



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Applications for a clearing permit to be assessed under a Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Accredited Process

Assessment bilateral agreement – Annex C7

The native vegetation clearing permit processes under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth under the 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 Annex C7 together with a permit application form (C1, C2 or C4).

Part 1 Project name and identification

EPBC Act Number

Short name for the project

Provide 2 or 3 sentences to uniquely identify the proposed action and its location

Part 2 Proposed clearing action and impact assessment details

Where the proposed clearing action has been determined to be a controlled action by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment, assessment of the clearing action under the assessment bilateral agreement can occur if the following information is provided and attached to this Annex and the clearing permit application form (C1, C2 or C4).

Please tick the boxes to indicate you have attached the required information:

- Description of the proposed clearing action.
- Detailed descriptions, including surveys reports and methodologies, of the matter/s of national environmental significance (matters of NES) prescribed through the EPBC Act controlled action decision and any other relevant matters:
 - World heritage property
Specify
 - National heritage property
Specify
 - Wetlands of international importance (Ramsar)
Specify
 - Nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities including suitable habitat
Specify
 - Listed migratory species including suitable habitat
Specify
 - Commonwealth Marine
Specify
- The likely relevant impacts of the action on matters of NES prescribed through the EPBC Act controlled action decision such as:
 - a description of the relevant impacts, including environmental, social and economic impacts;
 - a detailed analysis of the nature and extent of the likely direct, indirect, short or long term impacts;
 - a statement whether any relevant impacts are likely to be unknown, unpredictable or irreversible;
 - technical data and other information used to make the detailed assessment.
- Feasible alternatives to the proposed action such as:
 - the alternative of taking no action;
 - a comparative description of the impacts of each alternative;
 - sufficient detail to make clear why any alternative is preferred to another.

- ✓ Detailed description and cost details of possible mitigation measures such as:
 - avoidance and mitigation measures proposed to be undertaken to prevent or minimise the relevant impacts of the action on any matter of NES;
 - a detailed outline of a plan for the continuing management, mitigation and monitoring of relevant matters of NES impacts of the action;
 - details of the offset package to compensate for any significant residual impacts on matters of NES;
 - an analysis of how the offset package meets the requirements of the EPBC Act Offsets Policy.
- ✓ Sources of information and references

Part 3 Consultation

- The role and interest of Aboriginal peoples, as applicable, in promoting conservation and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources and knowledge of biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage are included.
- Note: After the CEO has determined that the permit application is validly made under section 51E of the EP Act the application will be advertised for public comment. The applicant will be provided with submissions made by the public during the public comment period and must prepare and submit to the CEO a written response which summarises or takes into account the issues raised by the public in those submissions.

If you need any assistance please contact the Department of Environment Regulation

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