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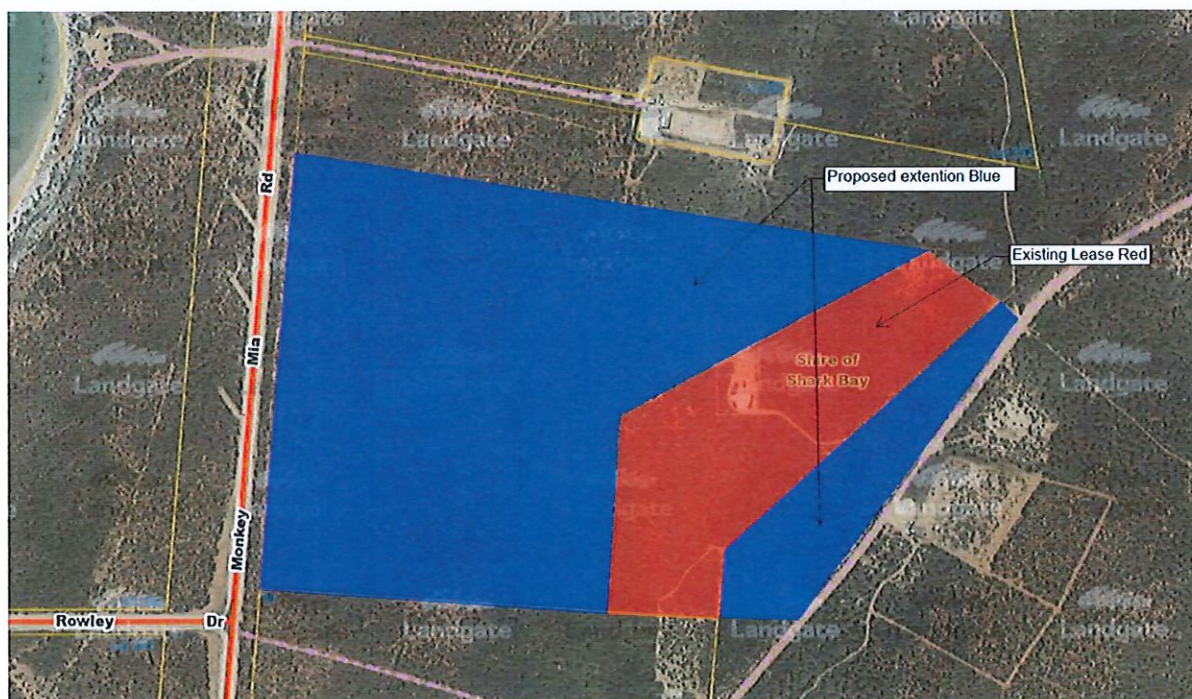
PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED LICENCE APPLICATION: COMMON

PORTION OF RESERVE 49809, LOT 8000 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 419413 AND LOT 908 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 408907

The Shire has a Management Order over Reserve 49809 and has the power to issue Licences for up to 5 years, with the support of Council and approval by the Minister for Lands.

The reserve is colloquially referred to as the 'Common', because the Management Order is for that purpose. A plan showing the Reserve location is included as Attachment 1 to this notice.

The Shire has received an application from Mr Mark Smith, who is a current Licence holder. The application seeks approval of an expanded Licence area from 8 hectares to 34.5 hectares – refer to the map below.



Above: Existing 8 hectare Licence shown in red. Proposed expanded new Licence shown in blue.

Map supplied by Shire

A report on the application was considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29 October 2025. You are welcome to view the minutes on line - [ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES](#)

Following the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29 October 2025, Council resolved to advertise the Licence application for 21 days.

The Shire would like to provide the general public and any key stakeholders with an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Should you wish to make a submission on the proposal, your comments (in writing) will need to be lodged to the Shire within 21 days by **8 December 2025**. Submissions can be emailed to – admin@sharkbay.wa.gov.au .

There are several components to future use of the proposed Licence area including:

- Potential new fencing of the expanded Licence area;
- Proposed new access from Monkey Mia Road;
- Internal walk trails (for horses);
- Proposed new horse pens of approximately 1500m²;
- Proposed new paddocks adjacent to the Common Road to enable a more effective paddock rotation system;
- Proposed 30 metre by 60 metre horse arena;
- Proposed 2 hectare non-commercial orchard;
- The keeping of up to 20 chickens (for personal use).

