



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

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.
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Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement	
<p>If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (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.</p> <p>Further information is located in <i>Form Annex C7</i> and <i>A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement</i> available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.</p>	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes EPBC number: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Proceed to Part 2
	List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form Annex C7</i> is complete and the required supporting information is attached.

Part 2: Clearing permit details		
<p>Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits.</p> <p>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.</p>	Permit number for existing clearing permit	CPS 2860/6
	Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)	Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd
FILE REFERENCE	Permit expiry date:	31 December 2018
	Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40px; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Extend the duration of the clearing permit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Make a correction to the clearing permit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.</p> <p>Hanson is requesting that the time limit of authorised clearing is extended from 31 December 2018 to 6 January 2032 (i.e. an approximate 13 year extension) to allow for the continued staged clearing of native vegetation to meet market demand for sand resources; and align future clearing activities with the duration of Clearing Permit (CPS 2860/6).</p> <p>Due to diminished market conditions in the land development and infrastructure sectors, demand for sand resources has not been as strong as previously anticipated. As demand for sand resources is not anticipated to increase in the immediate to short term timeframes there is little value in clearing the approximate 14.21 ha of native vegetation remaining within the approved clearing area prior to 31 December 2018.</p> <p>The extension of time allows Hanson to continue to utilise the existing 14.21 ha of native vegetation within the approved clearing area for the following beneficial interim uses, prior to the sand resource beneath the native vegetation being required to be provided to the market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as a buffer for noise, dust and visual amenity • as local provenance for seed collection – this allows Hanson to effectively restore the post-mining landscape. <p>Additionally, reducing the extent of the cleared area significantly decreases the potential for weed species, from outside sources, to germinate within / colonise the approved clearing area. The direct transfer of topsoil from newly cleared areas to areas where sand mining has ceased maximises the opportunity for spontaneous seed germination from the topsoil to occur.</p> <p>The extension of time limit of authorised clearing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is expected to significantly improve the likelihood of Hanson meeting the requirements of the site specific restoration plan • has been successfully adopted at other Hanson sand quarry operations • reduces the administrative burden upon Hanson, from the preparation of ongoing amendments to the clearing permit, and Department of Water and Environment Regulation from assessing the ongoing amendments to the clearing permit. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extend the duration of the clearing permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a correction to the clearing permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other.
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<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</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>Lot M1448 on Diagram 6412, Lennard Brook, WA 6503 is held by Hanson.</p>												