



LICENCE TO TAKE WATER

Granted by the Minister under section 5C of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914

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| Licensee(s) | Aragon Resources Pty Ltd | | |
| Description of Water Resource | East Murchison Combined - Fractured Rock West - Fractured Rock | Annual Water Entitlement | 3,700,000kL |
| Location of Water Source | M52/132 M52/338 M52/5 M52/6 M52/93 M52/95 M52/96 M52/98 | | |

| Authorised Activities | Taking of water for | Location of Activity |
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| | Dewatering for mining purposes | M52/132 |
| | | M52/338 |
| | | M52/5 |
| | | M52/6 |
| | | M52/93 |
| | | M52/95 |
| | | M52/96 |
| | | M52/98 |
| | | M52/99 |
| | Dust Suppression for mining purposes | M52/338 |
| | | M52/5 |
| | Exploratory drilling operations | M52/338 |
| | Mineral ore processing and other mining purposes | M52/132 |
| | | M52/93 |
| | | M52/95 |
| | | M52/96 |
| | | M52/98 |
| | | M52/99 |
| | Mining camp purposes | M52/132 |
| | | M52/93 |

This Licence is granted subject to the Rights in Water and Irrigation Regulations 2000.



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| | | M52/99 |
| Duration of Licence | From 17 December 2024 to 16 December 2034 | |

This Licence is subject to the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

1. The annual water year for water taken under this licence is defined as 1 July to 30 June.
2. The licensee shall comply with the commitments of the operating strategy "Fortnum Gold Operation, Water Resource Operating Strategy", as prepared by Aragon Resources Pty Ltd and approved by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on 12/03/2021 including any modifications to the commitments as approved during the term of the licence.
3. Every 12 Months the licensee shall provide to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation a Groundwater Monitoring Summary for the preceding water year. The first report is due 31/08/2025.
4. Every 3 Years the licensee shall provide to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation a Groundwater Monitoring Review. The first report is due 30/09/2027. A Groundwater Monitoring Summary need not be submitted in a year in which a Groundwater Monitoring Review is due.
5. All monitoring and reporting shall be carried out in accordance with Operational Policy 5.12 'Hydrogeological reporting associated with a groundwater well licence'.
6. Any well that is to be permanently decommissioned shall within 30 days of being identified as not fit for purpose or no longer required, be sealed and filled to prevent the surface entry of contaminants and the vertical movement of water in the well, using methods described in 'Minimum construction requirements for water bores in Australia, Fourth Edition, 2020'

End of terms, conditions and restrictions



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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| Purpose Permit number: | 6837/2 |
| Duration of Permit: | From 22 January 2016 to 31 January 2026 |
| Permit Holder: | Aragon Resources 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 52/95
Mining Lease 52/96
Mining Lease 52/99
Mining Lease 52/132
Mining Lease 52/133

2. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purposes of mineral production and associated activities.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 400 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 6837/2.

4. Type of Clearing Authorised – staged clearing

The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised begins within three months of the clearing being undertaken.

5. 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

6. 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.

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*:

- (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.

8. Vegetation 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 surface flow is maintained, or is reinstated downstream into existing natural drainage lines.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. 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 6 of this Permit; and
- (c) actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with Condition 7 of this Permit.

10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a 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 9 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 31 January 2026, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under Condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 10(a) or 10(b) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

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*;

drainage line means a natural depression that carries surface water runoff;

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;

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 -

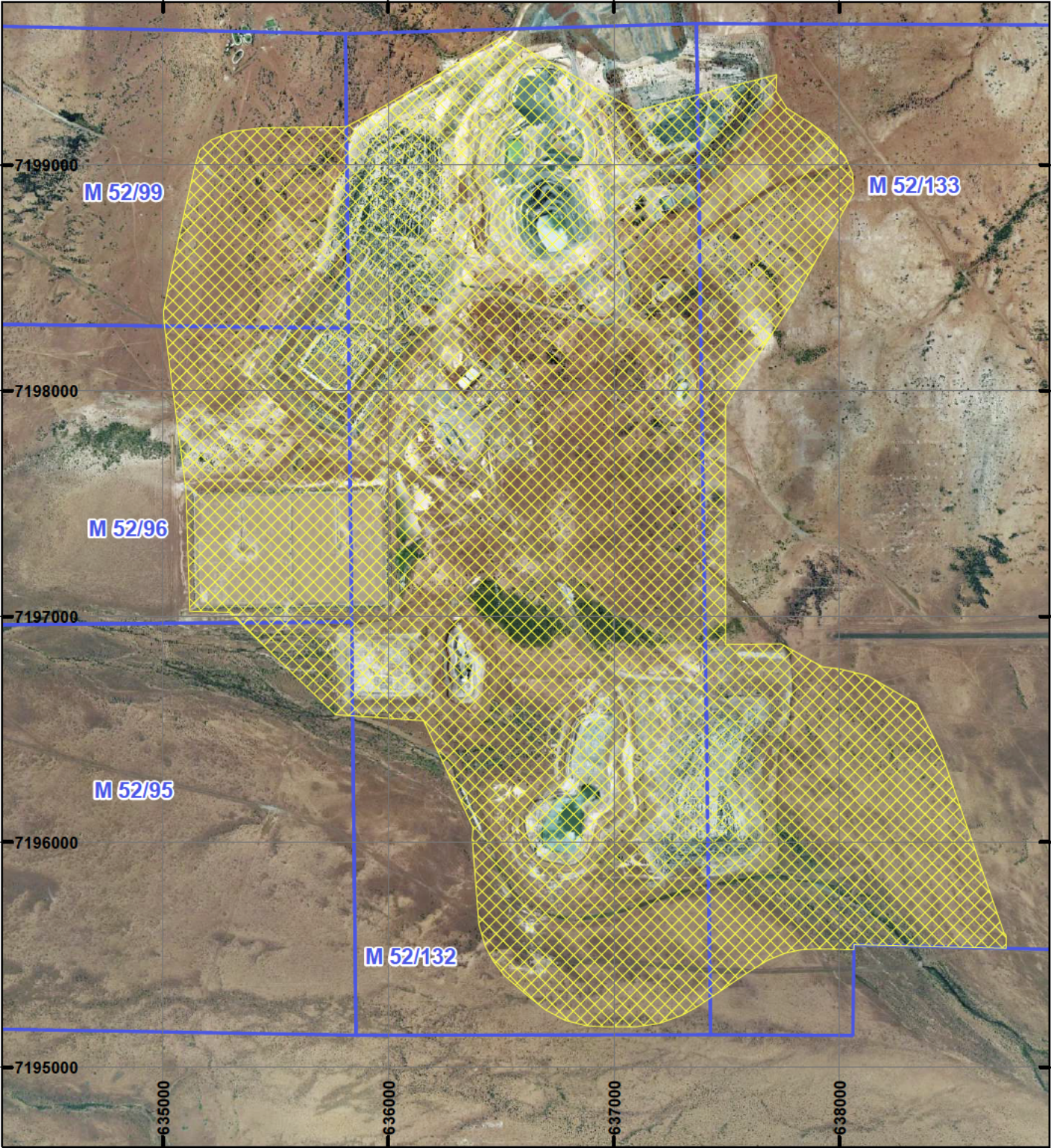
- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.






Resource and Environmental Compliance Division
12 November 2020

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

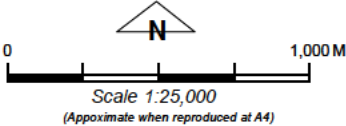
PLAN 6837/2



LEGEND

-  Mining Tenements
-  Clearing Instruments
-  Areas Approved to Clear

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Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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