



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 Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE) 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](#).

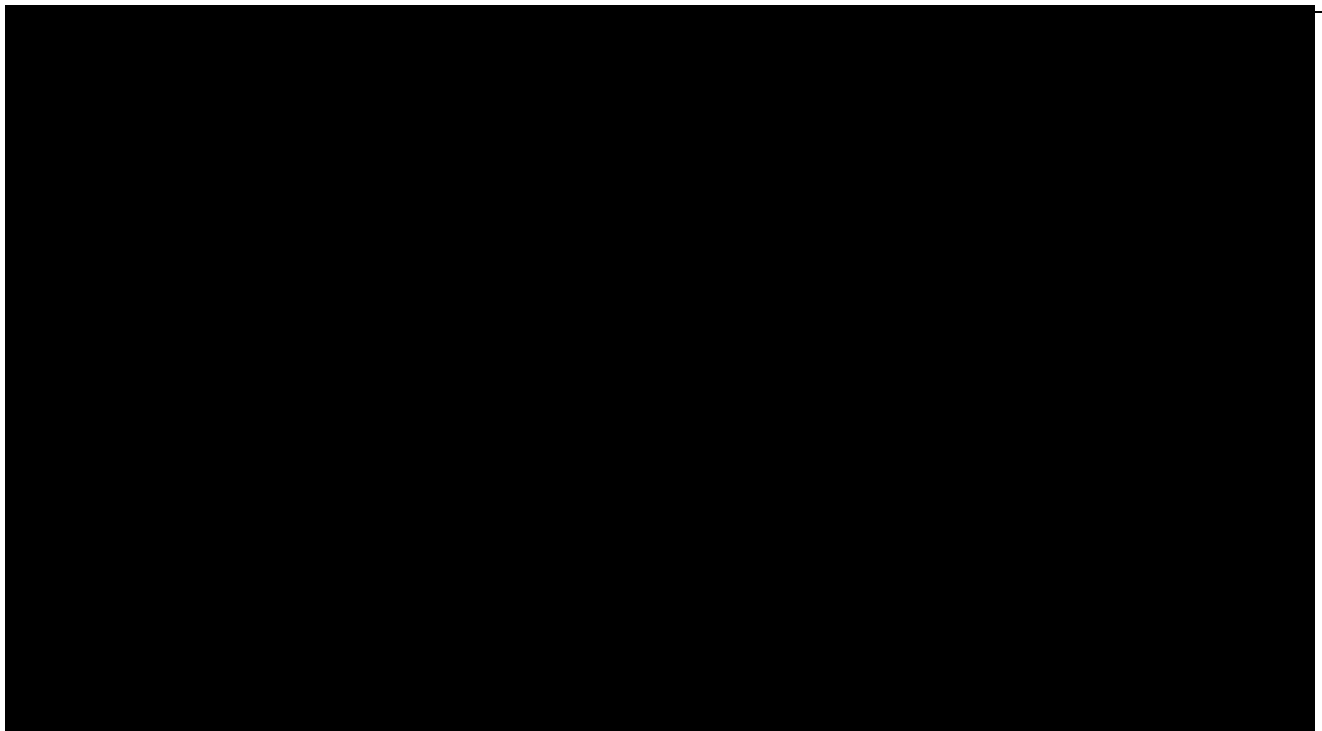
Part 1 – Form type

<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 Mines, Petroleum and Exploration’.</p> <p>For all other clearing activities, select ‘Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</p>
