



## 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 (maps etc.). The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) or Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) 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 <a href="#">form type</a>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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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<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 with areas covered by either mineral or petroleum tenure granted under one of the abovementioned Acts, select ‘Department of Energy, 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 Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</p>
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## Part 2 – Applicant details

### 2.1 Applicant name

<p><b>For area permits:</b> 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> 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 type="checkbox"/> Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:	
	Name	
	Australian Company Number (ACN)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
Name	Shire of Merredin	

### 2.2 Applicant contact details

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

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Company name	
Phone number	
Email address	

### 2.3 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	

## 2.4 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	
Phone number	

## 2.5 Electronic correspondence consent

DWER/DEMIRS 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/DEMIRS (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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## 2.6 Contact details for enquiries

If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER/DEMIRS 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:

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Contact name		
Position (if applicable)		
Company name (if applicable)		
Phone number		Mobile

Email address			
Business or postal address line 1			
Business or postal address line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	

### Part 3 – Land details

- You must accurately describe the location of the land where your clearing is proposed.
- Provide copies of associated documents registered against the Certificate of Title (limitations, interests, encumbrances or notifications) where the clearing may impact them (i.e. caveats within freehold Lots).
- If you have a large number of properties, please provide the relevant details for each property in a separately attached supporting document.

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:

<b>Land description</b> 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	4140072      Crooks Rd      Road Reserve  <u>Start</u> <u>SLK 0.25 - Indian – Pacific Railway</u> Latitude:    -31.491629 Longitude:   118.234905  <u>End</u> <u>SLK 1.50 – Intersection with Goldfields Rd</u> Latitude:    -31.481100 Longitude:   118.230115		
Street address – Line 1	Crooks Road Reserve		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Merredin		
State	WA	Postcode	6415
Local government area(s)	Shire of Merredin		
Land zoning	Road Reserve		

## 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
- 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 checked="" 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"/> Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to act on their behalf and acknowledge they will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit
<input type="checkbox"/> I am likely to become the landowner	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, including details of current proprietor on certificate of title, 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 proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the property(ies) as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a person with multiple land parcels within which clearing is proposed	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Attach letters, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the properties as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
<input type="checkbox"/> I will undertake the clearing activities through the exercise of power conferred by different legislation (e.g. the <i>Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide relevant legislative details:

## 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: DWER/DEMIRS 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 (preferred)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geometry type: polygon shape</li> <li>• Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude/longitude)</li> <li>• Datum: GDA 2020</li> </ul> <p><input 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(es) of vegetation, enter a hectare value for the total size of the area (mark number of trees as zero). For example, “clearing of 5 hectares”.
- If you propose to clear only individual trees (i.e. the shrubs, grasses, groundcover plants will remain intact), provide the number of trees. For example, “clearing of 10 trees”. If any shrubs, grasses, and/or groundcover plants **may** be damaged in the clearing process, enter the total area only.
- If you propose to clear an area of native 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 **only** 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)	<b>0.0701 ha</b>
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	Confirmed dring validation the clearing is for a tree value of 18 trees only
Number of individual trees to be cleared	<b>18 Trees</b> <b>3 Limbs/Branches</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

