

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

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

Select your form type.	☐ Referral of proposed clearing (section 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.	 □ Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act) ☑ Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act) 		
Which department are you submitti	ng 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 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'.		 ☑ Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety ☑ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 	
For all other clearing activities, sele of Water and Environmental Regula	ect 'Department ation'.		

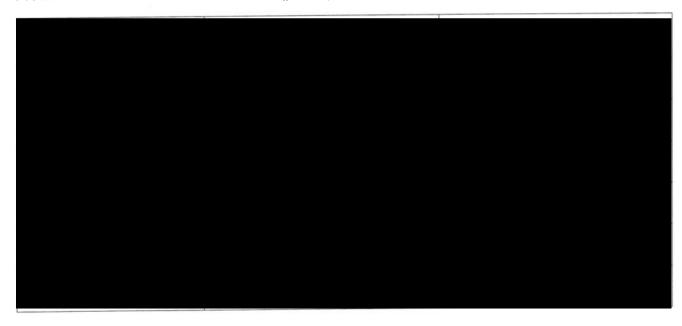
Part 2 - Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area	☐ Applying as a	an individual – complete	e the following	
permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms	□ Other:	
landowner(s) will be listed as	Name(s)			
'permit holders' on the permit.		a body corporate or oth	er entity forme	ed at law – complete the
For purpose permits:	Name	Widgie Gold Pty Ltd		
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Australian Con	npany Number (ACN)	638864187	
applicant(s) will go on the permit. Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)				
	Name			

2.2 Applicant contact details

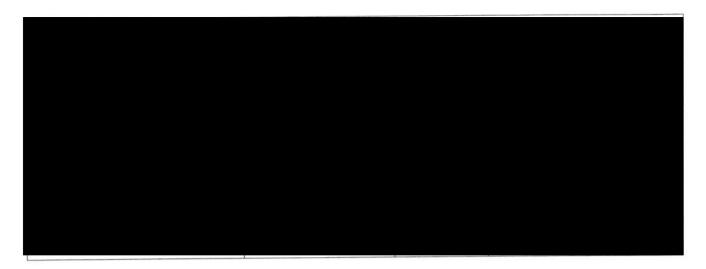
Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).



2.3 Applicant contact postal details

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

2.4 Applicant contact – registered business address If applying as a company, incorporated body, local government authority or public authority also supply the registered business office address.	uthority,	
2.5 Electronic correspondence consent		
DWER/DEMIRS prefer to send all correspondence via email. We request that you correceiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the email. Please indicate your consent in this section of the form.	onsent to EP Act v	ia
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.	⊠ Yes	□ No
2.6 Contact details for enquiries		
If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person of DWER/DEMIRS should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).	with whor	n
Same as applicant's contact details	⊠ Yes	□ No
If 'No' – complete the following:		



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.	☐ Yes – skip to Part 4 ☐ No
If 'No' – complete the following:	
Land description	

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Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties:	M15/87		
 volume and folio number lot or location number(s) crown lease or reserve number pastoral lease number mining tenement number 	L15/414		
Street address – Line 1	Coolgardie Esperance Hwy		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Widgiemooltha		
State	Western Australia	Postcode	6443
Local government area(s)	Shire of Coolgardie		
Land zoning	Rural		

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
⊠ 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 ☐ 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
☐ I am likely to become the landowner	☐ 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')
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	☐ Attach proof of ownership ☐ 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)
☐ I am a person with multiple land parcels within which clearing is proposed	☐ Attach proof of ownership and/or ☐ 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)
☐ 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>)	☐ Provide relevant legislative details:

Part 5 - Proposed clearing

5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form.

Note: DWER/DEMIRS will decline/return forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient information for this question.

⋈ An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (preferred)

- Geometry type: polygon shape
- Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude/longitude)
- Datum: GDA 2020

☑ An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area

Note:

- 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 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.

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 m² 1 acre = 0.4 hectares/4,000 m² Area of circle = 3.14 x radius²

acre = 0.4 hectares/4,000 m² Area of a rectangle = length x width

1 tree = 0.01 hectares/ 100 m^2 Area of a triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	135
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	280
Number of individual trees to be cleared	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

To allow recommencement of open pit mining Provide the reason for proposed clearing (e.g. road construction, grazing and pasture, hazard within the Munda Gold Project and construct reduction, horticulture, timber harvesting etc.). a haul road that will connect the mine site to the existing Mt Edwards Haul Road for ore If applicable, provide any additional project overview haulage to Coolgardie 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.). Mining followed by land under rehabilitation Specify what the final land use will be after clearing 5.4 Method **Mechanical Clearing** Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other - specify) 5.5 Timeframe Period within which you propose to do the clearing Start date: 1 January 2025 (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024) End date: 31 December 2029 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. ☐ Yes – complete section below ☐ I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS Insert date of meeting and Do you propose to officer name(s): clear native vegetation within the Swan Coastal ☐ I have contacted DWER/DEMIRS in relation to a pre-application Plain or Avon meeting and been advised that a meeting is unnecessary in this Wheatbelt case. bioregions? Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):

1	□ 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.
	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.

Provide the avoidance details (e.g. retention of vegetation on property)	Munda is a historic minesite. Planned infrastructure will, where possible be located in historically cleared or degraded areas and linked to existing area infrastructure to minimize the need for new clearing. (i.e. use of Mt Edwards Haul Road). Progressive clearing undertaken as required to accommodate project development stages. Progressive rehabilitation will be part of the mine planning process.
Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)	Weed control will be ongoing throughout the active mining period in accordance with Auric Mining Weed Management Procedure. Implement progressive rehabilitation of mining disturbed areas where feasible.

6.2 Offsets

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	□ Yes ⊠ No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the <u>Clearing</u> of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline as a supporting document for your form.	☐ Appendix A attached