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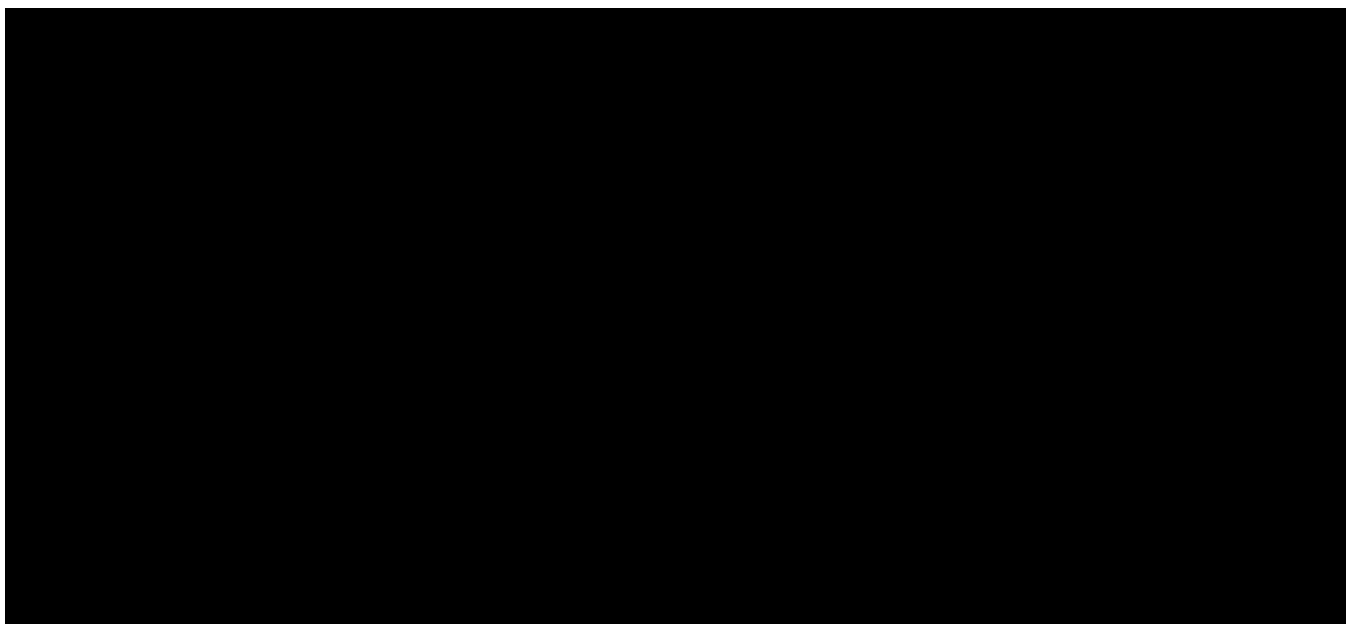
Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

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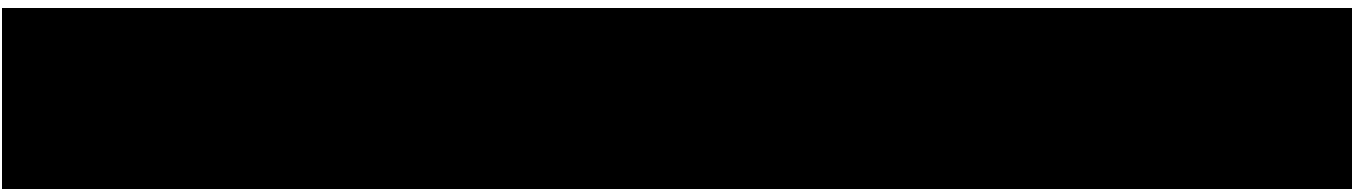
2.2 Applicant contact details

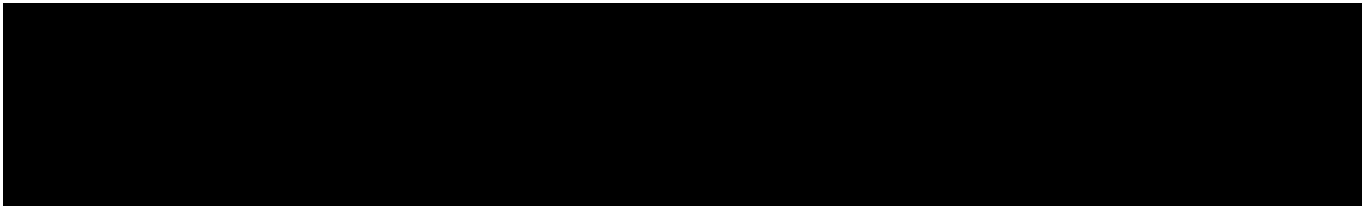
Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).