<p>Provide the reason for proposed clearing (e.g. road construction, grazing and pasture, hazard reduction, horticulture, timber harvesting etc.).</p> <p>If applicable, provide any additional project overview or explain in detail the activities on the property (e.g. provide context of work proposed and describe how clearing will contribute to overall work activities onsite etc.).</p>	<p><b>Road Upgrade</b></p> <p>The proposed clearing along Crooks Road is primarily for the purpose of road construction. This project aims to address critical safety and operational issues identified through a Road Safety Audit conducted by Main Roads Western Australia. Below is a detailed explanation of the reasons for the proposed clearing and how it contributes to the overall work activities:</p> <p><b>Primary Purpose: Road Construction</b></p> <p><b>Safety Improvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Current Issues:</b> The audit highlighted two major issues with Crooks Road: insufficient pavement and shoulder width, and roadside hazards within the clear zone. These issues pose significant risks, particularly given the high volume of traffic and the large proportion of heavy vehicles (65% of an average of 516 vehicles per day).</li> <li>○ <b>Widening the Road:</b> To enhance safety, the road needs to be widened from its current width of 7 meters to 8 meters. This expansion is necessary to accommodate the high volume of heavy vehicles and to reduce the risk of accidents by providing more space for vehicle movement and improving the overall safety of the road.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hazard Reduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Trees in the Clear Zone:</b> The Road Safety Audit recommended the removal or protection of trees located within the clear zone to mitigate roadside hazards. The clear zone is the area beside the road where obstacles need to be minimized to provide a recovery area for errant vehicles and to improve driver visibility.</li> <li>○ <b>Increased Visibility:</b> By removing trees that obstruct visibility, the project aims to reduce the risk of collisions and improve the safety of all road users. Specifically, at the northern end of Crooks Road, smaller trees have been identified as hazards that obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Their removal will enhance visibility and prevent potential accidents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Efficiency and Functionality:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Enhanced Road Capacity:</b> Widening the road will also improve its functionality and capacity, allowing it to better serve its role as a critical transport route for industry and local traffic. Crooks Road is a key asset in the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network, providing essential access to the Industrial Area west of the Merredin Townsite. Improved road conditions will facilitate smoother and more efficient transportation, which is crucial for regional economic activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Overview and Activities</b></p> <p>The proposed clearing is a key component of a broader road construction project designed to address the following:</p> <p><b>Road Widening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Seal Widening:</b> The project involves widening the sealed surface of</li> </ul>
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	<p>Crooks Road to accommodate the high volume of heavy vehicles and to provide a safer travel experience. The proposed widening will involve the removal of trees that are currently in the way of the planned road improvements.</p> <p><b>Rehabilitation and Environmental Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Revegetation Efforts:</b> As part of the mitigation measures, a revegetation plan will be implemented to offset the environmental impact of the clearing. Native vegetation will be planted within the Road Reserve to restore the habitat and support local wildlife. This effort will help to balance the necessary road improvements with environmental conservation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Compliance with Guidelines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Austrroads Guidelines:</b> The road widening and tree removal will be carried out in accordance with Austrroads Guidelines to ensure that all safety and environmental standards are met. The project will be conducted with consideration for both the safety of road users and the preservation of the natural environment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attachments:</b></p> <p>Attachment 01            - Road Safety Audit</p> <p>Attachment 02            - Tree Photos</p> <p>Attachment 03a          - Tree Footprint &amp; Rehabilitation Area</p> <p>Attachment 03b          - Flora Footprint Shapefile</p> <p>Attachment 03c          - Revegetation Footprint Shapefile</p> <p>Attachment 04            - Offset Calculations</p> <p>By addressing these safety and operational issues through the proposed clearing, the Shire of Merredin aims to enhance the safety, efficiency, and functionality of Crooks Road, thereby supporting regional economic activities and improving overall road safety.</p>
	Transport corridor

#### 5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Cutting
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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: 01/11/2024 End date: 01/04/2025
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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 Pre-application scoping

Historic clearing of native vegetation in the Swan Coastal Plain and Avon Wheatbelt [Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia](#) (IBRA) bioregions has been extensive.

DWER/DEMIRS strongly recommends a pre-application meeting if you propose to clear native vegetation within these bioregions.

Do you propose to clear native vegetation within the Swan Coastal Plain or Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – complete section below		
	<input type="checkbox"/> I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS		
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<input type="checkbox"/> I have contacted DWER/DEMIRS in relation to a pre-application meeting and been advised that a meeting is unnecessary in this case.			
	<table border="1"><tr><td>Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):</td><td></td></tr></table>	Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):	
Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):			
	<input type="checkbox"/> I have not had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS. I understand that this may increase the likelihood of requests for further information and/or delays in assessment.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – proceed to next question.		

## Part 6 – Mitigation hierarchy

### 6.1 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? (Attach design drawings where applicable)
- 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, DWER/DEMIRS will ask you to do so during the validation of this application. Offsets will only be considered by

DWER/DEMIRS as a last resort, once avoidance and minimisation measures have been clearly demonstrated.

