



## Application for new permit or referral to clear native vegetation

This is the form to submit a referral of proposed clearing or apply for a clearing permit under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

Before you submit this form, please check you have completed all the fields for the form type and fully prepared any required supporting documents (including maps etc.). We will return / decline any forms that are not correctly completed.

To find out more about the stages of assessment for clearing permit forms, see the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#).

### Part 1 – Form type

<p>Select your <u>form type</u>.</p> <p>NOTE: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)</p>
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### Part 2 – Applicant details

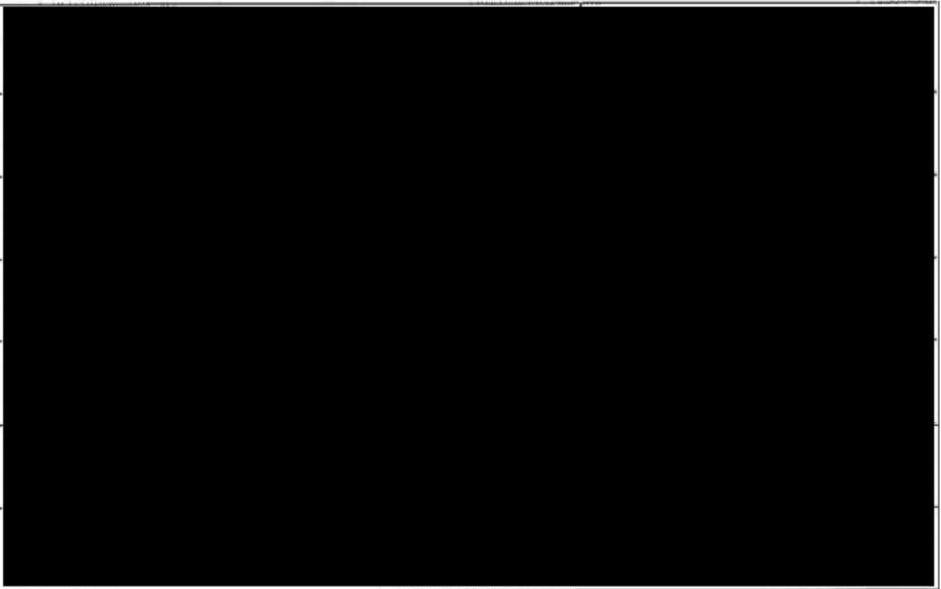
#### 2.1 Applicant name

<p><b>For area permits:</b></p> <p>If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit.</p> <p><b>For purpose permits:</b></p> <p>If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Applying as an individual complete the following:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Title</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Name(s)</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Name</td> <td colspan="2">Bunbury Diocesan Trustees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Australian Company Number (ACN)</td> <td colspan="2">78 272 188 449</td> </tr> </table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Name</td> <td colspan="2">City of Busselton</td> </tr> </table>	Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Name(s)			Name	Bunbury Diocesan Trustees		Australian Company Number (ACN)	78 272 188 449		Name	City of Busselton	
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**NOTE: Applicant name revised to City of Busselton on behalf of Bunbury Diocesan Trustees during Validation**

## 2.2 Applicant contact details

Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Company name	
Contact phone number (1)	
Email address	

## 2.2 Applicant contact postal details

Provide the postal address for the above individual, body corporate or local government authority (primary contact).

Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Suburb	
State	

## 2.3 Applicant contact – registered business address

If applying as a company, incorporated body, local government authority or public authority, please also supply the registered business office address.

Address line 1	
Suburb	
State	
Contact phone number (1)	

## 2.4 Electronic correspondence consent

Both the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) prefer to send all correspondence via email. We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act via email. Please indicate your consent in this section of the form.

I consent that all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## 2.5 Contact details for enquiries

If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).

Same as applicant's contact details	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

Contact name			
Position (if applicable)			
Company name (if applicable)			
Contact phone number (1)		Phone number (2)	
Business or postal address line 1			
Business or postal address line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	
Email address			

## Part 3 – Land details

- You must accurately describe the location of the land where your clearing is proposed.
- If you have a large number of properties, please provide the relevant details for each property in a separately attached supporting document.

### 3.1 Property details

I have a large number of properties and have given the relevant details in an attached supporting document.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes skip to Part 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'No' complete the following:

<p><u>Land description</u></p> <p>Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– volume and folio number</li> <li>– lot or location number(s)</li> <li>– crown lease or reserve number</li> <li>– pastoral lease number</li> <li>– mining tenement number</li> </ul>	<p><b>2 Properties</b></p> <p><b>1. Queen Street (City of Busselton)</b> PIN 11370162</p> <p><b>2. St. Mary's Family Centre</b> Property No 100017781 Vol/Folio 0 / 0, Lot 226</p>
Street address – Line 1	119-121 Queen Street
Street address – Line 2	
Suburb	Busselton
State	WA                      Postcode                      6280
Local government area(s)	Busselton
Land zoning	Regional Centre and road

## Part 4 – Relationship to landowner

Tell us which of the following options best describes you as the person completing and submitting this form. If you are filling out this form on behalf of the applicant, answer this question as though you are the applicant.

