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 <u>form type</u> .	□ 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 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 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, select 'Department of Water and Environmental Regulation'.	

Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits:	□ Applying as an individual – complete the following:				
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Title		□ Mr □ Mrs □ Ms	□ Other:	
landowner(s) will be listed as	Nam	ne(s)			
'permit holders' on the permit.	□ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:				
For purpose permits:	Nam	Name			
If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will	Aust	Australian Company Number (ACN)			
go on the permit.	Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)				
	Nam	ame City of Joondalup			
			ABN: 64 245 472 416	i	

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, please also supply the registered business office address.



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.	⊠ Yes	🗆 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

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

Refer to Attachment 1 – Land Details 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 		
Street address – Line 1		
Street address – Line 2		
Suburb	 	
State	Postcode	

Local government area(s)	
Land zoning	

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</i> <i>Operators (Powers) Act 1979</i>)	□ Provide relevant legislative details:

Refer to Attachment 2 – Certificates of Title

Part 5 - Proposed clearing

5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

Select which map type(s) you will attach	An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (preferred)	
with your form.	Geometry type: polygon shape	
Note: DWER/DEMIRS will decline/return	 Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude/longitude) 	
forms (as applicable) if you do not provide	Datum: GDA 2020	
sufficient information for this question.	\boxtimes 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 <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.	

Refer to Attachment 3 - Shapefile of Proposed Works

Refer to Attachment 4 - Maps of Proposed Clearing Area and Environmental Conditions

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 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 = $\frac{1}{2}$ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.22ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	1.04ha changed to 1.37 during validation
Number of individual trees to be cleared	N/A

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.).

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.).

Purpose

Clearing of 0.22ha is proposed within a development envelope of 1.04ha to facilitate the widening of the coastal shared path from Ocean Reef Marina to Burns Beach Carpark, a total length of 2.58km (Ch 8580m – Ch 11160m). The widening of the coastal shared path is required due to safety concerns from increased usage of the pathway, and the increased popularity of e-rideables along the coastal foreshore. Widening will improve sight lines and the ability for users of the path to navigate around one another safely.

The path widening will follow the existing alignment and upgrade the pathway to a maximum of 4m in width. The widening will occur on one or both sides of the existing path and will facilitate the new width. The works will also include the construction of improved conservation fencing along the edges of the path, and the installation of drainage structures. Conservation fencing will be offset 0.5m from either side of the widened pathways. Drainage works will include the installation of kerbing and limestone rock pitching as needed, dependant on path grades to ensure adequate surface water drainage.

Project Background

The popularity and usage of the <u>Sunset Coast Trail</u> has increased significantly over the past several years. The current path width (2.5-3m) is insufficient for cyclists and pedestrians to share safely. It is proposed that a new 4 metre width will provide a safer and more enjoyable journey.

Data from the permanent counter located at Burns Beach Foreshore show path user numbers at very high levels. Data from February 2023 to August 2024 found there to be an average of 6,683 bike trips and 32,514 pedestrian trips per month. The large number of cyclists and pedestrians using the trail is resulting in regular path user conflict and in some cases significant injuries have occurred. The design and construction of a new safer coastal shared path trail is imperative not only for the northern suburbs, but the wider Perth community wanting safe quality locations to walk, run, and ride. Safety of path users is a priority especially in relation to the popularity of e-rideables, which are increasing in use along the coastal shared path.

The coastal shared path's high usage prompted the City to undertake a condition assessment of the existing infrastructure in 2020. The condition assessment and community feedback allowed the City to identify key sections of the coastal shared path network requiring upgrades to address the aging infrastructure and public safety concerns. The upgrades aim to align the coastal shared path width with the standard 4m width of Perth's broader coastal shared path network. A new width of 4m will assist in improving the accessibility of the dual use path and reduce conflicts between various user groups to provide all users with a safe, sustainable and enjoyable trail.

