



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 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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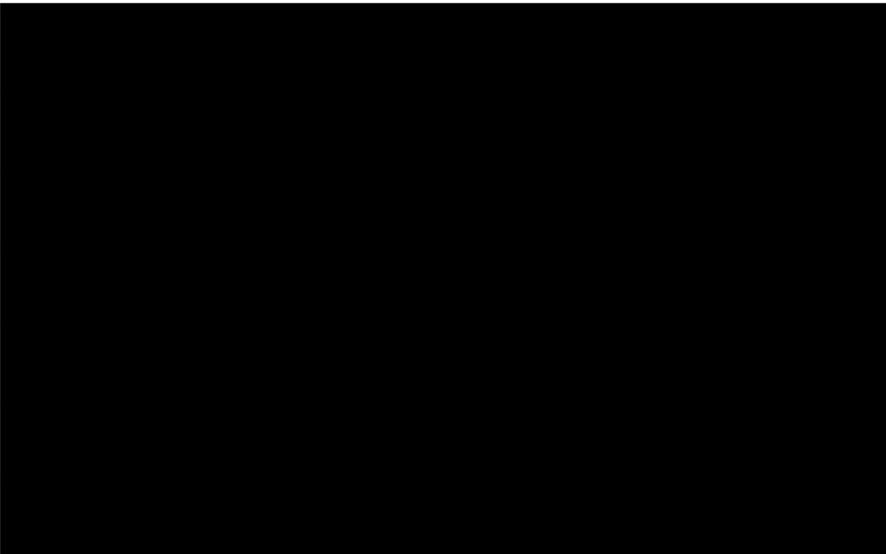
Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

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	SubCom Pty Ltd
	Australian Company Number (ACN)	167 260 184
<input type="checkbox"/> Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
Name	_____	

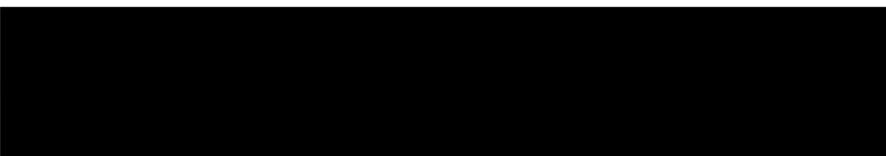
2.2 Applicant contact details

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

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	As above		
Address line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	
Phone number		Mobile	

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

Title	
Contact name	
Position (if applicable)	
Company name (if applicable)	
Phone number	

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

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:

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	Waterways Reserve (1983)		
Street address – Line 1	n/a		
Street address – Line 2	n/a		
Suburb	Madora Bay		
State	Western Australia	Postcode	6210
Local government area(s)	City of Mandurah		
Land zoning	n/a		

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership <input checked="" 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 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 m²

1 acre = 0.4 hectares/4,000 m²

1 tree = 0.01 hectares/100 m²

Area of circle = 3.14 x radius²

Area of a rectangle = length x width

Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

<p>Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">NOTE: Revised to 1.97 hectares within 1004.4 hectare footprint during validation.</p> </div>	<p>Best-case scenario (1x PLGR): 0.66 ha</p> <p>Worst-case scenario (WCS) (3 x PLGR): 1.97 ha</p>
<p>Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)</p>	<p>0.66 ha – 1.97 ha</p>

Number of individual trees to be cleared	n/a
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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>Google's Global Network Infrastructure group is proposing to install fibre optic subsea telecommunications cables as a part of the Australia Connect and Africa Connect Initiatives. Google will be undertaking the works within WA coastal waters via their registered licence carrier company Perch Infrastructure Pty Ltd (Perch). Cable systems within WA coastal waters include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TalayLink Cable System: Connecting Victoria, Western Australia, Christmas Island and onwards to Asia - Umoja Cable System: Connecting Western Australia to South Africa <p>In WA waters, the project is situated off the coast of Madora Bay within the Peel Region Scheme, specifically within the Waterways Reserve (1983) and extends from existing cable conduits ('pop out points' (PoP)) to the boundary of the Commonwealth waters.</p>
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	The final land use will be for the installed fibre optic subsea telecommunications cables.

