

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

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.	☐ Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act) ☐ Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act) ☒ Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)
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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 Mines, Petroleum and Exploration’. For all other clearing activities, select ‘Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’.	☒ Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration ☐ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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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.	☐ Applying as an individual – complete the following:	
	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:
	Name(s)	
	☒ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:	
	Name	Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd
	Australian Company Number (ACN)	639710428
☐ 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).

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

Same as applicant's contact details	☒ Yes ☐ 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.	☐ 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	M77/099, M77/582, M77/0911		
Street address – Line 1			
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	
Local government area(s)	Shire of Kondinin		
Land zoning	Rural		

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/DMPE 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 <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

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	9.5 ha clearing within 801 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	9.5 ha clearing within 801 ha
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.).	Exploration Activities
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	

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 (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: 01/10/2026 End date: 01/10/2028
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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?	☐ Yes – complete section below	
	☐ I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DMPE	
	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	
	☐ 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):	

	☐ 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. ☒ 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)	Exploration activities will utilise existing tracks, and areas of disturbance, if possible. Clearing for exploration will employ the raised blade clearing method to allow for rapid regrowth following the temporary use of access tracks for exploration. Medallion is committed to adhering to environmental best practice, which includes the principle of minimal disturbance and aims to minimise land degradation.
Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)	These measures are outlined in the Medallion FGP Exploration Environmental Management Plan attached (Appendix 2). Details relating to flora, fauna and Weed/dieback are outlined below: Flora Our internal ground disturbance procedures dictate that, prior to clearing, the proposed clearing area will be walked by a suitably qualified person to identify potential fauna habitat, which will be flagged, recorded and avoided or removed. As the proposed clearing is mainly for exploration, there should not be any reason to impact any potential habitat trees or logs or mallee fowl mounds. These measures are outlined in the Exploration Environmental Management Plan. Clearing of native vegetation during exploration activities can impact the environment by reduction of floral diversity and conservation significant species and impact the

functioning of ecological communities through increased risk of soil erosion and loss of floral species. It is therefore important to reduce the impact of clearing as much as practical during exploration activities. Clearing may be required for construction of access tracks, drill pads and sumps. To manage impacts on soil and vegetation during exploration activities, Medallion will implement the following management measures:

- Prior to any clearing of vegetation or ground disturbance, flora and vegetation surveys will be undertaken for the immediate area. This will include a targeted flora and fauna survey as a minimum.
- The Medallion Ground Disturbance Plan will be fully executed prior to any clearing taking place (as per the Exploration Management Plan).
- The drill site set up will be detailed in the Medallion Ground Disturbance Plan.
- Conservation significant flora that may occur in the area will be included in Medallion FGP Flora Identification Guide (Appendix 2) to aid identification by field staff.
- Priority flora, identified from the field survey, will be taken into account during the earthworks planning stage and each individual plant will be avoided from disturbance where-ever possible.
- Where Threatened flora (BC Act, EPBC Act) has been identified by flora and vegetation surveys, a 50 m exclusion zone will be established around each individual.
- Where possible, clearing will be undertaken with a raised blade to minimise disturbance to roots and soil.
- Where soil and overburden are being removed as part of major ground disturbing activities, the topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled separately, stored and returned to disturbed areas at the completion of exploration activities.
- Cleared vegetation will be stockpiled for respreading at a later date, aiding in rehabilitation.
- Existing tracks, fence lines and firebreaks will be used wherever possible to limit clearing.
- Where practical, branches overhanging tracks which require removal will be pruned, rather than entirely removed, to minimise clearing.
- Areas to be cleared will be clearly pegged or flagged and delineated in the field and marked on the site plan. Persons undertaking clearing activities and the Medallion Exploration Representative will walk the area to be cleared prior to commencement of clearing, to confirm the area to be cleared. All persons involved in clearing activities will be inducted on the importance of minimising vegetation clearing and disturbance.
- Significant flora and habitat of significant fauna species will be avoided wherever possible; this will include retaining large trees and those with significant hollows.
- Any suspected sightings of conservation significant species will be reported to the Medallion Environment team, GPS location and photographs will be recorded.

