



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 form type.</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 (s.51DA of the EP Act)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application for an area permit (s.51E of the EP Act)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for a purpose permit (s.51E of the EP Act)</p>
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Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

<p>For area permits:</p> <p>If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit.</p> <p>For purpose permits:</p> <p>If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Applying as an individual – complete the following:	
	Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	Name(s)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:	
Name	Waddi Wind Farm Pty Ltd as trustee for Waddi Wind Farm Project Trust	
Australian Company Number (ACN)	150 810 941	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
Name		

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	
Address line 2	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Contacts for enquiries will include James Beckett, Thomas de Sousa and Margaret McCormack. Additional contact details provided below.

If 'No' – complete the following:

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

Contact name	
Position (if applicable)	

Company name (if applicable)	
Contact phone number (1)	
Business or postal address line 1	
Business or postal address line 2	
Suburb	
State	
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"> – volume and folio number – lot or location number(s) – crown lease or reserve number – pastoral lease number – mining tenement number 	<p>The proposed clearing of 5.5 ha of native vegetation is located within the following lots and reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 2 on Deposited Plan 8424 (Volume: 1747; Folio: 835). • Lot 3 on Deposited Plan 8424 (Volume: 1604; Folio: 69) • Lot 3 on Deposited Plan 408189 (Volume: 2906; Folio: 375). Overlapped by a live mining lease (M 70/1398) for the Cooljarloo Mine held by Tronox Management Pty Ltd. • Lot 101 on Diagram 72336 (Volume: 1780; Folio: 891) • Lot 105 on Deposited Plan 59027 (Volume: 2685; Folio: 985) • Lot 3805 on Deposited Plan 209083 (Volume: 1888; Folio: 114) • Lot 3897 on Deposited Plan 209569 (Volume: 1834; Folio: 391) • Lot 3899 on Deposited Plan 209567 (Volume: 1780; Folio: 892) • Lot 3901 on Deposited Plan 209568 (Volume: 3141; Folio: 872). Crown Reserve 27216. • Lot 3903 on Deposited Plan 209569 (Volume: 1859; Folio: 822) • Lot 4134 on Deposited Plan 240347 (Volume: 3089; Folio: 642). Crown Reserve 41986. • P Road (Land ID 3182207) – Waddi Road • P Road (Land ID 3608624) – Brand Highway • P Road (Land ID 3608625) – Mullering Road <p>The purpose permit clearing application area is</p>
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	<p>1,227.0 ha (Indicative Works area) and encompasses all lots and reserves above and the lots below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 2 on Deposited Plan 408189 (Volume: 2906; Folio: 375). Overlapped by a live mining lease (M 70/1398) for the Cooljarloo Mine held by Tronox Management Pty Ltd. • Lot 3846 on Deposited Plan 209083 (Volume: 1604; Folio: 70) 		
Street address – Line 1	See Attachment 1 WDWF-Infrastructure Map_2023		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Cooljarloo		
State	WA	Postcode	6507
Local government area(s)	Shire of Dandaragan		
Land zoning	<p>The Project is predominantly zoned as Rural under the Shire of Dandaragan’s Local Planning Scheme No. 7 (DPLH 2021). To the west of Brand Highway, it intersects a Public Purposes: Camping and Conservation of Flora reserve, which is a Conservation Park (Crown Reserve 41986), and a Bassendean Sands Special Control Area 1 (SCA 1). The roads are reserved as Local Roads under the Shire of Dandaragan’s Local Planning Scheme No. 7.</p> <p>The zoning and reservation status of each lot and reserve is provided in the clearing permit application letter’s Table 4.</p>		

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.

Relationship to landowner (select one of the following options)	Complete the following
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the landowner	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership
<input type="checkbox"/> I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership
<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 proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach an 'Acting on behalf and jointly responsible' 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach an 'Authority to access and clear native vegetation' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)
<input type="checkbox"/> A person with multiple land parcels	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach 'Authority to access and clear native vegetation' 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (<i>preferred</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry type: polygon shape • Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude / longitude) • Datum: GDA 2020 <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"> • An ESRI shapefile must use one of the following filename extensions: .shp, .shx, .dbf, and/or .prj • 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.
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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 ²	Area of circle = 3.14 x radius ²
1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m ²	Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m ²	Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	5.5 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	1,227.0 ha
Number of individual trees to be removed	

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.)	To create internal access tracks, install electrical underground cabling, hardstand areas and a viewing area for the Wind Farm and to construct the Transmission Line, which will connect the Project's on-site substation to the Western Power's existing transmission network.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Wind Farm and Transmission Line infrastructure.

