



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

Application to amend a clearing permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51KA

FORM C4

The clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia unless a clearing permit has been granted for the clearing or where a permit is not required (either due to a referral determination that one is not needed or because 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), see the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#) on DWER's website.

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.

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/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 6275/2

Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)

City of Mandurah

FILE REFERENCE

Permit expiry date:

June 2027

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

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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>	Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.			
	An individual	Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>	
		Name/s		
	OR			
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)	City of Mandurah		
Applicant contact details				
<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 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") 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>	Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.			
	Contact person (and position, if applicable)			
	Company name (if applicable)			
	Postal / business address			
	Phone (fixed line):			Phone (mobile):
	Email address			
	<p><i>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.</i></p>		Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact details for enquiries				
<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>	Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:			
	Contact person (and position, if applicable)			
	Company name (if applicable)			
	Postal / business address			
	Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)	
	Email address			

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>When providing details of the proposed change(s), if any additional clearing is proposed, include details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposed method of the clearing; the purpose of the clearing; the period within which the clearing is proposed to be undertaken (taking note of the published minimum assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable); <i>and</i> the final land use. 	<p>Indicate the types of 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(s) for it / them.</p> <p>The City of Mandurah was required to develop an offset strategy to support the clearing application CPS 6275/1. The revegetation site is Westbury Way (reserves R44300 and R48428) Dawesville 6211. The site was to be revegetated specifically as Black Cockatoo Habitat.</p> <p>The City has committed to revegetation of 3.56ha of native vegetation with the purpose of enhancing Black Cockatoo habitat.</p> <p>While the City is highly committed to delivering the requirements of revegetating 3.56ha of native vegetation. We have come across some major erosion issues that may impede the ability rehabilitate the entire 3.56 hectares. The erosion is due to the reserve being a part of the drainage infrastructure for the area. Progressive development of the surrounding bushland has seen an increase in the surface runoff flows to the reserve. Areas planted this year were washed away after heavy rainfall.</p> <p>While we are working across our departments and applying for capital budget to mitigate the erosion issues, we are also seeking a variation to the offset to allow for the event that drainage management reduces the available area for revegetation.</p> <p>The City is proposing to install a bird watering station within the offset site as an alternative habitat enhancement for Black Cockatoos.</p> <p>Insufficient freshwater supplies in the area mean that the Black Cockatoos are obligated to use puddles on roads after rainfall as a water source, not only are the threatened species consuming water exposed to road runoff, but they are also then exposed to local traffic, predators, and domestic pets-especially cats.</p>

Part 4: Proposed amendments	
	<p>All species of Black cockatoos are vulnerable to vehicle strike, 90% of Black Cockatoo Species admitted into wildlife care are there as a result of vehicle strike. As they are slow to take off from the ground and need height and speed to manoeuvre (<i>Birdlife</i>).</p> <p>The bird watering station would provide the threatened species with a constant and safe supply of freshwater mitigating threatening processes constraining the recovery of the Black Cockatoo's such as impacts of climate change, altered water regimes, and vulnerability to vehicle strike and predators when drinking from puddles on the road.</p> <p>It has been observed that Black Cockatoos obtain very minimal amounts of water from their food sources and need to drink regularly. Where there are fresh water supplies activity has been recorded implying that the threatened species do drink regularly, especially in hot weather and often just before roosting. It has also so been noted that the threatened species have moved on from areas where water sources have disappeared (<i>Birdlife</i>).</p> <p>Black Cockatoos prefer fresh water and avoid running supplies, large bodies of water and saline sources of water (<i>Birdlife</i>).</p> <p>Installing the four-meter Bird Watering Station within Westbury Way Reserve will provide a permanent fresh still water supply, as well as safe refuge for the Black Cockatoos to consume water. Limiting the threatened species from vulnerability to traffic and its designed height of 4 meters will provide safe refuge from predators (such as cats).</p> <p>The bird watering station would also raise awareness of the status of the Black Cockatoo and promote behavioural change to mitigate key threatening processes, encourage community understanding and gain support for Black Cockatoo conservation issues and management.</p> <p>In January, a Black Cockatoo was found dead in close proximity to Westbury Way. An autopsy was carried out and it was suspected that lack of freshwater in the area may have contributed to its death:</p> <p><i>The bird (Zoo ID B210112) was an adult female Carnaby's cockatoo. The x-ray did not show any fractures of the major bones, or foreign objects (e.g. Shotgun pellets). It was not carrying a microchip.</i></p> <p><i>There was a mild fracture pattern on the surface of the upper bill suggesting it had hit something (possibly falling to the ground on a hard surface). It was very skinny with some soiling to the vent suggesting it had been ill for a number of days.</i></p>

