

**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.

Department of Mines and Petroleum
CPS No. 7249/1
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Native Vegetation
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.

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.

The proposed mining disturbance footprint for the Hermes Gold Project is located within Mining Lease M52/685 & M52/797, and the associated haul road within Miscellaneous Licence L52/116, L52/117 & L52/164 and into Plutonic tenure (M52/149, M52/150, M52/253 M52/309 & M52/395).

FILE REFERENCE

Local government area

Shire of Meekatharra.

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)

418.33

Proposed method of clearing or final land use

Refer to Attachment A (Clearing Process), Attachment B (Assessment of Proposal against 10 Clearing Principles) & Attachment C (Area of Disturbance Table) and Map Figures (including GIS files) showing the areas of vegetation proposed to be cleared.

The agreed post-mining land-use, as accepted by DPaW, is to reinstate the pre-mining land-use (proposed conservation reserve).

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

November 2016 to November 2020.

Purpose of clearing

Development and operation of the Hermes Gold Mine.

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