



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.
4806/1

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 4806/1

Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit) Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

FILE REFERENCE

Permit expiry date: 26 April 2022

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



| Part 4: Proposed amendments | |
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| <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, and 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 [for an area permit only]</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>Proposed change is to vary Condition 4 – "Period in which clearing is authorised" of CPS 4806/1. The original condition states "The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation after 26 April 2017". Fortescue proposes to change Condition 4 to match the duration of the Clearing Permit, i.e. "The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation after 26 April 2022".</p> <p>Under CPS 4806/1, 31.48 ha of the allowed 205 ha limit has been cleared. This clearing occurred during the 2012 calendar year as reported in the "Native Vegetation Clearing Permits: CPS 3757/3, CPS 4078/1, CPS 4103/1, CPS 4318/1 and CPS 4806/1 2013 Annual Report" (Our ref: 100-RP-EN-9600).</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. [Attach evidence of authority]</p> <p>The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd is the holder of tenement L1SA.</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>L1SA</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 of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.</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>See CPS 4806/1</p> |
| <p>Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's WA Environmental</p> | <p>Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i>.</p> |