The applicant has indicated that the facilities would be used for his own horses, however visitors will also be able to agist horses (for short periods) in the Licence area and use the proposed horse arena.

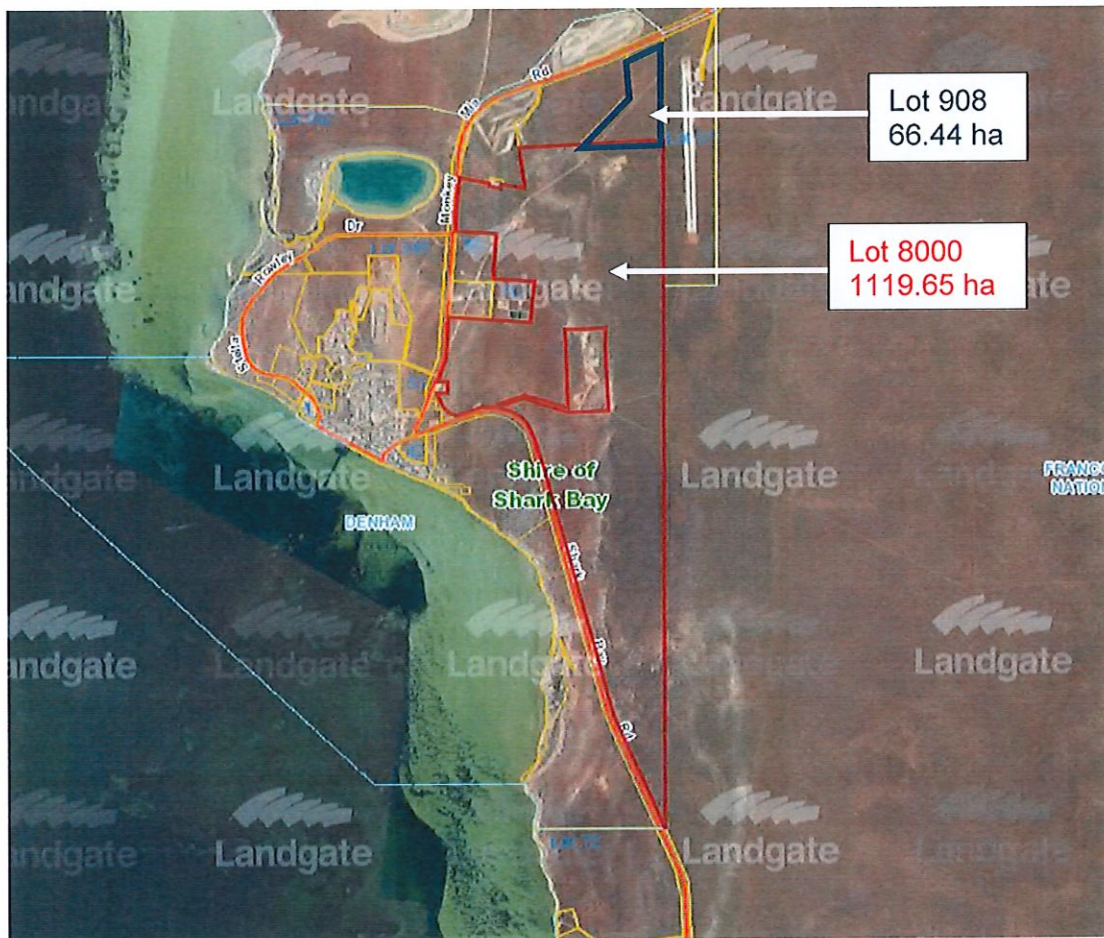
Should you have any queries relating to the proposed application, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire's Planning consultant, Ms Liz Bushby on 0488910869 (between Tuesday and Friday).



Michelle Fanali
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Publication date: 14 November 2025

ATTACHMENT 1 – LOCATION PLAN SHOWING RESERVE 49809



Above: Outline of Lot 908 in blue. Outline of Lot 8000 in Reserve 49809 in red.