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2.3 Applicant contact postal details

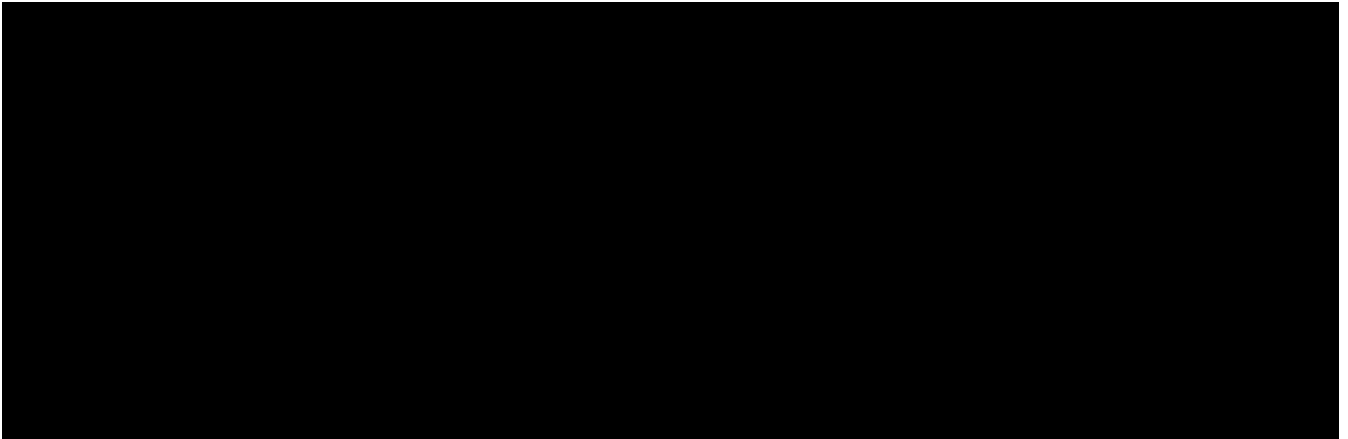
Provide the postal address for the above individual, body corporate or local government authority (primary contact).

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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.



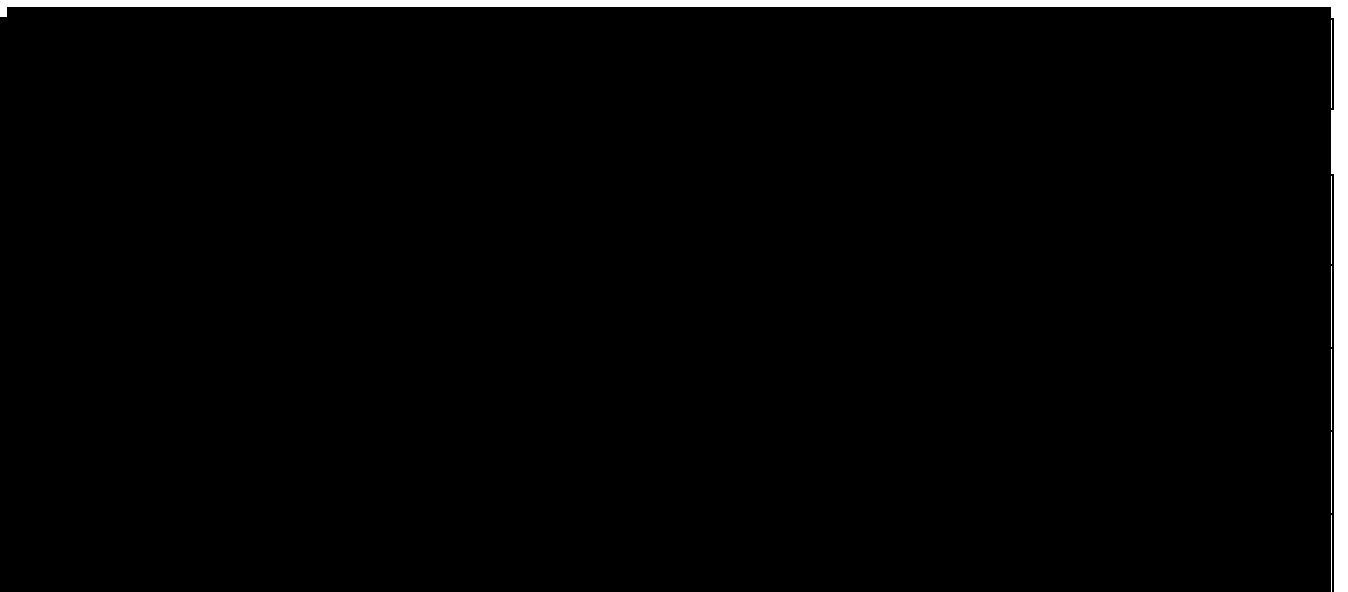
2.5 Electronic correspondence consent

DWER/DMPE 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/DMPE (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/DMPE should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).