5.4 Method

<p>Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)</p>	<p>Three sections of cables will be installed in State Waters from the from existing cable conduits ('pop out points' (PoP)) up to the boundary of the Commonwealth waters. The total length of each cable will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TalayLink 1 cable: 14.33 km • TalayLink 2 cable: 12.07 km • Umoja cable: 11.71 km <p>The cable installation method will vary over the course of the cable routes and is dependent on the seabed conditions and water depth. It is intended that the cable will be buried throughout state waters, except where seabed conditions do not allow. The cable type will be double armoured for all three cable systems out to the State waters limit. The following sections detail the stages of cable installation which may result in impacts to marine vegetation.</p> <p>Prior to laying of the cable, a Pre-Lay Grapple Run (PLGR) will be undertaken along all three cable routes. This is a clearance activity to remove unwanted debris on the seabed such as abandoned fishing nets, hawsers, wires, etc. that would interfere with effective</p>
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	<p>burial of the cable. This process also enables any disused cables to be removed from the proposed alignment.</p> <p>Pre-Laid Shore End (PLSE) installation methods are typically employed in nearshore environments characterised by long, shallow, and relatively flat seabeds, where sensitive marine habitats are present or where sea conditions limit conventional landing methods. These conditions are similar to those at Madora Bay, WA.</p> <p>Prior to the landing of the cable and after the cable conduit PoP is located and exposed (as needed), a sinking rope line will be placed by a dive support vessel along the cable route starting from the PoP up to the PLSE vessel stand-off position. The sinking line will be equipped with tags every 25 m reporting the kilometre point (KP). This will be deployed by utilising a marine Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to follow the centreline of the cable route.</p> <p>Surface laying is a cable installation technique typically undertaken in water depths of greater than 1,000 m but is also employed in areas of exposed bedrock, where cable burial is not possible. Surface laying involves accurately placing the cable on the seabed under a known tension, but with no direct burial of the cable into the seabed. Where cable burial is not feasible, the cable will be laid on the seabed within WA coastal waters.</p> <p>The Post Lay Inspection and Burial (PLIB) is the final stage of subsea cable installation and will be completed using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). The ROV is deployed from the vessel and will be in autonomous propulsion either on its track or free swimming, depending on the seabed and currents. The ROV will inspect whether the cable has been buried to the required depth and specifications. In areas where the cable could not be buried via PLSE installation, an ROV will be used to bury the cable to the required depth.</p>
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5.5 Timeframe

<p>Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)</p>	<p>Start date: 15 March 2026</p> <p>End date: 31 August 2026</p> <p>Cable installation activities will occur for around 31 days within a two month window, weather and permit dependent.</p>
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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.

<p>Do you propose to clear native vegetation within the Swan Coastal Plain or Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – complete section below	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS	
	<p>Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):</p>	<p>Chamali Rajapakshe Meenu Vitarana 11 November 2025</p>
	<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.	
	<p>Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):</p>	
	<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 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>A geophysical and geotechnical marine route survey (MRS) was completed in July 2024 along the extent of the TalayLink and Umoja cable systems to the extent of Commonwealth waters to confirm suitability of the location and collect seabed condition data. The project as a whole (comprising all the linked cable systems across Australia) was referred to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) (2025/10313) and was determined 'Not a Controlled Action' on 23 November 2025.</p> <p>For further information refer to 'Att1-12613495-NVCP-Supporting Information'.</p>
<p>Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)</p>	<p>Mitigation measures have been identified for seabed disturbance as a result of the clearing of marine vegetation. The expected area of marine vegetation to be cleared on soft sediments as a result of cable installation is likely to be between 0.66 ha (best case scenario) and 1.97 ha (WCS). This amount of clearing is small relative to the marine vegetation present within the total MRS survey area (between 0.19% and 0.58%) and smaller still at a local and regional level considering the habitat types are well represented locally and regionally. Refer to Table 6.1 in 'Att1-12613495-NVCP-Supporting Information'.</p> <p>It is recognised that further disturbance of a 5 metre width centred on the trench may result from the jet trenching due to suspension and deposition of sediment and may impact habitat adjacent to the trench. However, this disturbance as well as the direct removal of marine vegetation during the trenching are expected to be temporary and re-colonisation of disturbed areas from adjacent habitats is expected to occur relatively quickly.</p> <p>Further mitigation measures for seabed disturbance and other identified impacts are described in Section 6.2 'Att1-12613495-NVCP-Supporting Information'.</p>

6.2 Offsets

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

Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)

<p>Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 8</p>
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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 Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	n/a

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		
Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If 'Yes', please make sure you have	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>EPBC number:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	EPBC number:	
EPBC number:			

entered all the mandatory details in the Annex C7 form	<input type="checkbox"/> Annex C7 form attached <input type="checkbox"/> 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 related matter been referred to the EPA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Enter details:</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – complete question below.
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 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Enter Ministerial Statement number:</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a significant proposal

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,</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Application reference:</div> <input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid works approval applies
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