The project will be delivered through the <u>Western Australian Bicycle</u> <u>Network (WABN) Grants Program</u>, which is an initiative of the State Government, administered by the Department of Transport. The WABN Grants Program is one of the key actions detailed in the *Western*

Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031 which sets out a framework for the provision of a safe and sustainable cycling network across WA (for more information visit the <u>WA Bicycle Network Plan project page</u>). The coastal shared path is classified as a Primary Route in the Department of Transport's Long Term Cycle Network Plan meaning that it is a high demand corridor connecting major destinations and generally means the path will be 4 metres wide.
The grant is funding up to one hundred per cent of the total project cost, for the planning and implementation of bicycle network infrastructure in accordance with State Government priorities set out in the <i>Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031</i> . The grant also supports the project being spread over two financial years to facilitate high quality planning and design and enables project staging.
To align with grant funding, the City's coastal shared path upgrade project has been broken into two stages. This application relates to stage 2 of the project from Ocean Reef Marina to Burns Beach Carpark (2.58km). Clearing permit CPS 10219/1 (5.59km) has been granted in regard to native vegetation clearing for stage 1 of the coastal shared path upgrade. In total, the two stages will comprise of 8.17km of coastal shared path upgrades being undertaken to provide the community with a safe and sustainable trail.
It is also noted that DevelopmentWA are currently constructing the Ocean Reef Marina under clearing permits CPS 8787/1, CPS 8788/1, and CPS 8947/2 which includes re-establishment of a section of the coastal shared path. The City of Joondalup collaborated with the City of Wanneroo for the construction of the coastal shared path link between Burns Beach and Mindarie under clearing permit CPS 8220/3. These projects have only been considered as part of this application from a cumulative impacts perspective and they are noted as providing an important continuous access route along the coastline.
Construction Details
The construction will be undertaken by experienced Contractors as per detailed specifications and technical requirements outlined in the City's Request for Tender documentation. An example of the standard red asphalt path construction is provided in Attachment 5 . Attachment 6 provides photographs of upgraded sections of the coastal shared path (4m wide) and photographs of the drainage features the City may install, as required, along the path.
Environmental Context
Clearing will occur within the Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves on Lot 506 on Deposited Plan 417825 Reserve 45122, and Lot 508 on Deposited Plan 417828 Reserve 47831. These lots are Crown Land Reserves with the City of Joondalup as the Primary Interest holder responsible for the management, care, and control of the reserves under the relevant management orders. These are Class C reserves and are part of Bush Forever site 325. These reserves and Bush Forever site are noted to be an Environmentally Sensitive Area.
The City contracted Eco Logical Australia to conduct floristic surveys of the Iluka – Burns Beach and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves, in 2020 and 2023 respectively. Information regarding vegetation condition and conservation significant vegetation communities in the project area is available from their survey data.

The proposed clearing area consists of:

- 0.1936ha of Excellent vegetation condition (87% of the clearing area)
- 0.0264ha of Very Good vegetation condition (12% of the clearing area)
- 0.0013ha of Good vegetation condition (1% of the clearing area).

Priority Ecological Communities found within the project area include:

- 0.2209ha of Coastal shrublands on shallow sands (FCT29a)
- 0.0004ha of mixed Coastal shrublands on shallow sands (FCT29a) / Northern Spearwood shrublands and woodlands (FCT 24).

Both FCT29a and FCT24 are Priority Ecological Communities (Priority 3) listed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). The flora surveys and vegetation condition assessments undertaken by Eco Logical Australia within the Iluka – Burns Beach and Ocean Reef Foreshores are available in Attachment 7. These floristic surveys also identified conservation significant flora species present within the Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves. These include DBCA listed species Hibbertia leptotheca (P3) and Jacksonia sericea (P4), as well as Marianthus paralius which is an Endangered species under EPBC Act and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act). There are also several Bush Forever significant species within the reserves including Alyogyne huegelii, Diplopeltis huegelii, Grevillea preissii subsp. preissii, Lechenaultia linarioides, Melaleuca cardiophylla and Trymalium ledifolium. In addition to the conservation significant flora identified within the reserves, specimens from the WA Herbarium database have been included in the Conservation Significant Flora map series in Attachment **4**. The presence of these conservation significant flora will be highlighted to City personnel and contractors when conducting the proposed clearing to reduce any potential impacts. The proposed clearing and development area does not intersect with the recorded locations for these species.

The City engaged Eco Logical Australia to conduct a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) and Black Cockatoo Habitat assessment of the project area in response to the approved conservation advice from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in November 2023 for the Critically Endangered Honeymyrtle shrubland on limestone ridges of the Swan Coastal Plain Bioregion (Honeymyrtle Shrubland) TEC (Attachment 8). Eco Logical Australia conducted this assessment in September 2024 within the Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves. The results of the survey indicate that the Honeymyrtle Shrubland TEC is present within the reserves but does not intersect with the development area. Assessment of the State listed TEC Melaleuca huegelii – M. systena shrublands on limestone ridges (FCT26a), commonly associated with the Honeymyrtle Shrubland TEC, indicated that although the Federal TEC is present, the State listed TEC was not associated with the vegetation communities within the Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves. The Black Cockatoo foraging value of the Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves was assessed to be between Low-Moderate to None. The development area is located within areas of Negligible or No foraging value for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos or Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos.