<p>Provide the avoidance details (e.g. retention of vegetation on property)</p>	<p>Following the Road Safety Audit completed by Main Roads Western Australia, Crooks Road has been identified as a critical route in the Wheatbelt region that requires immediate improvements to enhance safety and efficiency. The audit highlighted two significant concerns: insufficient pavement and shoulder width and the presence of roadside hazards within the clear zone. As a response to these issues, grant funding has been approved to widen Crooks Road and its intersections.</p> <p>The primary objectives of this project are to widen the sealed surface from 7 meters to 8 meters and to mitigate hazards posed by trees encroaching on the road. This enhancement is essential for accommodating the high proportion of heavy vehicles (65% of an average of 516 vehicles per day) and for improving overall safety.</p> <p><b>Tree Removal Considerations</b></p> <p>In conjunction with our construction supervisor, Troy Davey, and team member Amer Tawfik, we conducted an on-site inspection of the trees along Crooks Road. Our goal was to identify which trees could be preserved while ensuring the safety and functionality of the road. The criteria for tree removal included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Distance from the Road:</b> Trees too close to the road were identified for removal to prevent encroachment on traffic.</li> <li>• <b>Impact on Road Design:</b> Trees affecting the proposed shoulder and embankment were considered for removal to accommodate the widened road.</li> <li>• <b>Environmental Impact:</b> Efforts were made to minimize the environmental impact by preserving as many trees as possible.</li> <li>• <b>Maintenance and Operational Costs:</b> Trees that would incur higher maintenance or operational costs were also considered for removal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific Findings</b></p> <p>At the northern end of Crooks Road, a few smaller trees were identified as visibility hazards for oncoming traffic. Removing these trees will enhance visibility and reduce the risk of potential collisions.</p> <p><b>Stakeholder Feedback</b></p> <p>The Shire of Merredin approached the Merredin Wildflower Society for feedback regarding the environmental impact of the proposed works. The society's feedback was carefully reviewed to balance environmental concerns with safety requirements. Their feedback included the following (Attachment 05):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The safety of the large number of vehicles using the road, including many grain trucks, the road needs to be widened especially over the railway crossing;</li> <li>• This will necessitate removal of some trees and some limbs, as shown on the plans provided;</li> <li>• The Shire has investigated other options, including even closing this road and creating a new road, but for various reasons no alternatives</li> </ul>
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	<p>have been found that are practical or financially acceptable;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The width and surface of Crooks Road needs to be improved for the safety of vehicles. This will mean the loss of some mature trees and limbs. Establishing a variety of local native plants elsewhere will be good, though not compensating for the loss of mature tree;</li> <li>• It's usually regrettable any time a country road must be widened and/or straightened, which is usually for road safety reasons. The resultant gradual, progressive loss of native roadside vegetation is significant, given the already low level of native vegetation across the wheatbelt. In some areas there is little other native vegetation other than on the roadside reserves. Much of the roadside native vegetation is deteriorating, and it's often sparse, aging, lacking diversity and vigour, and often weed infested. Vehicular traffic might benefit when declining road verges are "tidied", by burning or grading, or by removing dead or fallen timber, but birds, reptiles, other animals and biodiversity in general don't benefit;</li> <li>• Once the upgraded road is completed, an attempt be made to establish, rather than trees, a reasonably dense mixture of low native shrubs (e.g. saltbush, bluebush) and various native grasses, along the narrow strips of land remaining on each side of Crooks Road;</li> <li>• Low, mixed vegetation would tolerate occasional high slashing and, with a little help initially, once established it could compete successfully with introduced weeds. In addition, such vegetation will do little harm to any vehicle that runs off the road. This would be an interesting, reasonably low-cost trial.</li> </ul> <p>After thorough consideration of both safety needs and environmental impacts, the Shire of Merredin believes that the removal of the identified trees is necessary to provide a safer road for the community and industry. This project aims to enhance road safety, align with Austroads Guidelines, and support the regional freight network.</p> <p>For detailed information, please refer to the attached Road Safety Audit (Attachment 01) and photos of the impacted trees along with the flora footprint (Attachments 3a, 3b and 3c).</p>
<p>Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)</p>	<p>To address the environmental impact of the proposed road widening and to ensure effective mitigation, the Shire of Merredin has implemented a comprehensive strategy focusing on vegetation management and rehabilitation. The key mitigation measures include:</p> <p><b>Minimising Vegetation Clearing:</b> The Shire of Merredin has undertaken extensive efforts to minimize the extent of vegetation clearing required for the road widening project. This approach has been guided by the aim to preserve as much of the existing vegetation as possible while addressing the safety concerns identified in the Road Safety Audit.</p> <p><b>Offsetting Through Revegetation:</b> To compensate for the cleared vegetation, a revegetation program will be implemented within the Road Reserve. The offset area will cover approximately 0.333 hectares, as detailed in Attachment 04 – Offset Calculations.</p> <p><b>Revegetation Strategy:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Native Vegetation:</b> The revegetation will use native plant species that are representative of the Avon Wheatbelt – Muntadgin 1023 vegetation association. This choice ensures that the new plantings are ecologically appropriate and will support local biodiversity.</li> <li>○ <b>Black Cockatoo Foraging:</b> The selected vegetation will include species suitable for black cockatoo foraging, aligning with conservation goals and supporting local wildlife.</li> </ul> <p><b>Revegetation Location and Area:</b> The revegetation will take place along the same stretch of road where the impact occurred, as outlined in Attachment 03a - Tree Footprint and Revegetation Area. The total area designated for revegetation is 0.333 ha.</p> <p><b>Weed Management:</b> A weed management plan will be implemented to prevent the spread of invasive species during and after construction. This plan will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pre-construction Weed Control:</b> Clearing of weeds from the site prior to commencing construction to reduce the risk of their spread.</li> <li>○ <b>Monitoring and Maintenance:</b> Regular monitoring of the revegetation area to manage and control any emerging weed species.</li> <li>○ <b>Preventative Measures:</b> Measures to prevent the introduction of weed seeds through machinery and construction activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rehabilitation and Long-Term Maintenance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Monitoring and Evaluation:</b> The revegetation site will be monitored over a period of two years to assess plant establishment and growth. Adjustments to the management plan will be made as necessary based on these evaluations.</li> <li>○ <b>Maintenance Activities:</b> Routine maintenance activities, such as watering, mulching, and additional planting if required, will be carried out to ensure the success of the revegetation efforts.</li> </ul> <p>By implementing these mitigation measures, the Shire of Merredin aims to effectively manage the environmental impact of the road widening project, support local wildlife, and restore the natural habitat in the affected areas. For further details, please refer to the attached documents that provide additional information on the offset calculations and revegetation area.</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Offset Calculations (Attachment 04)</li> <li>2. Tree Footprint and Revegetation Area (Attachment 03a)</li> </ol>
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## 6.2 Offsets

