

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.

For further information on the stages of assessment for clearing permit applications (including amendments to existing permits), refer to the <u>Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits</u> on DWER's website.

CPS No. 4468/2
Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement							
If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?						
a matter of national environmental significance identified under the		Yes	EPBC number:				
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) the original	\boxtimes	No	Proceed to Part	2			
application must have been assessed in accordance with the	List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.						
bilateral assessment, and a variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this amendment application form.							
To be assessed in this manner, the proposed clearing action must be referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a 'controlled action' prior to submitting this 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/ourwork/clearing-permits.		Form P	A <i>nnex C7</i> is comp	olete 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	Permit number for existing clearing permit					
than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.	Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)	BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd.				
FILE REFERENCE	Permit expiry date:					
	Mark this box if there are less the existing permit.	s than 90 working days until the expiry of				

Part 3: Applicant										
Applicant details										
To apply for an amendment to a permit you must be the current holder of the existing permit.	Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.									
Include Australian Company	An	Title	Mr		Mrs		Ms		Other:	
Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate	individual	Name/s								
or other entity formed at law.	OR									
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN) BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd 008 700 981									
Applicant contact details										
If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.										
DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email.										
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.										
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.										
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	I consent to all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable), regarding the premises which is the subject of this application, being exclusively via email, using the email address I have provided above.						Yes	No		
general correspondence may still be sent to you via email.							′ ⊠			
Contact details for enquiries										
If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise	Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below Contact person (and position, if applicable)							e below sect	ion:	
with concerning this clearing application.	Company name (if applicable)									
	Postal / bu address	siness								
	Phone (fixe	ed line)				Phone	e (mobi	ile)		
	Email addr	ess								

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Part 4: Proposed amendments										
Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be	Indicate the types of proposed change(s) to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box(es):									
attached.	\boxtimes									
Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:		Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.								
a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted,	Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.									
andpayment of the prescribed fee.		Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be [for an area permit only]	cleared							
When providing details of the proposed change(s), if any additional clearing is proposed,										
include details of: • the proposed method of the										
clearing;	Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.									
the purpose of the clearing;	Extend the permit duration to 31 October 2036									
the period within which the clearing is proposed to be undertaken (taking note of the published minimum assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable);	 Extend the clearing duration to 31 October 2031 Amend the Permit holder name to: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd. 									
and										
the final land use.										
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	State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. Evidence of authority can include e.g. a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority signed by the landowner or other person with authority to give legal land access permission. [Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]									
and undertake the clearing.	Owner									
Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend	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.									
the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.	Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act 1964, Mineral Lease 244SA (AML 70/244)									
You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?									
options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise	If yes, provide details:									
mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	Clearing will be kept to the minimum required for the exploration activities.									
Refer to DWER's <u>Clearing of</u> native vegetation offsets	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal □ Yes ☑ No with your application?									
procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's WA Environmental	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline.									
Offsets Policy and Guidelines on the EPA website for further information.										

Part 5: Other DWER approvals						
Instructions:						
 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 both Sections A and B. 						
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment						
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP A	ct)					
Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection	Yes – provide details []					
Authority?	⊠ No					
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority?	Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')					
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".	Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS []					
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.	□ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS []					
If a relevant Ministerial Statement already exists, please provide the MS number in the space provided.	No − not a 'significant proposal'					
Section B: Other approvals						
Pre-application scoping						
Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned	⊠ No					
applications?	☐ 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	☐ Yes – application reference (if known): []					
amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act?	☐ No – a valid works approval applies: []					
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</i> 1987,	☐ No – a valid licence applies: []					
unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration. For further guidance, refer to <u>Guideline: Decision making</u> and	☐ No – a valid registration applies: []					
Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing.	No − not required					
Water licences and permits (Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914)						
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:	☐ Yes –application reference (if known): []					
a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or	☐ No – a current valid licence applies: []					
2. a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or	⊠ N/A					
3. a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?						
For further guidance on water licences and permits under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914, refer to the Procedure: Water licences and permits.						