

CPS 6580611



Application for a clearing permit (purpose permit)

Environmental Protection Act 1986 s 51E
FORM C2

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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.

Part 1 Assessment under the EPBC bilateral agreement

The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

To be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement, the proposed clearing action must be referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act prior to submitting this application form and Annex C7 must also be completed.

For further information see Annex C7 and *A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the assessment bilateral agreement* available at www.der.wa.gov.au.

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 No Proceed to Part 2

Has the proposed clearing action been referred to the Commonwealth of Australia under the EPBC Act?

Yes EPBC Number

No It cannot be assessed under an Accredited Process until it has been referred to the Commonwealth. Proceed to Part 2.

Has a decision been made under the EPBC Act as to whether or not the proposed clearing action is a controlled action?

Yes No Proceed to Part 2

Is the proposed clearing action a controlled action under the EPBC Act?

No It cannot be assessed under an Accredited Process, proceed to Part 2

Yes Complete and attach the requirements of Annex C7 to this completed form

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

Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attached

Part 2 Land details

The location of the land where clearing is proposed must be accurately described.

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.

Property 1. Victoria Lot 803, Deposited Plan 63623, Volume 2733, Folio 803
 Property 2. Victoria Lot 801, Deposited Plan 63623, Volume 2733, Folio 801
 Property 3. Victoria Lot 804, Deposited Plan 63623, Volume 2733, Folio 804
 Property 4. Victoria Lot 7876, Deposited Plan 202083, Volume 1738, Folio 330

FILE REFERENCE

Local government area

All 4 properties are in Shire of Morawa.

Part 3 Proposal

An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow must be attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared or if you have the facilities, a digital map on CDROM of the area to clear as an ESRI shapefile with the following properties:

- Geometry type: polygon shape
- Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude)
- Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994).

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)

See attached document incorporating the following:

1. Description of Project
2. Maps of proposed operational zones.

The operation will take place in remnant vegetation zones which are dominated by *Eucalyptus loxophleba* (York Gum), *Acacia acuminata* (Jam), other *Acacia*, *Melaleuca*, *Hakea*, *Allocasuarina* and other endemic species.

E. loxophleba and *A. acuminata* are the key target species for sampling.

A precise clearing area is not known.

The project proposes tree felling across 8 sampling zones (gross zone area 157 ha) within 4 property locations.

Individual trees will be selected within zones and felled with existing stand remaining.

The canopy of each tree could generally occupy up to 120 m² (i.e. 12 m crown width).

Felled trees will not be adjacent to each other, and in most cases will have separation distances in excess of 50 metres. Accordingly, each individual tree cleared area will be no

larger than 120 m².

With an overall target of nominally 25 trees, the total aggregate crown area of the felled trees

approximately 0.30 hectare, but will be spread across 8 separate zones within 157 ha.

Proposed method of clearing or final land use

The purpose of tree felling is to obtain scientific biomass information from a range of large individual trees. The data from this operation cannot be obtained from plantation-grown trees