Request for Additional Hectarage for Horse Agistment, Orchard and Free-range Chickens

To whom it may concern,

As the current lessee of Licence No 1/2022 on Reserve 49809 in the "Common", I am writing to formally request an increase to the approved hectares from eight (8) to thirty-five (35) to include two (2) hectares of orchards and to include the ability to have up to 20 chickens.

The primary reasons for this request are as follows:

1. ****Enhanced Safety****: Increasing the hectarage would allow for a fully fenced designated area, ensuring a safe environment for riding and pedestrians void of vehicles including motor bikes and buggies licenced and unlicenced. In the time we have been actively riding on the property and surrounds, we have experienced vehicles exceeding the regulated speed limit and we believe having this designated area is integra for safety. This is particularly important for the well-being of both the horses and the riders, providing them with ample space to move freely and safely on trail rides.



2. ****Paddock Rotation and Shaded Areas****: With additional hectarage, we would be able to implement a more effective paddock rotation system. This would significantly improve the health of the pasture, prevent overgrazing, and ensure that the horses have access to fresh grazing areas. Additionally, each paddock will have shaded areas and fresh water to protect the horses from harsh weather conditions, further enhancing their comfort and welfare and complementing the existing approved shaded structures, facility shed and round arena.



Existing Shaded area attached to round ring



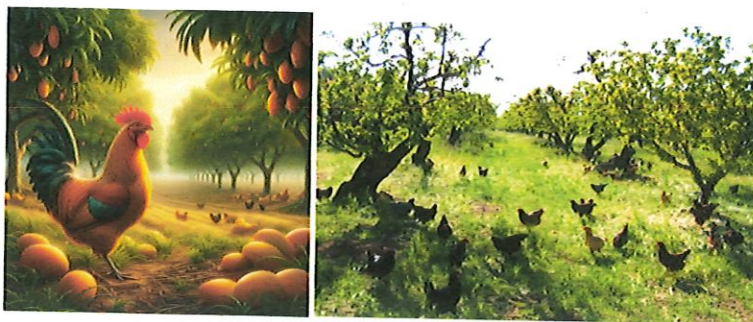
Possible future horse agistment shelters

3. ****Improved Horse Welfare****: More space would provide the horses with a better quality of life, reducing stress and preventing injuries by avoiding overcrowding. It would also allow for better segregation of horses based on their specific needs and behaviours. Additionally, the increased area would allow for an arena approximately 30mx60m in size to adequately train and exercise horse.



4. ****Horse Arena****: The availability of an arena not only provides an adequate space for us to exercise and continue our horse's development, it can also encourage people to travel from other areas to use the facility during agistment periods. This could also bring additional revenue to the local community in the form of tourism and accommodation. Another benefit of an arena is the ability to exercise horses in cooler temperatures during the extended summer months.
5. ****Short Term Agistment**** Short term agistment for horses only, in designated paddocks for people who regularly travel with their horses, will greatly benefit our community by enhancing visitors to our area who wouldn't normally travel here. This is an area we have identified that is lacking in Shark Bay as there is simply nowhere for horse owners to safely house their livestock while they enjoy all Shark Bay has to offer. This would aim to provide temporary agistment for horses of people who wish to experience the beauty and charm of our area while also offering safe riding areas.
6. ****Long-term Sustainability****: Adequate space is essential for sustainable land management practices. Increasing the hectareage will help maintain the ecological balance, ensuring the longevity and productivity of the land for future use.

7. ****Orchard Development****: These thirty-five (35) hectares would include two (2) hectares for the development of an orchard. This will not only contribute to the overall sustainability of the property but also provide beneficial resources for both the horses and the community.



