



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)

Application for an amendment to a clearing permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51M

FORM C4

Clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia except where a clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who causes or allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

CPS No.

Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) the original application must have been assessed in accordance with the bilateral assessment, and a variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this amendment application form.

Further information is located in *Form Annex C7* and *A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement* available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?

Yes EPBC number: _____

No Proceed to Part 2

List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.

Form Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attached.

Part 2: Clearing permit details

Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits.

Applications must be made more than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.

Permit number for existing clearing permit CPS 2222/4

Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit) BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd

FILE REFERENCE

Permit expiry date: 31 October 2030

Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.

Part 3: Applicant																							
Applicant details																							
<p>To apply for an amendment to a permit you must be the current holder of the existing permit.</p> <p>Include Australian Company Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate or other entity formed at law.</p>	<p>Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">An individual</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Title</td> <td style="width: 10%;">Mr</td> <td style="width: 10%;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Mrs</td> <td style="width: 10%;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Ms</td> <td style="width: 10%;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Other:</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Name/s</td> <td colspan="8"></td> </tr> </table> <p>OR</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)</td> <td>BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd ACN 004 184 598</td> </tr> </table>	An individual	Title	Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		Name/s										A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd ACN 004 184 598
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<p>If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.</p> <p>DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email.</p> <p>We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act ("Part V documents") electronically via email by indicating your consent in this section of the application form.</p> <p>Where 'yes' is selected, all correspondence from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) will be sent to you via email, to the email address provided in this section.</p> <p>Where 'no' has been selected, Part V documents will be posted to you in hard copy to the postal/business address you have provided in this section. Other general correspondence may still be sent to you via email.</p>																							
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<p>If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with concerning this clearing application.</p>	<p>Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Contact person (and position, if applicable)</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company name (if applicable)</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postal / business address</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone (fixed line)</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td>Phone (mobile)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email address</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table>	Contact person (and position, if applicable)			Company name (if applicable)			Postal / business address			Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)	Email address									
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Part 4: Proposed amendments		
<p>Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be attached.</p> <p>Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted, <i>and</i> • payment of the prescribed fee. 	<p>Indicate the proposed change/s to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box/es:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extend the duration of the clearing permit.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make a correction to the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other.</p>	
	<p>Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.</p> <p>In October 2015, BHP Nickel West received an extension to the CPS 2222/4 expiry date to 31 October 2030. However, Condition 4, the period in which clearing is authorised, wasn't subsequently extended. See Condition below;</p> <p><i>'The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation after 31 October 2020'.</i></p> <p>Due to changes in mining activities and priorities, the area of expected clearing has not been progressed. Nickel West requests an extension to Condition 4, to extend by a further 5 years to until 31 October 2025 to enable the approved clearing.</p> <p>Should the permit duration require extension to allow for 10 years of rehabilitation (Condition 9), we would accept an extension to the overall permit duration to 31 October 2035.</p>	
	<p>For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.</p> <p>Evidence of authority can include, for example, a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority from the land owner.</p> <p>Note: the letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.</p>	<p>State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. <i>[Attach evidence of authority]</i></p> <p>The size of the area approved to clear (400 hectares) and the permit boundaries remains unchanged. The tenure and authority remains unchanged.</p>
	<p>Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.</p>	<p>Land description: volume and folio number, lot or location number(s), Crown lease or reserve number, pastoral lease number, or mining tenement number of all properties.</p>
	<p>You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale</p>	<p>Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
		<p>If yes, provide details:</p> <p>Clearing area has not increased and clearing is considered under the mitigation hierarchy of avoid, minimise, reduce.</p>

Part 4: Proposed amendments	
of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	
Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's WA Environmental Offsets Policy and Guidelines on the EPA website for further information.	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i> .
Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
Instructions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS, complete Section A and then skip to Part 6 of this form. If your application is to be submitted to DWER, complete Section A and B. 	
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment	
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)	
Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details [] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority?	<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) MS [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS [] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a 'significant proposal'
<p>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".</p> <p>If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers that the proposal in this application is likely to constitute a 'significant proposal', they are required under section 38(5) of the EP Act to refer the proposal to the EPA for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.</p> <p>If a relevant Ministerial Statement already exists, please provide the MS number in the space provided.</p>	
Section B: Other approvals	
Pre-application scoping	
Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned applications?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: []
Works approval / Licence / 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid works approval applies: [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid licence applies: [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies: [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – not required
<p>It is an offense to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i>, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration.</p> <p>For further guidance, please refer to the Guidance Statement: Decision Making.</p>	
Water licences and permits (<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes –application reference (if known): []