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Department of Environment Regulation – Department of Mines and Petroleum

# Application for a clearing permit (purpose permit)

Environmental Protection Act 1986 s 51E

## FORM C2

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. 7040/1
Date stamp

### 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](http://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.

Exploration licence ECI 70/2 comprising Unallocated Crown Land (UCL 3, 10 and 13).

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Local government area  
Christmas Island

### 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)

2.06

Proposed method of clearing or final land use

Re-clearing of historical drill lines or historical mined areas. This will involve clearing vegetation from a 5m wide track using a front end loader to permit access for a 4WD mounted drilling rig. Tracks will be left to rehabilitate naturally after exploration activities have been completed. Cleared vegetation material will be placed along exploration lines to assist rehabilitation after exploration activities have been completed.

Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2013 – June 2018

April 2016 to December 2019.

Purpose of clearing

To facilitate exploration drilling activities in areas of Unallocated Crown Land (UCL 3, 10 and 13). All UCL sites are within Exploration Licence 70/2. Exploration activities to be completed along existing historical (ie. previously cleared) exploration lines. Anticipated width of clearing is 5 m. (Previous cleared width was 8 m).

Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)  Yes  No