

KALGOORLIE CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINES (KCGM) —  
VEGETATION CLEARING AND BORES CONSTRUCTION

3213. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

With reference to photographs taken on 21 January 2010, of clearing of vegetation and construction of bores undertaken with exploration equipment available for viewing at, [www.mp.wa.gov.au/rchapple/Kaltails](http://www.mp.wa.gov.au/rchapple/Kaltails), a document dated 3 December 2009 titled, 'KCGM Mining Proposal and Works Approval Application', questions on notice No. 2005 answered on 23 March 2010, No. 2589 answered on 30 June 2010, No. 5970 answered on 27 February 2008, a media statement dated November 13 2007 titled 'Minister tells mining companies to clean up their act', and a media statement dated 13 July 2010 titled 'Environmental enforcement and compliance penalties reviewed', and I ask —

- (1) Can the Minister table a large Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) map indicating and denoting where the specific locations, including mining tenure of where clearing of vegetation and construction of bores by KCGM employees/contractors took place on General Purpose Leases G 26/165 and G26/166?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister table a large DMP map indicating and denoting where the specific locations, including mining tenure of where clearing of vegetation and construction of bores by KCGM employees/contractors took place on Prospecting Licenses P 26/2790 and 26/2373?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister table a large DMP map (separate to the maps requested in (1) and for clarity purposes) indicating and denoting where the specific locations of where clearing of vegetation and construction of bores by KCGM employees/contractors took place in September 2009, on all areas which at the time in question did not have granted mining tenure?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) Will the DMP seek to have a penalty imposed as part of forfeiture action on KCGM for each of the respective breaches of tenement conditions on Prospecting License P26/2790 and P26/2373?
- (8) If No to (7) why not?
- (9) Has KCGM as operator for Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining, breached any other tenement conditions other than on tenements G26/165. G26/166 and P26/2790 and P26/2373?
- (10) If yes to (9), what were those tenement numbers and the specific text of the conditions breached?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

- (1) A map entitled "Cleared Monitoring Bores on G26/165 and G26/166" is attached. [See paper 2941.]  
The clearing of native vegetation was undertaken at the following locations on General Purpose Lease 26/165 and General Purpose Lease 26/166:

MB2:	362486.3604E, 6590722.253N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
	362524.2395E, 6590730.685N Zone 51 (Access track entering pad)
	362233.4059E, 6590676.75N Zone 51 (Access track between MB2 and MB3)
MB3:	362075.0286E, 6590712.924N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
MB7:	363152.6604E, 6592938.593N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
MB8:	362210.163E, 6593015.437N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
	362209.2552E, 6592967.726N (Zone 51) (Access track entering pad)

- (2) Not applicable
- (3) A map entitled "Cleared Monitoring Bores on P26/2790 and P26/2373" is attached. [See paper 2941.]

The clearing of native vegetation was undertaken at the following locations on Prospecting Licence 26/2790 and Prospecting Licence 26/2373:

MB4:	363568.4095E, 6590608.036N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
MB9:	361579.3205E, 6593045.639N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
	361605.1496E, 6593040.646N Zone 51 (Access track)
MB10:	361429.2148E, 6592571.446N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)

- (4) Not applicable
- (5) A map entitled "Cleared Monitoring Bores on Pending Tenure 22 July 2010" is attached. [See paper 2941.]

The clearing of native vegetation was undertaken at the following locations on pending mining tenure:

MB9:	361579.3205E, 6593045.639N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)
	361605.1496E, 6593040.646N Zone 51 (Access track)
MB10:	361429.2148E, 6592571.446N Zone 51 (Cleared pad)

- (6) Not applicable
- (7) No
- (8) P26/2373 has been transferred to new tenement holders and therefore penalising the current tenement holder is not appropriate. Regarding P26/2790, the activity conducted on this tenement comprised one bore hole (and associated drill pad and access track) with a total disturbance area of 0.1 ha. DMP's advice to me is that in accordance with the Department's Enforcement and Prosecution Policy, forfeiture action is not an appropriate response to this breach. A warning letter has been sent to the tenement holders. Refer to answers given to Parliamentary Question 3214.
- (9) I have been advised by the Department of Mines and Petroleum that it does not have evidence that Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining have breached other tenement conditions for their Kalgoorlie operations other than those tenements related to this question.
- (10) Not applicable