	Aboriginal Heritage
	Aboriginal Heritage site 22672 (Burns Beach Waugal) intersects with the development area (Attachment 9). As part of the coastal shared path upgrade, the City is progressing a Section 18 approval under the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> prior to conducting works within the boundary of this site. The City has engaged an Aboriginal Heritage Service Provider to assist with the Section 18 approval, and to facilitate consultation between the City and the Whadjuk Noongar people.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Coastal Shared Path - Dual Use Path (note: this path will also serve as an important access way for emergency vehicles and function as a fire break).

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing	Clearing will be undertaken using a mix of
(i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding,	cutting/pruning using handheld equipment and
grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing	mechanical using minor machinery such as small
or other – specify)	loaders, bobcats and small excavators if required.

5.5 Timeframe

		Start date: March 2026	
(e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	End date: June 2026		

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 <u>Interim</u> <u>Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia</u> (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 s □ I have had a	ection below pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS
Do you propose to clear native vegetation within	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	
the Swan Coastal Plain or Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?		cted DWER/DEMIRS in relation to a pre-application en advised that a meeting is unnecessary in this
	Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):	

☑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.
\Box 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)	Avoidance through Project Planning, Design and Management In accordance with the City's Project Management Framework, environmental considerations were incorporated into the development and early planning stages of the coastal shared path upgrade (Stage 1 and Stage 2). The City's Environmental Development team and Natural Environment team provided environmental advice to the project team on 7 April 2021. To inform project planning activities an environmental planning desktop assessment was conducted on 27 June 2022. The project team received recommendations to	
	avoid and mitigate the clearing of native vegetation. The Department of Transport WA Bike Network Funding Program's key focus is to improve connectivity. The initial scope of the City's grant application and supporting business case included an alternative alignment and additional new paths. Extensive consultation from internal and external stakeholders resulted in a 0.122ha reduction in the overall clearing area. This was an outcome from the removal of a 275m long connecting path within Iluka Foreshore Reserve to O'Mara Blvd in Iluka (0.110ha), and minor revisions to the path alignment (0.012ha). These changes have resulted in a reduced clearing area and prevented potential habitat fragmentation within the Iluka Coastal Foreshore Reserve.	

	This project is likely to be the final widening of the coastal shared path, with no further clearing planned. The works will prioritise widening into existing cleared spaces such as turfed landscaping and carparks where possible to limit the clearing of native vegetation. The City investigated the use of existing turfed areas for the upgraded path width at Iluka Beach Park, however due to the path alignment, widening into the adjacent vegetation is required to facilitate safe movement angles and sight lines. Additionally, locations which have existing infrastructure such as drinking fountains are unable to be relocated within the scope and budget of this development and require the path to be widened away from these structures. Pruning and trimming of vegetation will be favored over clearing to reduce the total area cleared and associated environmental impacts. Clearing for vehicle access is not required, with intersections and parks to be utilised for access and maneuvering of machinery.
Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)	Mitigation through Strategic Planning, Project Management, and Contractor ManagementContractor and Personnel ManagementThe appointed Contractor or City personnel will ensure they avoid and minimise clearing, and conduct environmental management through compliance with their Safety, Health, and Environment Management Plan. The City will include relevant clauses, specifications, and requirements within the Request for Tender to ensure the Contractor makes all practicable efforts to mitigate impacts to native vegetation and complies with the conditions of the clearing permit.
	The City's Tree Services team or an experienced contractor will conduct the proposed clearing works. The City's Tree Services team are experienced in vegetation management and removal and will review the proposed clearing and provide advice to mitigate impacts to surrounding vegetation and prevent the clearing of mature trees during the detailed design stage of the project.
	The City's staff and contractors will ensure implementation of its Pathogen Hygiene Procedure during the clearing and path upgrade works. Dead and felled wood will be relocated to adjacent bushland patches to continue to provide habitat for fauna.
	Clearing will be conducted in a directional manner with time given to facilitate the relocation or movement of fauna into the surrounding vegetation. Construction will occur within two months of clearing to reduce impacts to uncleared vegetation from wind erosion.
	Reserve Management
	Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves are major conservation areas within the City and are managed for conservation purposes under the <u>Iluka</u> - <u>Burns Beach Foreshore Reserve Management Plan</u> and the <u>Ocean Reef</u> <u>Foreshore Management Plan</u> . These management plans support and enable the ongoing conservation management and maintenance of these coastal foreshore reserves (e.g. weed management, revegetation and fire management).
	The City's Natural Environment team conduct regular maintenance works within the City's reserves and bushlands in accordance with the relevant management plans. The City facilitates the collection of local provenance cuttings and seeds for propagation and use in City revegetation projects or to support the Friends' groups associated with the City of Joondalup.

