

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. Note: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.		oposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act) or an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act) or a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)
Which department are you submitting of the clearing is for mineral and pet authorised under the <i>Mining Act 19</i> petroleum Acts, and/or a State Agree areas covered by either mineral or petroleum egranted under one of the about Acts, select 'Department of Energy, Regulation and Safety'. For all other clearing activities, select of Water and Environmental Regulation	troleum activities 78, the various eement with petroleum ovementioned Mines, Industry	 □ Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety ☑ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name					
For area	☐ Applying as	an individual – complete the	e following:		
permits: If granted, the	Title	□ Mr □ Mrs □ Ms □	Other:		
name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as	Name(s)		·		
'permit holders' on the permit.	☐ Applying as following:	☐ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:			
For purpose permits:	Name				
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Australian Co	mpany Number (ACN)			
applicant(s) will go on the permit.	 ☑ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body) 				
	Name	Department of Finance	Department of Health (Amended during validation)		
Title First name					
Last name					
Position					
Company name					
Phone number					
Email address					
2.3 Applicant con Provide the postal a authority (primary co	ddress for the ab	tails oove individual, body corpor	ate or local government		
Address line 1					
Address line 2					

Suburb			
State			
2.4 Applicant contact – reg If applying as a company, incorplease also supply the register	rporated body, local government authority or public a	uthority,	
Address line 1			
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. □ No			
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 of	details	□ Yes	⊠ No
If 'No' – complete the following	:		
Title			
Contact name			
Position (if applicable)			
Company name (if applicable			
Phone number			
Email address			

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
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If 'No' – complete the following:

Land description Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties: - volume and folio number - lot or location number(s) - crown lease or reserve number - pastoral lease number - mining tenement number	Lot 3001 Lakes R Plan 43727) (Cro		
Street address	110 Lakes Road		
Suburb	Greenfields		
State	WA	Postcode	6210
Local government area(s)	City of Mandurah		
Land zoning	'Public purposes - Region Scheme (Hospital' under th Planning Scheme	MRS), and 'Pu e City of Mand	

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 = $10,000 \text{ m}^2$ Area of circle = 3.14 x radius^2 1 acre = $0.4 \text{ hectares/4,000 m}^2$ Area of a rectangle = length x width

1 tree = 0.01 hectares/100 m² Area of a triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	2.82 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	
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.).	Progression of the Peel Health Campus Expansion project
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.).	
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Medical facilities

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing
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5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing	Start date:1/09/2025
(e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	End date: 1/09/2026

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 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 pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS
Do you propose to clear native	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	Tuesday 4th February
Diain or Alian		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.
□ 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)

Through refined design, the Application Area as presented in the clearing permit application has avoided impacts within the Project Area as delineated by the Avoidance Area. This includes the avoidance of:

- 7.38 ha of high-quality native foraging habitat for Carnaby's black cockatoo, of which 6.71 ha consists of primary native foraging habitat and 0.67 ha secondary native.
- 6.72 ha of high-quality native foraging habitat for Baudin's black cockatoo, of which 0.38 ha consists of primary native foraging habitat and 6.34 ha secondary native foraging habitat.
- 7.32 ha of high-quality native foraging habitat for forest red-tailed black cockatoo, of which 6.71 ha consists of primary native foraging habitat and 0.61 ha secondary native foraging habitat.
- 80 black cockatoo habitat trees, of which 79 were identified as 'potential nesting trees' and 1 identified as a 'suitable nesting tree'.
- 6.08 ha of Banksia woodlands TEC/PEC.
- 1.94 ha of Tuart woodlands TEC/PEC.

Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)

- Clearing activities will be managed in accordance with a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to be prepared and implemented by the proponent to minimise potential impacts to native vegetation and fauna habitat. The CEMP will be enforced through the Development Approval process and include the following procedures:
- Clearly defining the extent of the clearing area before any clearing activities commence, and vehicle and personnel access limitations to within the Development Envelope.
- Clearly defining habitat trees to be retained within the Application Area.
- A pre-clearing fauna inspection to identify potential fauna interactions, including an inspection of trees for hollows and signs of use one (1) to two (2) days before clearing occurs.
- A pre-works trapping program to capture and translocate small to medium sized (translocatable) native fauna, if such fauna is present and translocation is possible.
- A fauna spotter to be present during clearing works to direct and manage works to avoid direct impacts to fauna.
- Implementation of hygiene protocols during the clearing and construction process to appropriately manage construction to prevent potential spread of weeds, dieback and feral animals into areas of retained vegetation. This will include:
 - Vehicles, machinery, and personnel to be free of mud/soil and plant material upon entering the site. Inspections to be completed prior to works commencing.
 - Minimising clearing and earthworks during wet conditions.
 - Using landscaping species not identified as weeds.
 - Ensuring the project is maintained in a clean and tidy manner to ensure feral and other species are not attracted to the site.
 Waste material is to be disposed of appropriately through waste services and/or to licenced landfill during construction and as part of ongoing operation.

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

Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	
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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) <u>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for 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 Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment?	☑ Yes☐ Not applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	IBSA-2025-0140 IBSA-2025-0141

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.

accordance with the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data	□ Yes ☑ 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?	□ 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 Annex C7 form	☐ 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	The referred action pursuant to EPBC Act was determined to be Not a Controlled Acton (refer EPBC 2024/10053)	

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	□ Yes Enter details:	
the EPA?	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:	

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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 amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act? 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 Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences and Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing.		□ Yes Application reference: □ No – a valid works approval applies □ No – a valid licence applies r □ No – a valid registration applies □ No – not required		
9.3 Water licences and permits (Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914)				
Have you applied or do you into	end 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 I permits under the <i>Rights in Wa Act 1914</i> , see DWER's <u>Proced licences and permits</u> .	ter and Irrigation			
9.4 Planning and other app	rovals			
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.)?	⊠ Yes			
		The applicant is seeking planning approval that will enable the forward works for which the native vegetation clearing is associated with. This will be run in parallel with this clearing permit application.		
	□ No – planning	approval is not required		
	Enter details:			