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the <a href="#">Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure</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/DEMIRS will 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/DEMIRS. Please note DWER/DEMIRS will suspend the assessment timeframes for your application until you provide the IBSA number(s).

Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the <a href="#">Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment</a> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not 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/DEMIRS will 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. DWER/DEMIRS will decline to deal with your application without the proposed clearing first being deemed a controlled action.

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

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process, such as the assessment bilateral agreement or accredited assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 9		
<p>Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the <a href="#">Annex C7 form</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <table border="1" data-bbox="735 421 1390 506"> <tr> <td data-bbox="735 421 967 506">EPBC number:</td> <td data-bbox="967 421 1390 506"></td> </tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> Annex C7 form attached <input type="checkbox"/> No (DWER/DEMIRS cannot assess the application under an EPBC Act Accredited Process)	EPBC number:	
EPBC number:			
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision			

## Part 9 – Other approvals

### 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/DEMIRS) 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 under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.

Has the proposed clearing or any related matter been referred to the EPA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1447 1406 1532"> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 1447 663 1532">Enter details:</td> <td data-bbox="663 1447 1406 1532"></td> </tr> </table> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – complete question below.	Enter details:	
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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 section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) <input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1865 1406 1951"> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 1865 967 1951">Enter Ministerial Statement number:</td> <td data-bbox="967 1865 1406 1951"></td> </tr> </table> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a significant proposal	Enter Ministerial Statement number:	
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## 9.2 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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Application reference:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <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>	Application reference:	
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## 9.3 Water licences and permits (*Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*)

<p>Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater)</li> <li>• a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks), or</li> <li>• a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?</li> </ul> <p>For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>, see DWER's <a href="#">Procedure: Water licences and permits</a>.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid licence applies</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Licence number:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</p>	Licence number:	
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## 9.4 Planning and other approvals

<p>Has the proposal obtained all relevant planning approvals and/or have you applied for all relevant planning approvals (e.g. Development Approval, Extractive Industry Licence, etc.)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Enter details:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – planning approval is not required</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Enter details:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</p>	Enter details:		Enter details:	
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