(a) Fauna

The exploration activities have the potential to pose the following risks on the fauna

species likely to occur in the project area:

- Mortality and morbidity due to collisions with vehicles.
- Excessive noise resulting in altered behaviour.
- Introduced fauna may compete with native species for resources.
- Disturbance and destruction of fauna habitat from land clearing.
- Fauna habitat fragmentation.

To reduce the risk of adverse outcome on native fauna species during the exploration activities, the following management measures will be implemented in addition to relevant measures discussed in the above sections:

- All land clearing will be completed to the standard of Medallion Exploration Disturbance Management Plan.
- Conservation significant fauna previously recorded, likely to occur or with the potential to occur in the management area will be included in the Medallion FGP Fauna Identification Guide, made available to staff to facilitate identification.
- All sightings of conservation significant species will be reported to the Exploration Environment team, GPS location will be recorded.
- All drillholes will be temporarily capped upon the completion of drilling and rehabilitated as soon as practicable.
- Any significant natural structure that are likely to provide habitat for the native fauna, such as hollow bearing trees, large trees and hollow logs will be avoided from disturbance wherever possible.
- Exploration activities will be carried out during the daytime and avoided at night, where possible to reduce disturbance to fauna species.
- Vehicles will travel at reduced speeds within the project area to minimise the likelihood of fauna mortality or morbidity associated with vehicle collisions. Any vehicle collisions involving conservation significant species will be immediately reported to the Exploration Manager and the Exploration Environment team.
- Any significant fauna sighted or injured on collision will be notified to DBCA through Injured or Abandoned Fauna Notification Form pursuant to Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2018. All other injured fauna will be released back into wild or handed over to DBCA or suitable facility for rehabilitation.
- Pets will not be allowed within the project area to prevent disturbances to conservation significant species and ensure that fauna are not subjected to predation or injury arising from interactions with domestic animals.
- Staff members will not feed or interact with any native species unless intervention is strictly necessary to prevent injury to personnel or the animal in question.
- All the domestic waste will be stored in container/bins with secure lid to deter fauna attraction.
- Sumps are to be appropriately ramped to allow fauna egress. Sumps should be inspected regularly for fauna.

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo impact mitigating measures:

- All areas of proposed clearing will have targeted pre-clearance surveys to check for suitable black cockatoo habitat trees and evaluate them for suitable hollows. For most species of tree used by Carnaby's black cockatoos, this is a DBH of 300-500mm or larger. These will be registered with a GPS location.

- Clearing avoidance, wherever possible, of trees with a suitable diameter at breast height (DBH) to currently have hollows or likely to be able to form hollows used by Carnaby's black cockatoo will be avoided
- Clearing activities should, if practicable, be undertaken outside of the August to February breeding season to minimise risks to nesting birds.
- If undertaking the proposed activities during this seasonal period, large trees with hollows (likely nesting trees) will be avoided from clearing with a 10m buffer.

Malleefowl impact mitigating measures:

- All areas of proposed clearing will have targeted pre-clearance surveys to ensure that the any Malleefowl mounds within 200m of proposed clearing are identified.
- All Malleefowl mounds will be avoided with a 50m buffer.
- Prior to the Malleefowl breeding season (September to March), Malleefowl mounds in proximity to exploration activities will be evaluated for signs of activity and avoided with a minimum 10m exclusion zone, if signs of activity are detected.

