

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and

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

Select your <u>form type</u> .	□ Referral of proposed clearing (s.51DA of the EP Act)
NOTE: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.	X Application for an area permit (s.51E of the EP Act)

Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area	□ Applying as an individual – complete the following:			
permits: If granted, the name(s)	Title	□ Mr □ Mrs □ M Other:	1s 🗆	
of (all) landowner(s) will be listed	Name(s)			
as 'permit holders' on	XApplying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:			
the permit. For purpose	Name	Thangoo Pty Ltd		
permits:	Australian Co	mpany Number	008 672 777	7

If granted, the name(s)	(ACN)		
of (all) applicant(s)	t(s) Applying as a government entity (e.g. government depart government authority, or other statutory body)		
will go on the permit.	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	X Yes	🗆 No
exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.		

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 Yes X No

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	

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	Yes – skip to Part 4	X No
relevant details in an attached supporting document.		

If 'No' – complete the following:

Land description Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties: - volume and folio number - lot or location number(s) - crown lease or reserve number - pastoral lease number - mining tenement number	Lot 359 Pastoral lease nur Region: Pastoral I No Address Transfer of Land A (3466378.08m ²)	<	
Street address – Line 1	Great Northern H	ighway	
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Roebuck		
State	WA	Postcode	6725
Local government area(s)	Shire of Broome Scheme No. 7		
Land zoning	Rural Commercia		

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
□ I am the landowner	□ Attach proof of ownership
☐ I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	□ Attach proof of ownership
□ I am acting on the landowner's behalf and will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit (i.e. joint form)	 Attach proof of ownership Complete and attach an 'Acting on behalf and jointly responsible' letter
☐ I am likely to become the landowner	 Attach the Certificate of Title Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership and/or contract of sale ('offer and acceptance')
X I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	X Attach proof of ownership X Complete and attach an 'Authority to access and clear native vegetation' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)
□ A person with multiple land parcels	 Attach proof of ownership 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
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Select which map	X An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (preferred)	
type(s) you will attach with your	Geometry type: polygon shape	
form.	 Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude / longitude) 	
Note: We will decline / return	Datum: GDA 2020	
forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient	 An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area Note: 	
information for this question.	 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.	

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 = $3.14 \times radius^2$
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)	1.5 hectares
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit	NOTE: Application area revised to 1.49 hectares
	during Validation

only)	
Number of individual trees to be removed	0

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.)	 A S121 diversification permit is being sought through DPLH for a low-impact, pastoral-based tourism development. The seasonal station stay will offer campsites accommodating up to 100 guests per night at its peak from April to September. To facilitate its construction, clearing will be required to the following areas: Ring loop access road within the camp area (1080m long x 6m wide = 6,500m2) Individual campsites (10m x 6m sites x 60No. = 3,600m2) Small parking lot at the check-in area (100m2)
	 Communal area (Check-in area, camp kitchen, grassed area, mini-museum) (3,600m2) Ablution blocks x 3 (70m2 x 3 = 210m2) Manager's future homesite and shed (500m2)
	TOTAL clearing area: 14,510m2
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Supplementary low impact pastoral-based tourism

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Grader + skid steer to individual campsites to a minimal extent.
specify)	

5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)

Start date: 1 Jun 2024 End date: 31 May 2026

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	The proposed clearing of native vegetation has been carefully planned to minimise the impact on the natural environment, while still allowing for the development of a safe and functional station stay.
	Alternative locations and designs were considered, but the selected site was determined to be the most suitable in terms of accessibility, drainage and minimal impact on sensitive habitats.
	The extent of clearing has been minimised through the following mitigation strategies:
	Development Site Selection: The specific location chosen for the development features minimal ground covering, predominantly spinifex with scattered small shrubs. This is in contrast to other potential locations where taller trees are more prevalent. The selection of an area with minimal ground covering aims to minimise the impact on existing vegetation and preserve the natural character of the landscape.
	The proposed clearing of native vegetation has been carefully planned to minimise the impact on the natural environment, while still allowing for the development of a safe and functional station stay.
	Park Design Layout: In lieu of a traditional city block layout, a skinnier loop design is adopted to avoid large areas of clearing. This design choice follows