Proof of ownership may include:

- a certificate of title (that is less than 6 months old)
- a pastoral or mining lease
- public authority that has care, control or management of the land
- other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.

<b>Relationship to landowner</b> <i>(select one of the following options)</i>	<b>Complete the following</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am the landowner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach <u><a href="#">proof of ownership</a></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach <u><a href="#">proof of ownership</a></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am acting on the landowner's behalf and will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit (i.e. joint form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach <u><a href="#">proof of ownership</a></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach an ' <u><a href="#">Acting on behalf and jointly responsible</a></u> ' letter
<input type="checkbox"/> I am likely to become the landowner	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach the Certificate of Title <input type="checkbox"/> Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership and/or contract of sale ('offer and acceptance')
<input type="checkbox"/> I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach <u><a href="#">proof of ownership</a></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach an ' <u><a href="#">Authority to access and clear native vegetation</a></u> ' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)
<input type="checkbox"/> A person with multiple land parcels	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach <u><a href="#">proof of ownership</a></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach ' <u><a href="#">Authority to access and clear native vegetation</a></u> ' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)

## Part 5 – Proposed clearing

### 5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

<p>Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form.</p> <p>Note: We will decline / return forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient information for this question.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (<i>preferred</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geometry type: polygon shape</li> <li>• Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 1994/2020 (geographic latitude / longitude)</li> <li>• Datum: GDA 1994 / GDA 2020 (please specify which was provided)</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ESRI shapefile must use one of the following filename extensions: .shp, .shx, .dbf, and/or .prj</li> <li>• You must provide an ESRI shapefile if the form requires an assessment under an <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.</li> </ul>
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### 5.2 Size

- If you propose to clear a patch(s) of vegetation, enter a hectare value for the total size of the area (mark number of trees as zero).
- If you propose to remove only individual trees from the area(s) (i.e. the shrubs, grasses, groundcover plants will remain intact), provide the number of trees (and mark total area as estimated hectares).  
Note: If any shrubs, grasses, and/or groundcover plants MAY be damaged in the clearing process, add this to the total area.
- If you propose to clear an area of vegetation within a larger footprint, enter the hectare value for the total size of the area to be cleared (mark number of trees as zero) and the size of the footprint. For example, 5 hectares of clearing within a 10 hectare footprint. This option is only available for purpose permit applications.
- Enter values for BOTH number of trees and the size of the area if you are clearing individual trees in one area AND a patch of vegetation in a different area.
- Please note the following area conversions/calculations:
 

1 hectare = 10,000 m <sup>2</sup>	Area of circle = 3.14 x radius <sup>2</sup>
1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m <sup>2</sup>	Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m <sup>2</sup>	Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	
Number of individual trees to be removed	<b>4</b>

Note: Calculate the area of a tree based on the area encompassed by the tree's drip line; that being the outermost circumference of the tree's canopy.

### 5.3 Purpose

Provide the reason for proposed clearing (e.g. road construction, grazing and pasture, hazard reduction, horticulture, timber harvesting etc.)	Trees are dead or dying. Limbs of the trees are falling onto the carpark and footpath
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	New trees will be planted to restore the habitat and amenity values the trees provided

### 5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Arborist to cut and remove the trees, including stump grind.
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### 5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/1/2023 to 30/12/2024)	Start date: Jan 2022 End date: Dec 2024
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Note: The clearing referral process is not suitable for any clearing that is expected to take longer than two years.

### 5.6 Avoidance and mitigation

Explain how you have, or will, put avoidance and mitigation measures in place to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise mitigate the need for and scale of the proposed clearing of native vegetation.

Attach supporting documents to substantiate your explanation.

Your explanation should demonstrate you have planned the project so that the least clearing possible is to be undertaken. The following questions may help you frame your explanation:

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?
- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider?
- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

Note: If you do not demonstrate adequate efforts to avoid and mitigate clearing, we will ask you to do so during the validation of this form.

