



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 form type.</p> <p>Note: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms ‘application’ and ‘applicant’ also mean ‘referral’ and ‘referrer’ respectively.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act)</p> <p><input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</p>
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Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit. For purpose permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applying as an individual – complete the following:	
	Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Name(s)	_____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:	
	Name	GMA Garnet Pty Ltd
	Australian Company Number (ACN)	009 344 227
<input type="checkbox"/> Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
Name	_____	

2.2 Applicant contact details

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

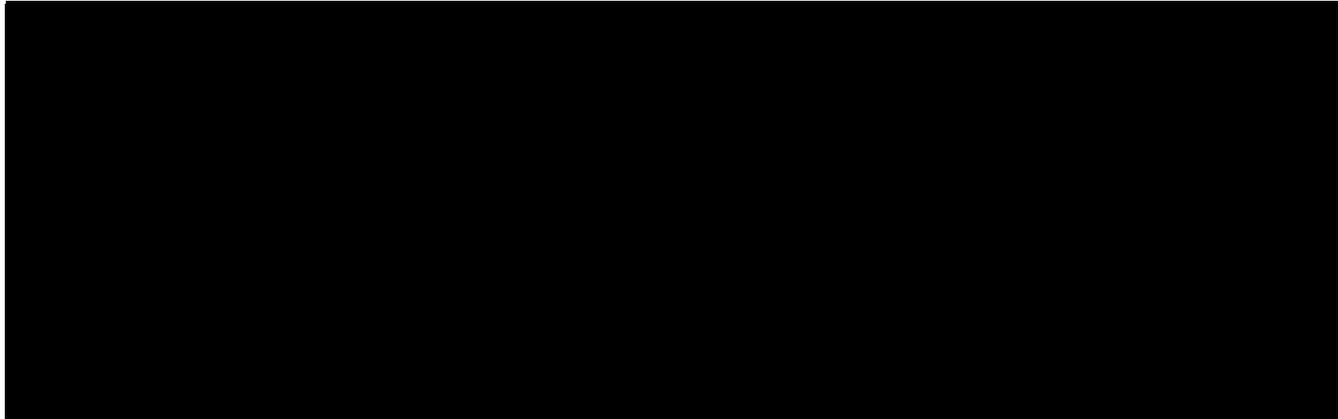
2.3 Applicant contact postal details

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.

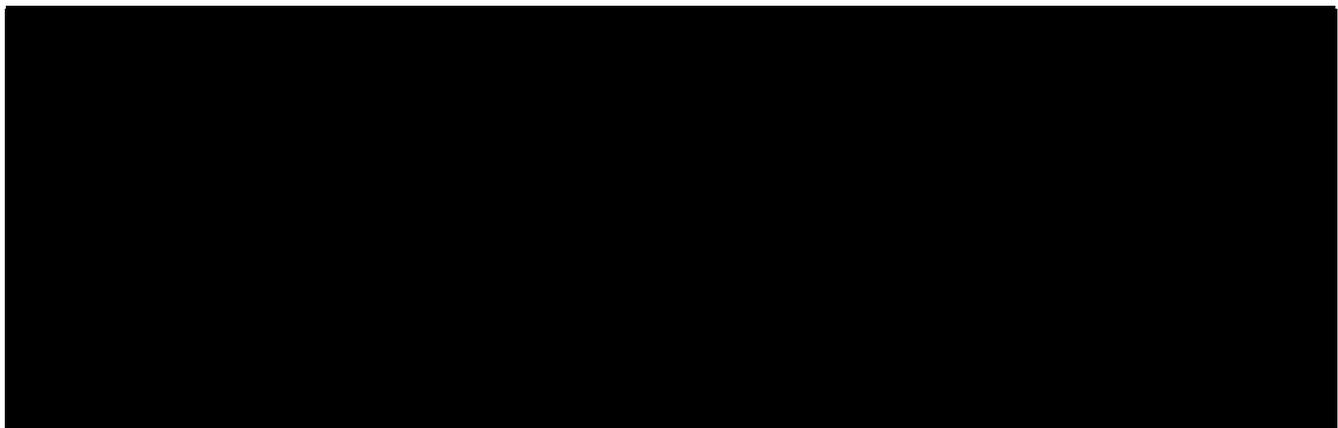
I consent that all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DEMIRS (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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2.6 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:



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – skip to Part 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

<p>Land description</p> <p>Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – volume and folio number – lot or location number(s) – crown lease or reserve number – pastoral lease number – mining tenement number 	M70/204		
Street address – Line 1			
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Yallabatharra		
State	WA	WA	WA
Local government area(s)	Shire of Northampton		
Land zoning	Agriculture		

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 type="checkbox"/> I am the landowner	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	<input checked="" 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"> • Geometry type: polygon shape • Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude/longitude) • Datum: GDA 2020 <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ESRI shapefile must use one of the following filename extensions: .shp, .shx, .dbf, and/or .prj • You must provide an ESRI shapefile if the form requires an assessment under an <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.
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5.2 Size

- If you propose to clear a patch(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 = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	24.48
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	24.48
Number of individual trees to be cleared	

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.).	The proposed clearing is expanding the existing North Pit.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Mining

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing/bulldozing
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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: 1/08/2025 End date: 1/08/2030
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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	
	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	
	<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.	
	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.
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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><u>Avoid the clearing of native vegetation</u></p> <p>The clearing is required for the purposes detailed in the Clearing Permit Application Supporting Information – Lynton. Further details are provided in the Clearing Permit Supporting Document.</p> <p><u>Minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared</u></p> <p>Clearing has been minimised where possible and include only the area required for the mining. Further details are provided in the Clearing Permit Supporting Document.</p> <p><u>Reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value</u></p> <p>Where possible GMA will undertake the following to minimise impacts to any environmental values through the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake staged clearing. • Undertake progressive rehabilitation. • Dust management protocols as per the Dust Management Procedure. <p>Further details are provided in the Clearing Permit Application Supporting Information – Lynton.</p>
<p>Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread,</p>	<p>1. Weed Hygiene Protocols for Machinery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All machinery brought onto the site will undergo a strict weed hygiene protocol before and after use. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspection and cleaning: Equipment will be thoroughly inspected for any weed

rehabilitation)	<p>seeds, plant material, or soil and cleaned if necessary to ensure no potential for weed transfer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification: Machinery will be certified as weed-free prior to entering the site and after completing operations. <p>2. Dust Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dust Suppression Measures: Dust management will be carried out as required during activities such as site clearing, earthworks, or excavation. Measures will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of water sprays or dust-binding agents to reduce airborne dust particles. ○ Scheduled application of dust control methods during dry or windy conditions to minimize environmental impact and prevent the spread of weed seeds. <p>3. Staged Clearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimising Open Area: Clearing of vegetation will be undertaken in stages to limit the extent of open ground exposed at any given time. This approach helps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevent soil erosion and weed encroachment. ○ Allow for more focused rehabilitation efforts in smaller sections, minimizing disturbances to the surrounding environment. ○ Reduce the chance of large-scale weed spread by confining disturbances to specific zones. <p>4. Progressive Rehabilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progressive Rehabilitation: As demonstrated in the supporting documentation, rehabilitation efforts will be progressively integrated throughout the project. This involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediate replanting and soil stabilisation techniques following clearing activities. ○ Regular monitoring and follow-up interventions (e.g., replanting or weed control) to ensure effective rehabilitation. <p>These practices, in combination, have been proven successful in prior projects as outlined in the supporting documentation and will be adhered to throughout this project to ensure effective weed management and site rehabilitation.</p>
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6.2 Offsets

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

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.