rests solely with the relevant road authority.

11. The developer, its contractor or service provider is required to obtain a "Permit to Work within the Northern Territory Government Road Reserves" prior to the commencement of any works within the Victoria Highway road reserve.

12. The clearing and future use of the land shall not prevent or impede the drainage of the Victoria Highway road reserve through the blocking of offlet drains or natural drainage channels.

13. A Permit to Burn must be obtained prior to the ignition of any felled vegetation on the land which is the subject of this Permit during the northern Fire Danger Period.

14. It is an offence to disturb or destroy declared places and objects without consent under the *Heritage Act 2011*. Should any heritage or archaeological material be discovered during the clearing operations, the Permit Holder must cease operation, establish an exclusion zone around the site and contact the Heritage Branch.

15. Under the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989*, entry onto and carrying out of work on Aboriginal sacred sites is an offence unless the work is done in accordance with an Authority Certificate issued by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA). It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that all works comply with the requirements of this Act; and AAPA recommends the Permit Holder obtain an Authority Certificate.

16. The Permit Holder is required to comply at all times with the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998* including the General Environmental Duty under section 12 of the Act, and dust management requirements.