The City frequently engages external consultants to conduct ecological assessments of its reserves and bushlands. These ecological assessments include the Iluka and Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserves associated with this application. Continued ecological assessment of the reserves will allow the City to monitor the impacts of the proposed clearing works, and to monitor the health of revegetation offsets.
Revegetation
Revegetation offsets for the Stage 2 works are set to be conducted in the Hillarys Foreshore Reserve (Lot 15445 on Deposited Plan 40340), and the Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserve (Lot 15445 on Deposited Plan 40340). The total area of revegetation is 0.44ha (4426m ²) consisting of 0.38ha (3,846m ²) from the Hillarys Foreshore Reserve under the Stage 1 banked revegetation offset detailed in clearing permit CPS 10219/1, and 0.06 ha (580m ²) from the Ocean Reef Foreshore Reserve.
The City will undertake revegetation via planting or direct seeding with local provenance species in the revegetation sites following the completion of works. The City uses the definition of "local provenance" as found in DWER's <u>Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits</u> . Revegetation efforts will ensure appropriate monitoring, fencing, water and wind erosion control, and weed management are conducted as needed. Monitoring will be conducted by environmental specialists and include the use of 10 x 10m quadrats. Monitoring will continue annually as needed until completion criteria are met including a minimum of 7 species per 10 x 10m quadrat, weed cover of less than 10%, and a density of 2 plants per m ² . City staff and contractors will ensure implementation of the Pathogen Hygiene Procedure during revegetation and site management works.
Attachment 10 outlines the City's revegetation plan for stage 2 of the coastal shared path upgrade, completion targets and criteria, and the species selected for the revegetation of each site. In addition, the revegetation sites and their reference site locations can be viewed in Attachment 11, with Shapefiles of the revegetation sites and reference quadrats available in Attachment 12.

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> <u>of native vegetation offsets procedure</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 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) <u>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for</u> <u>the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments</u> (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 <u>Index of Biodiversity Surveys for</u> <u>Assessment</u> ?	☑ Yes☑ Not applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	IBSA-2025-0034 IBSA-2025-0042

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 *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. 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?	 □ Yes ⊠ No – skip to Part 9
Is your proposed clearing a controlled action? If 'Yes', please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the <u>Annex C7 form</u>	 Yes EPBC number: Annex C7 form attached No (DWER/DEMIRS cannot assess the application under an EPBC Act Accredited Process)
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	□ Yes	
related matter been referred to the EPA?	Enter details:	
	\boxtimes 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 section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies 	
	Enter Ministerial Statement number:	
	⊠ No – not a significant proposal	

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

Have you applied or do you intend to apply for a works approval, licence, registration or an	□ Yes
amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act?	Application reference:
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	No – a valid works approval applies
Environmental Protection Regulations 1987, unless that action is done in accordance with a	No – a valid licence applies
works approval, licence or registration. For further guidance, see DWER's <i>Procedure: Prescribed</i>	No – a valid registration applies
premises works approvals and licences and	☑ No – not required
Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing.	·

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

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

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9.4 Planning and other approvals

Has the proposal obtained all relevant planning approvals	⊠ Yes		
and/or have you applied for all relevant planning approvals (e.g. Development Approval, Extractive Industry Licence, etc.)?	Enter details:	The City of Joondalup has engaged an Aboriginal Heritage Service Provider to facilitate consultation with the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation as part of a Section 18 approval application under the <i>Aboriginal</i> <i>Heritage Act 1972</i> . The application will be lodged with the Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage (DPLH) once sufficient consultation and ethnographic / archaeological surveys have been completed.	
	🗆 No – planning	g approval is not required	
	Enter details:		