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	The native vegetation will be cleared mechanically.
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5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: Q1 2024 End date: Q4 2026
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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	Environmental impact has been minimised through avoidance, design and management. Refinement of the Project's design has been underpinned by the findings of the Outback Ecology (2010), Outback Ecology (2014), Ecologia Environment (2016) and RPS (2023). Specifically, the clearing requirements have been avoided and mitigated through the design stage by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siting most of the infrastructure (i.e. wind turbines, access tracks and
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onsite substation) within cleared farm land that has already been heavily degraded by grazing and livestock trampling.

- Ongoing consultation with Main Roads resulting in its agreement for the overhead 132 kV transmission line to pass overhead of Brand Highway, rather than passing underground, which avoided the requirement for additional clearing of native vegetation to facilitate an underground connection.
- Disturbance of areas of riparian vegetation and drainage lines have been avoided including siting the nearest transmission pole outside of the streamline and limiting the number of trees removed.
- Impacts to conservation significant vegetation and flora species identified during the historical flora and vegetation surveys have been avoided or mitigated through the design of the Project.
 - Avoiding the *Banksia attenuata* Woodland over species rich dense shrubland Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) (SCP20a) (recorded by Outback Ecology 2010). This is a TEC listed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) and is commonly a component of the Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community, which is a TEC listed under the EPBC Act and a Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCAs) listed Priority 3 Priority Ecological Community (PEC) (DBCAs 2023a). Consultation with DEC revealed that the vegetation community could also be considered consistent with the Swan Coastal Plain *Banksia attenuata* - *Banksia menziesii* woodlands, a DBCAs listed Priority 3 PEC.
 - Further discussions with [REDACTED] from the (then) Department of Parks and Wildlife's Threatened Species and Communities Branch were undertaken as part of the later Outback Ecology (2014) study. These discussions explained that the physical disjunct (more than 50 km across bioregions) between the mapped vegetation and the community with which it has affinities TEC SCP20a (recorded on uplands centred on Bassendean Dunes and the Dandaragan Plateau (Gibson et al. 1994)) suggests that a meaningful floristic comparison and determination of status cannot be made.
 - Hence the mapped vegetation is not considered a representation of TEC SCP20a. However, this vegetation has been avoided in the Project's current design.
 - Avoiding all records of three Threatened flora species listed under the BC Act and EPBC Act (recorded by RPS 2023).
 - Avoiding the majority of records of nineteen priority flora species (recorded by Outback Ecology 2010 and 2014, Ecologia Environment 2016 and RPS 2023) and minimising the area of native vegetation to be cleared through detailed design, which kept the number of priority flora species records proposed to be cleared within the Project's Indicative Disturbance area as low as practicable (recorded by Outback Ecology 2014 and RPS 2023).
 - Minimising the extent of Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community (Banksia Woodlands TEC) to be cleared (recorded by Outback Ecology 2014 and Ecologia Environment 2016). This is a TEC listed under the EPBC Act and

a DBCA listed Priority 3 PEC (DBCA 2023a). The approximately 0.3 ha of Banksia Woodlands TEC to be cleared is adjacent to the unsealed access tracks to the Cataby substation and the sealed Cooljaroo Road to the Cooljaroo mining operations. Widening the existing access tracks from the new transmission line to the existing Cataby substation is required to ensure that all structures are all trafficable by Western Power's heavy fleet vehicles.

To reduce impacts to the Carnaby's black cockatoo habitat and Banksia Woodlands TEC and avoid indirect impacts to Threatened flora species (i.e. star sun-orchid), the following avoidance and mitigation measures will be implemented during construction and operation of Project:

- During construction, the Indicative Disturbance area boundary will be surveyed and delineated in areas of native vegetation prior to commencement of native vegetation clearing works.
- Both topsoil and cleared vegetation will be stockpiled and returned to disturbed areas during rehabilitation in consultation with the relevant land managers. Rehabilitation will be undertaken in areas that are temporarily disturbed, such as the electrical underground cabling, access track batters, around the turbine footprints, which is standard practise for the Proponent's wind farms.
- Dust management practice will be adopted during construction to ensure that excessive amounts of dust are not generated along access tracks and during clearing activities.
- The Proponent prepared a Hygiene Protocol in April 2019 to comply with its licence to occupy Crown land (Licence 02804/1991_A9222973), which was intended to prevent the introduction of pathogens (such as *Phytophthora dieback*) and weeds within Crown Reserve 41986 (unnamed Conservation Park). Vegetation clearing and construction works within Crown Reserve 41986 will be subject to the Hygiene Protocol (RPS 2019), which is anticipated to be required under a new licence to occupy Crown land. The Hygiene Protocol will include *Phytophthora dieback* and weed management measures to prevent the introduction and / or spread of *Phytophthora dieback* and weeds into and within the Crown Reserve 41986.
- Weed management measures for the Project will include:
 - Limiting the number of Indicative Disturbance areas to minimise colonisation by weed species
 - Off-road vehicle use will be strictly controlled over the Project with no driving permitted off designated routes
 - If earthworks are required to take place in areas with existing weed populations, precautions will be taken to prevent the weed contaminated material being transported to uncontaminated areas
 - Material containing weeds will not be used in rehabilitation, and machinery operating in areas of known weed contamination will be cleared before leaving the area
 - If significant populations of weeds are identified spot spraying with glyphosate (herbicide) will be undertaken with a backpack spray device. The weed program will be maintained throughout the life of Project.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid disrupting the breeding cycle of Carnaby’s black cockatoos, the proponent will undertake the following mitigation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Undertaking pre-clearing surveys within 100 m of the native vegetation clearing areas by a suitably qualified fauna specialist ○ Should breeding Carnaby’s black cockatoos be found, clearing will not commence within 100 m of the breeding tree until breeding in the area has finished. Carnaby’s black cockatoo breeding season in the Swan Coastal Plain and Wheatbelt regions occur from July to December (DAWE 2022) ○ Maintenance of the Transmission Line’s safe operating clearance distance will not result in the removal or damage to any hollows of suitable dimensions for breeding Carnaby’s black cockatoo as the trimming works will be confined to the upper canopies of the marri trees and the suitable hollows within the 11 marri trees to be retained were observed within the trunks (Attachment 21 Black-Cockatoo habitat assessment_2022). • Fire during the star sun-orchids growing season (May to November) is an identified threat to this species (DEWHA 2008). Fire prevention procedures will be implemented during the construction and operation of the Project, including construction of additional fire breaks and improved access roads for firefighting to minimise the risk of fire. The Proponent will implement the Fire Management Plan in accordance with the Planning Approval. • The Proponent will implement an Avian Fauna Collision Monitoring Program, to the satisfaction of the DBCA, in accordance with the Planning Approval to monitor the impact of the Wind Farm on avian fauna specifically in respect to the endangered Carnaby’s black cockatoo (Attachment 4 Shire of Dandaragan historical planning approvals_ 2012–2019). • A Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) will be prepared to provide the high-level environmental management framework to be implemented by the civil contractor during the construction of the Project. The CEMP will detail the key environmental receptors proximate to the Project and provide management actions and monitoring frameworks to be implemented prior to, during and post construction to ensure that the works comply with relevant legislative and environmental approval requirements. The CEMP will include protocols and procedures for monitoring (e.g. visual records, auditing) and management (e.g. refuelling procedures, waste disposal) to minimise the residual impacts to the receiving terrestrial environment to be as low as reasonably practicable.
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Part 6 – Offset

<p>Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form? For more information on environmental offsets, refer to DWER’s website and Fact Sheet 11: Environmental offsets for native vegetation clearing permits.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline as a supporting document for your form.	<input type="checkbox"/> Appendix A attached
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Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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. For further information on IBSA, refer to [DWER's website](#).

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 IBSA portal, via ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s) <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; color: red; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>NOTE: Additional IBSA packages provided during validation: IBSA-2024-0030 IBSA-2024-0031 IBSA-2024-0032</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBSA-2019-0020: Attachment 14 Spring Flora and Vegetation Survey and Black Cockatoo Habitat Survey_2014 • IBSA-2019-0019: Attachment 15 Supplementary Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Survey_2016 • IBSA-2023-0429: Attachment 16 Reconnaissance Flora and Vegetation Assessment_2023 • IBSA-2023-0428: Attachment 21 Black-Cockatoo habitat assessment_2022

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. For more information on IMSA, refer to [DWER's website](#).

Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form in accordance with the EPA's *Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments*?

Yes

Not applicable

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 Annex C7 form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Annex C7 form</i> attached	NOTE: Applicant requested for application to not be assessed as an accredited assessment under the assessment bilateral agreement during validation
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision	Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) Listed migratory species (section 20 & 20A)	