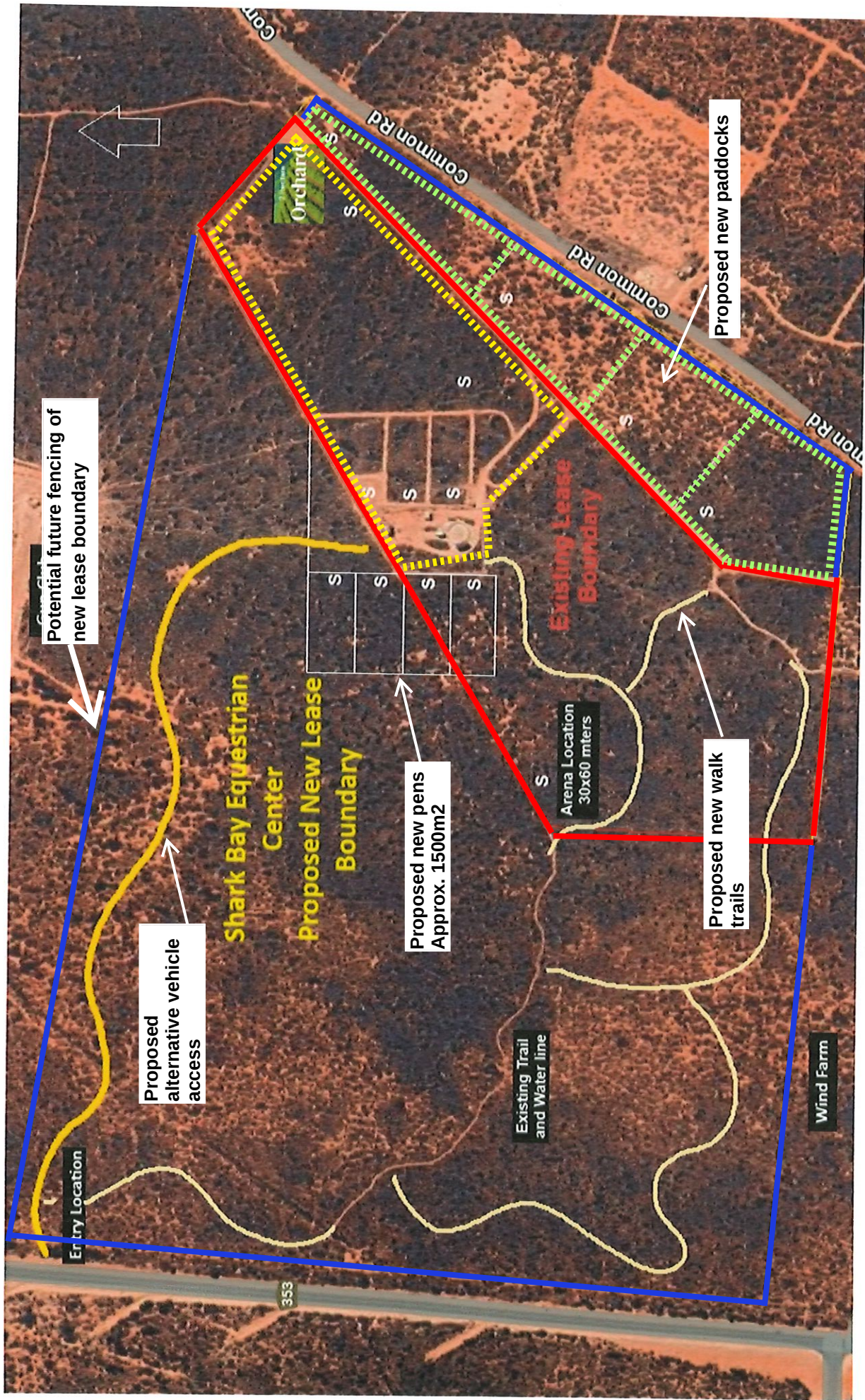
8. ****Chickens**** The ability to have up to 20 chickens would be highly beneficial for our planned orchard. Free-range chickens roaming freely during the daytime would contribute to a healthier and more sustainable environment, controlling pests by eating insects and weeds, reducing the need for chemical pesticides. Additionally, free-range chickens would produce eggs that we can consume. Their natural foraging behaviour also promotes soil aeration and fertilization, enhancing the overall health of the soil in the orchard. By incorporating free-range chickens, we can enjoy fresh, high-quality eggs while supporting eco-friendly farming practices.

