Department of Environment Regulation – Department of Mines and Petroleum

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Application for a clearing permit (area permit)

Environmental Protection Act 1986 s 51E

FORM C1

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 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/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 ☒ 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 such as the assessment bilateral agreement until it has been referred to the Commonwealth. Proceed to Part 2.
	Has a decision been made under the EPBC Act as to whether 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. Mining Lease M77/989-I granted to Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd under the Mining Act 1978 (WA)	
FILE REFERENCE	Street address	N/A
	Local government area	Shire of Yilgarn
	Land zoning, e.g. rural, residential, industrial	Rural / Mining (as defined by the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No. 2 (District Planning Scheme)

Part 3 Proposal

An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow must be attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared	Total **area** of clearing proposed (hectares) and/or	0.64ha (comprising 0.44ha of native vegetation and 0.20ha of cleared land)

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).	number of individual **trees** to be removed

Proposed method of clearing Mechanical (mining equipment)						
Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2014 – June 2014 from September 2016 to December 2016						
Purpose of clearing Geological drilling (geometallurgical assessment)						
Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)?	☒	Yes	☐	No		
Is this clearing application related to an application for another approval described in Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act (ie. Works approvals or licence)? Approval number	☐	Yes	☒	No		