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>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</p>
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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 s.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 s.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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Enter details:</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Proposed Dandaragan Wind Farms, Central Midlands, Western Australia (Wind Prospect 2011) was prepared to accompany a Planning Approval Application, which was submitted to the Shire of Dandaragan in February 2011 for the Dandaragan Wind Farms project. The Dandaragan Wind Farms proposal included the Waddi Wind Farm and the Yandin Wind Farm (which is not part of this clearing application).</p> <p>In consideration of the environmental issues outlined in the Planning Approval Application, the Dandaragan Wind Farms project was referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for assessment under Section 38 of the EP Act.</p> <p>The EPA considered that the likely environmental impacts of the Dandaragan Wind Farms project were not so significant as to warrant formal environmental assessment and subsequently determined that the proposal should be treated as “Not Assessed – Public Advice Given” (Attachment 3 EPA historical determination and public advice_ 2011). The public advice issued by the Office of the EPA in October 2011 identified that the key environmental factors requiring management were limited to clearing of vegetation, fauna and noise.</p> <p>The Project was previously proposed to be connected to the electricity network via 19 km route to the south of the wind farm. An 8 km overhead transmission line connection extending west of the Wind Farm to the Cataby substation was approved by the Shire in September 2016, along with additional access tracks and a revised onsite substation location. The Proponent are seeking a minor amendment to the Shire of Dandaragan’s Planning Approval, given the latest design changes to the Project. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of 39 wind turbines (from 57 to 18) • Revision to the Project Area to correctly capture the Transmission Line • Revisions to the Indicative Works area and Indicative Disturbance area • Avoidance of impacts to the Mullering Brook, as there will be no longer be an access track crossing over the creek line or Transmission Line infrastructure sited within the Mullering Brook • Update reference to recent background noise levels undertaken for the Project.
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	<input type="checkbox"/> No – complete question below.	
If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a s.45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies	
	Enter Ministerial Statement number:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – not a significant proposal	

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

Have you had any pre-application/ pre-referral/ scoping meetings with DWER about any planned applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	Enter details:	<p>Guidance was sought from DWER in April 2023 to confirm if the existing CPS 8449/1 could be amended to reflect the Project's current design, who provided the following advice in April 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new clearing permit application should be submitted instead of an amendment application for CPS 8449/1. This is required to ensure the Project's State-based clearing requirements are appropriately regulated. This application is provided as Attachment 29 Application for a clearing permit (purpose permit)_2023. • If the Proponent wishes to use the State accredited assessment pathway for the EPBC Act referral, the proposed action will need to be determined as a controlled action prior to submitting a clearing permit application. The EPBC Act referral was submitted in August 2023 and a referral number has been issued, EPBC 2023/09639. The Commonwealth determined the referred action to be a controlled action on 13 November 2023(Attachment 28 DCCEEW determination). The Proponent is seeking an assessment of the Project through a State accredited process with this clearing permit application. An Annex C7 form is included as Attachment 30 Assessment bilateral agreement (Annex C7)_2023. • CPS 8449/1 will need to be surrendered for a new clearing permit application to be submitted. This application was submitted to

DWER on 17 October 2023.

The Proponent met with DWER officers on 31 August 2023 for a pre-application discussion on the proposed clearing permit application. From these discussions, DWER recommended that:

- If the Proponent intends to use the State accredited assessment pathway for the EPBC Act referral and the clearing permit application, the application is to be submitted once DCCEEW have made a determination on the EPBC Act referral (i.e. a “Controlled Action”).
- The Proponent will need to demonstrate that DBCA have been consulted and that there is a process to obtain authorisation to construction on their land.
- The Proponent should obtain letters of consent from parties where the project footprint crossing their tenure (if even no clearing is on their tenure if possible)
- Proposed offsets for significant residual impacts will need to demonstrate revegetation has been considered as an option and provide justification if revegetation is not proposed as an offset.
- The clearing permit application should clarify that the Project’s Transmission Line will be handed over to Western Power and become a public asset for the State government.

During pre-submission consultation with DWER Tilt identified that DBCA had advised that the changed project footprint within Conservation Park R41986 (Lot 4134/DP 240347) could require assessment by the Conservation and Parks Commission. The change had been instigated by Western Power, who provided an amended infrastructure design requiring the change. Tilt identified that we were providing a summary of information to DBCA; however, would not be able to confirm when the Conservation Commission would make an assessment.

Based on this advice DWER indicated that they believe that they would be able to accept a Clearing Permit application while the assessment from the from the Conservation and Parks Commission was pending, noting that DWER would not be able to approve the permit until the DBCA letter of Consent is received. Tilt has continued consultation with DBCA on this matter, the most recent advice is that there is a planned meeting of the Conservation and Parks Commission on 17 November and the change to the footprint will be considered at that time. Tilt has requested confirmation that the briefing paper to the Conservation and Parks Commission be provided to

		the DWER.
<input type="checkbox"/> No		

9.3 Other approvals – works approval, licence or registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)

<p>Have you applied for or do you intend to apply for a Part V Division 3 works approval, licence or registration, or the amendment or renewal of any of the above, under the EP Act or Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (EP Regulations)?</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 EP Regulations, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration.</p> <p>For further guidance, see DWER's Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences and Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Application reference:</td> <td style="width: 75%;"></td> </tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid works approval or licence applies <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Works approval or licence number:</td> <td style="width: 75%;"></td> </tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Registration number:</td> <td style="width: 75%;"></td> </tr> </table> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not required	Application reference:		Works approval or licence number:		Registration number:	
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