I believe that expanding the allocated hectareage to 35 hectares, with the inclusion of full fencing, shaded areas, and an orchard and free-range chickens, will greatly benefit the overall experience on our lease and contribute to a safer, more efficient, and humane environment for the horses. I kindly request your favourable consideration of this proposal.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith



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Existing Lease Area 8 hectares



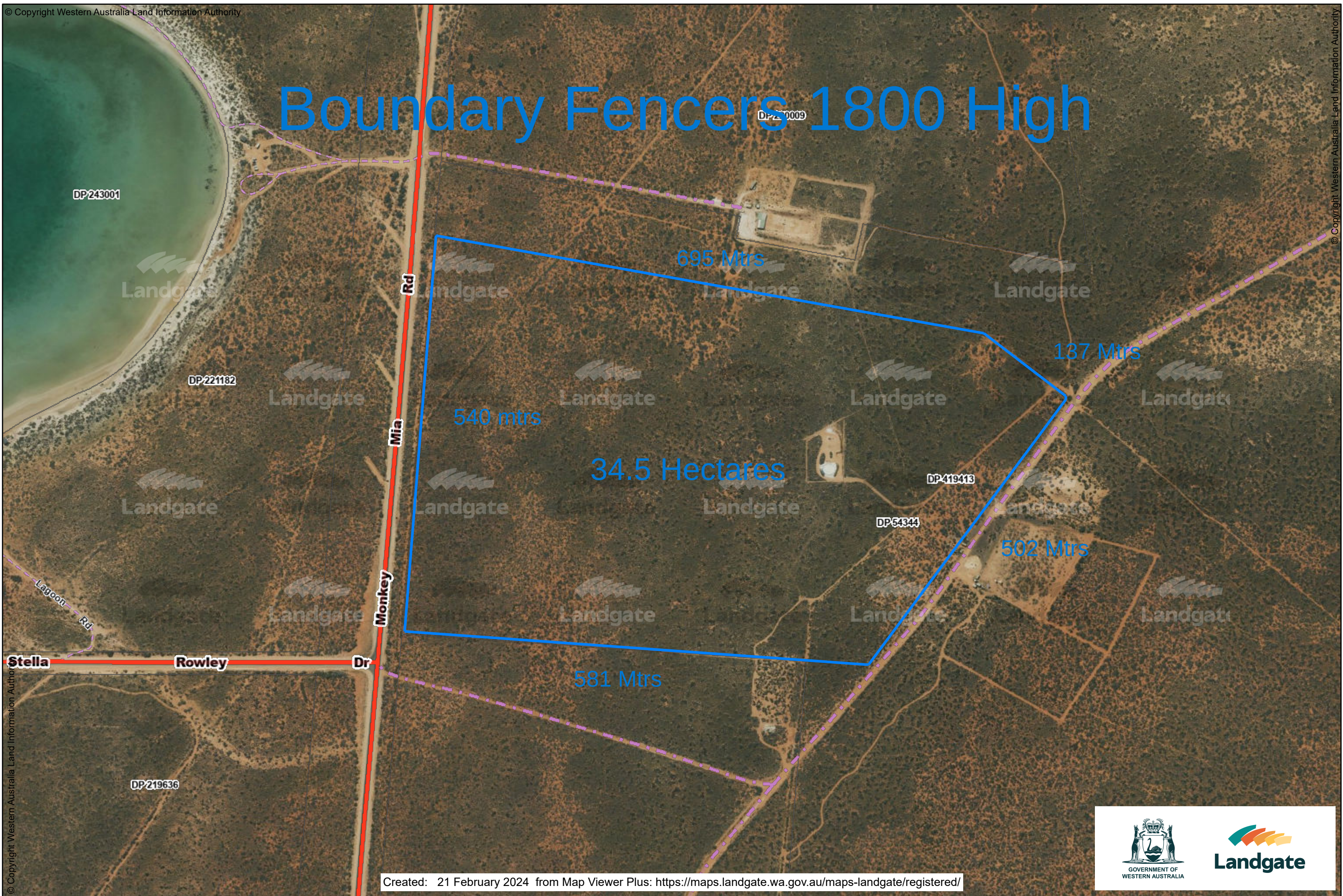
Proposed Lease Area 34.5 hectares



Existing Fencing



Proposed paddocks



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