Provide the avoidance and mitigation details	<p>Why is the clearing required?</p> <p>The condition of the trees has been declining for many years. In 2010 a replanting program was initiated within the grounds of St. Mary's Family Centre to provide for succession of the older trees as they senesced.</p> <p>In 2018 the trees at the front of St. Mary's Family Centre were dropping limbs in St. Mary's Carpark so a tree condition assessment was undertaken. At the time 3 trees were recommended for removal and four on the corner were recommended for thinning and removal of dead wood of overhanging limbs. This work did not take place. In 2019 the City undertook a structural assessment and resolved that all the trees could be retained with pruning and removal of dead</p>
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	<p>wood of overhanging limbs to reduce load on the trees and that the trees be monitored on a regular basis. In 2021 the City undertook a Quantified Tree Risk Assessment and determined that the trees were now high risk and should be removed.</p> <p>In 2021 it was noted the tree canopies were now getting very thin. A follow up tree assessment was undertaken (by an independent arborist) and recommendations made that five of the trees at the front of St. Marys Family Centre be removed. See attached report (Arbor Guy).</p> <p>Alternatives</p> <p>The poor condition of the trees was already very advanced, such that, any improvements to canopy condition, if it could be done, would only put more strain on the rotting limbs. In 2019 the City undertook pruning and removal of dead wood of overhanging limbs to reduce load on the trees, which meant they could be retained a bit longer with monitoring.</p> <p>Mitigation</p> <p>The City engaged a fauna consultant to survey the trees and report on the presence of Western Ringtail Possum, whether the trees are being used for nesting and how removal of the trees should be managed if WRP are present. The fauna report is included as an attachment to this application.</p> <p>The City and St. Mary's Parish Busselton will be planting advanced trees to replace the trees that are removed and associated habitat values. They will be planted at spacings that are appropriate for the amount of room in the verge and so their crowns will form continuous canopy to enable WRP movement within 3-5 years of planting.</p> <p>Removal of the dead trees will not reduce the amount of canopy currently available to the possums. It is likely the possums are browsing leaves from the more healthy trees in the verge adjacent to the dead ones. Placement of nesting boxes may provide a safe alternative for nesting while the new trees establish. This proposal is discussed more fully within the WRP survey report by Greg Harewood.</p>
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## Part 6 – Offset

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the <a href="#"><u>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure</u></a> guideline as a supporting document for your form.	<input type="checkbox"/> Appendix A attached

## Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 8
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## 7.1 Biodiversity surveys

If you want to submit any biodiversity surveys to support this form, you must follow the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) [Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments](#) (IBSA). If you do not meet the IBSA requirements, DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) may decline/return your form.

Please provide the IBSA number(s) – or submission number(s) if the IBSA number has not yet been issued – in the space provided. Note that a submission number is not confirmation that a biodiversity survey has been accepted and is not the same as an IBSA number. IBSA numbers are only issued once a survey has been accepted. Once an IBSA number is issued, please notify DWER/DMIRS (as applicable). Please note DWER / DMIRS will suspend the assessment timeframes for your form until you provide the IBSA number(s).

Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment, available at <a href="https://ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au">ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au</a> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	<b>NOTE: IBSA package submitted during Validation - IBSA-2022-0435</b>

## 7.2 Marine surveys

If you want to submit any marine surveys to support this form, you must follow the EPA's [Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments](#) (IMSA). If you do not meet the IMSA requirements, DWER may decline/return your form.

Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form in accordance with the EPA's <i>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
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## Part 8 – Assessment Bilateral Agreement

The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the EP Act have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the EPBC Act and so can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

To be assessed this way, the proposed clearing action must have been referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a **‘controlled action’** before you submit this form.

For further information, see [DWER’s website guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement](#).

Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 9
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If ‘Yes’ – complete the following:

Please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the <a href="#">Annex C7 form</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Annex C7 form</i> attached
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision	

## Part 9 – Other approvals

<p>Which department are you submitting this form to?</p> <p>If the clearing is for mineral and petroleum activities authorised under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>, the various Petroleum Acts, and/or a State Agreement Act, select ‘Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety’.</p> <p>For all other clearing activities, select ‘Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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### 9.1 Environmental impact assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)

Clearing may be referred to the EPA if it is considered to be part of a ‘significant proposal’, as defined by section 37B(1) of the EP Act, or will likely to be part of a larger development. An example is when the clearing is for a road to a future mine.

Section 37B(1) of the EP Act defines a ‘significant proposal’ as “a proposal likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment”. If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers the proposal in this form is likely to constitute a ‘significant proposal’, under section 38(5) of the EP Act they must refer the proposal to the EPA or for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.

<p>Has the proposed clearing or any related matter been referred to the EPA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Enter details: <input type="text"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No complete question below.</p>
<p>If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No a current valid Ministerial Statement applies</p> <p>Enter Ministerial Statement number: <input type="text"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a significant proposal</p>

### 9.2 Other approvals – pre-application scoping (DWER forms only)

<p>Have you had any pre-application/ pre-referral/ scoping meetings with DWER about any planned applications?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Enter details: <input type="text"/> We sought advice from DWER Vegetation Protection Branch by phone regarding the need to apply and what information to supply with the application. Also sought advice from DBCA regarding consideration of threatened fauna, which is included with this application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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### 9.3 Other approvals – works approval, licence or registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)

<p>Have you applied or do you intend to apply for a works approval, licence, registration or an amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act?</p> <p>It is an offence to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence or registration. For further guidance, see DWER's <a href="#">Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences</a> and <a href="#">Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing</a>.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Application reference: <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No a valid works approval applies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid licence applies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No not required</p>
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