Chuditch impact mitigating measures:

- All areas of proposed clearing will have targeted pre-clearance surveys to check for suitable chuditch habitat including hollow bearing trees and burrows. These will be registered with a GPS location
- Suitable Chuditch habitat including hollow bearing trees and burrows will be avoided from clearing or other disturbances

If suitable Chuditch habitat hollow bearing logs are identified within the proposed disturbance envelope, then they will be retained and moved into adjacent uncleared areas

Weed and dieback management

Many weed species, as well as *Phytophthora* dieback, are present in the broader FGP project area. Three weed species with the potential to occur are listed as a Declared Pest in the Western Australian Organism List (WAOL) under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act 2007* and/or as a Weed of National Significance. The exploration activities have the potential to:

- Introduce new weed species from outside the project area via vehicle or equipment tread, on site personal clothing and shoe treads.
- Spread existing weeds from one section of the project area to another via vehicle or equipment tread, on site personal clothing and shoe treads.
- Introduce *Phytophthora* dieback from outside the project area via vehicle or equipment tread, on site personal clothing and shoe treads.
- Spread *Phytophthora* dieback from one section of the project area to another via vehicle or equipment tread, on site personal clothing and shoe treads.

The following measures will be implemented to minimise and mitigate the potential spread of and invasion by weeds and Dieback:

- All vehicles will undergo a full weed and seed wash down at an appropriate facility prior to entry into the project area. A Weed and Seed and Vehicle Hygiene inspection form will be completed for each vehicle that will enter the project area and a new form completed as required on subsequent re-entries.
- Vehicle transit will only be via existing roads and tracks, including (but not limited to) paved public roads, unsealed (e.g. gravel roads), minor tracks, fence lines and fire breaks.
- Access will be minimized during periods of wet soil.
- The number of entry points to the site will be minimised as part of exploration planning.
- A weed species register will be maintained to inform the workers and to maintain records of weeds encountered. A guide detailing weed species that may occur will be made available to enable identification by field staff.
- Weed hygiene will be according to the Medallion's standard work procedure for weed and seed and vehicle hygiene.
- Any work programs that are planned to occur in an area that has been identified as a dieback infected area will be individually assessed to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to minimise the potential spread of dieback within the FGP project area. These measures will include:
 - Determining no go zones around areas of known infections and areas defined as uninfected, thus eradicating the risk of spread.
 - Establishing Clean on Entry and/or Clean on Exit points if necessary.
 - Scheduling activities to minimise movement within and between areas, with areas of known infestation (i.e., Phytophthora Risk Area) drilled after areas of no known occurrence (i.e., Protectable Area).

Rehabilitation

Appropriate rehabilitation will ensure that the long-term impacts of exploration in the area will be minimal. DMPE rehabilitation requirements are that rehabilitated areas are made safe, stable, are non-polluting and have a demonstrated capacity to support a self-sustaining ecosystem similar to the surrounding natural environment. Medallion will comply with any tenement conditions set regarding rehabilitation and will follow the Medallion Exploration Disturbance Management Plan. Key rehabilitation measures to be implemented include the following:

- Drill holes will be securely capped or plugged immediately at the completion of each drill hole.
- Access routes, survey lines, drill pads, drill holes and sumps will be rehabilitated within twelve months of completion of each exploration program. However, if access routes are likely to be used in the near future to support further exploration, then Medallion will approach DMPE to discuss the need for retention and will apply to defer the requirements to rehabilitate these areas for a longer period (e.g. 6–12 months).
- Plastic bags, grid pegs and other artificial debris and waste will be removed from site and disposed of appropriately.
- Sump liner to be removed from drill sump.
- Drill spoil will be emptied into sumps, or removed from site and disposed of at appropriately licensed facilities.
- Drill holes will eventually be plugged below ground level (preferably with an appropriate conical plastic plug) and rehabilitated in accordance with DMPE

	guidelines. • Sumps will be backfilled and rehabilitated. • Compacted areas will be ripped along the original contour. • Stockpiled soil will be spread over disturbed area. • Stockpiled vegetation will be respread over finished surfaces.
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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 Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline as a supporting document for your form.	☐ Appendix A attached

Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (ISA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	☒ Yes ☐ 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?	☒ Yes ☐ Not applicable
If 'Yes' – please provide the ISA number(s) and/or any relevant existing IBSA/IMSA numbers	ISA-0001555

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