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: <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 	ML246SA – Currently held by Hamersley Iron PTY Ltd. Land is considered the Rocklea Pastoral Station (P077634 1510 LPL N050372) Tenement Area - 22,251.55 Ha		
Street address – Line 1	N/A		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	
Local government area(s)	West Pilbara		
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
<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 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/DMPE 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)	0.65
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	7.43
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.).	Fortescue Limited (Fortescue) proposes to construct access tracks
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Vehicle access.

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Clearing will be conducted mechanically using earth moving equipment.
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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: 15/11/2026 End date: 15/11/2028
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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/DMPE 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/DMPE	
	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	
	<input type="checkbox"/> I have contacted DWER/DMPE 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/DMPE. 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/DMPE will ask you to do so during the validation of this application. Offsets will only be considered by DWER/DMPE as a last resort, once avoidance and minimisation measures have been clearly demonstrated.

Provide the avoidance details (e.g. retention of vegetation on property)	<p>The Indicative Disturbance Footprint (IDF) alignment was preferentially selected to overlap with previously disturbed areas, in order to minimise potential environmental impacts and reduce the extent of new vegetation clearing.</p> <p>The Purpose Permit Envelope (PPE) incorporates a buffer around the proposed track alignment to provide sufficient flexibility for the safe access, maneuvering and operation of machinery, as well as to accommodate minor alignment adjustments where required.</p> <p>All clearing will be undertaken in accordance with Fortescue’s Exploration Environmental Management Plan (E-PL-EN-0002 Rev 7d).</p> <p>No records of significant flora species have been identified within the PPE area field through detailed flora and vegetation surveys.</p> <p>Specific measures to conservation significant flora species will include conducting the clearing in accordance with a permit issued under our Land Use Certification Procedure (100-PR-TA-0001). All priority species have been mapped and entered into Fortescue’s GIS database. A site-specific toolbox will be run with the clearing team (Contractors & Fortescue staff) prior to works being undertaken. Any significant flora species that may be impacted, will be flagged in the field, and will not be disturbed, as per the requirements of the Section 40 Authorisation (TFL 2223-0114).</p>
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Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)	<p>All clearing will be undertaken in accordance with Fortescue’s Exploration Environmental Management Plan (E-PL-EN-0002 Rev 7d).</p> <p>Priority weed species identified during flora surveys are to be recorded in the Corporate GIS and Document Management System.</p> <p>Weed hygiene check requirements for high risk vehicles, plant and equipment.</p> <p>Specific measures to manage the spread of weeds will include conducting the clearing in accordance with a permit issued under our Land Use Certification Procedure (100-PR-TA-0001).</p> <p>Where access tracks are considered semi-permanent ensure rehabilitation timeframes are extended appropriately.</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 (ISA)

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 and Marine surveys

If you want to submit any biodiversity or marine surveys to support this form, you must submit them via Environment Online and follow the **Procedure - – Preparing Data Packages for the Index of Surveys for Assessments (ISA)** at <https://environmentonline.dwer.wa.gov.au/article/?code=KA-00081#/> and <https://environmentonline.dwer.wa.gov.au/article/?code=KA-00098>.

If you do not meet the ISA requirements, DWER/DMPE will decline/return your form.

Please provide the ISA number(s) in the space provided. Please note DWER/DMPE will suspend the assessment timeframes for your application until the biodiversity or marine surveys are accepted by ISA.

Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the Index of Surveys for Assessment via Environment Online?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
If ‘Yes’ – please provide the ISA number(s) and/or any relevant existing IBSA/IMSA numbers	