Part 4: Proposed amendments	
	<p><i>This very hot weather would have made it difficult for the birds to feed much (Carnaby's cockatoos don't feed when the temperature gets above 35 degrees), and it may have had trouble finding water to drink if it wasn't flying much.</i></p> <p>Given the proximity of Westbury Way Reserve to where this bird was found, we believe that it is a good place to be providing water.</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>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.</p> <p><i>[Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]</i></p>
Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.	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.
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>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>N/A</p>
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.	<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>

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
<p>Instructions:</p> <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 both Sections 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?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details [6275/1] permit granted by the Environmental Protection Act</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS []</p>

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a 'significant proposal'
Section B: Other approvals	
Pre-application scoping	
<p>Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned applications?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: []
Works approval / Licence / Registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)	
<p>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?</p> <p>It is an offence 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, refer to Guideline: Decision making and Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing.</p>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not required
Water licences and permits (<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>)	
<p>Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse? <p>For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>, refer to the Procedure: Water licences and permits.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid licence applies: [] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part 6: Surveys for Assessments (IBSA and IMSA)	
<p>Do you wish to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your application?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 7
<p>Biodiversity surveys submitted to support this application must meet the requirements of the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA). If these requirements are not met, DWER / DMIRS (as applicable) may decline to deal with the application.</p> <p>Please provide the IBSA number(s) (or submission number(s) if IBSA number has not yet been issued) in the space provided.</p> <p>Note that a submission number is not confirmation of acceptance of a biodiversity survey and is not the same as an IBSA number. IBSA numbers are only issued once</p>	<p>All biodiversity surveys that support this application have been submitted to the <i>Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment</i> available at: ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Submission number(s) (e.g. <i>IBSASUB-20200101-12345A6D</i>) Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.</p>

Part 6: Surveys for Assessments (IBSA and IMSA)			
<p>a survey has been accepted. Once an IBSA number is issued, please notify DWER / DMIRS (as applicable).</p> <p>Please note the assessment timeframes for your application will be suspended until the IBSA number(s) is provided to DWER / DMIRS (as applicable).</p>	<p>IBSA number(s) (e.g. <i>IBSA-2020-0123</i>)</p> <p>Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.</p>		
<p>Marine surveys submitted to support this application must meet the requirements of the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments (IMSA). If these requirements are not met, DWER will decline to deal with the application.</p>	<p>All marine surveys submitted with this application meet the requirements of the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments (IMSA).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

Part 7: Records kept under the existing clearing permit's conditions			
<p>Most clearing permits include one or more conditions requiring that the permit holder keep certain records relating to the actions undertaken in accordance with the clearing permit.</p> <p>DWER / DMIRS (as applicable) requires that these records are provided to support the assessment of this application.</p> <p>Records provided should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the full period of the permit; or the past five years (if the existing permit's duration is greater than five years and it was amended within the past five years). 	<p>The required records are attached.</p>		<p>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Please select the relevant records included with the report. Only records required to be kept by the conditions of the existing clearing permit need to be provided.</p>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	The total amount, location(s), and date(s) of clearing done under the permit (or within the past five years).	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Actions taken to avoid or minimise the impact and extent of clearing.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Actions taken in relation to flora and/or fauna management.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Actions taken to revegetate or rehabilitate the areas cleared under the permit.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Records pertaining to any onsite or offsite environmental offsets.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other relevant records required to be kept by the conditions of the permit.		
	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Summarise other records:</p>		