the natural contours of the land more closely, allowing for a nuanced integration of the development into the surrounding environment and reducing the need for extensive vegetation removal. Spacious Individual Sites: The camping sites are designed to be larger, facilitating maneuverability around small shrubs and existing vegetation. This design decision ensures that minimal clearing is necessary, and the sites can conform to the natural contours of the land without significant impact on the local plant life.
Station Stay Design: The overall design of the station stay is inspired by the rustic and authentic character of a cattle station in the rural outback. This design approach prioritises a sense of connection to the natural environment, and avoiding excessive clearing of vegetation is an important part of achieving this. By preserving as much of the existing flora as possible, the station stay will feel more integrated into the surrounding natural beauty, providing guests with a genuine outback experience that respects and celebrates the beauty of the natural surroundings.
Attachment of Supporting Photos: To further illustrate the existing conditions and the minimal impact of the proposed development, relevant photos of the vegetation in the selected site are attached as separate files. These photos provide visual evidence of the site's suitability, showcasing the predominance of spinifex with scattered small shrubs and minimal ground covering. This documentation supports the efforts to minimise clearing and preserve the natural environment, demonstrating the careful consideration given to site selection and the incorporation of the development into the surrounding landscape.
Through the implementation of these measures and design choices, there is a commitment to ensuring that the least amount of clearing necessary is undertaken. This aligns with the dedication to environmental sustainability and responsible land use.

Part 6 – Offset

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form? For more information on environmental offsets, refer to <u>DWER's website</u> and <u>Fact Sheet 11:</u> <u>Environmental offsets for native vegetation clearing</u> <u>permits</u> .	□ Yes X No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the <u><i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure</i></u> guideline as a supporting document for your form.	Appendix A attached

Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in	□ Yes X No – skip to Part 8
support of your form?	

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 <u>DWER's website</u>.

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?	YesNot applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	

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 <u>DWER's website</u>.

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 <u>DWER's website guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement</u>.

Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?	□ Yes	X No – skip to Part
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If 'Yes' – complete the following:

Please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the <u>Annex C7</u> <u>form</u>	□ Annex C7 form attached
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision	

Part 9 – Other approvals

Which department are you submitting this form to?	
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'.	 Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety X Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
For all other clearing activities, select 'Department of Water and Environmental Regulation'.	

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.

Has the proposed	□ Yes		
clearing or any related matter been referred to	Enter details:		
the EPA?	X No – complete question below.		
If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?	 Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal') Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a s.45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies 		
	Enter Ministerial Statement number:		
	X No – not a significant proposal		

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

Have you had any	X Yes	
pre-application/ pre-referral/ scoping meetings with DWER about any	Enter details:	Early phone and email discussions held with as to suitability of a referall vs clearing permit. We were advised to proceed with a Referral.
planned applications?	Furth	er discussions with have found the clearing permit more suitable.

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

Have you applied for or do you intend to apply for a Part V Division 3 works	□ Yes
approval, licence or registration, or the amendment or renewal of any of the above, under the EP Act or	Application reference:
Environmental Protection Regulations	No – a valid works approval or licence

1987 (EP Regulations)?	applies	
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	Works approval or licence number:	
Regulations, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration.	No – a valid regis	stration applies
For further guidance, see DWER's Procedure: Prescribed premises works	Registration number:	
approvals and licences and <u>Guideline:</u> Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing.	X No – not required	

9.4 Water licences and permits (*Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*)

Have you applied or do you intend to	X Yes	
 apply for: a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or 	No – a current valid licence or permit applies	
groundwater)	Licence or	
 a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks), or 	permit number:	
• a permit or amendment to a permit	No – an exemption applies	
to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?	Enter	
For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> , see	details:	
	Not applicable	
DWER's <u>Procedure: Water licences and</u> <u>permits</u> .		