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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.

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.

FILE REFERENCE

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.

Seabed located within the Peel Harvey Estuarine System, the land is Unallocated Crown Land. The area (Disposal Area C) is located on the western section of the Peel Estuary in close proximity to the Point Grey Channel (see attached Figure 1). Coordinates of the Disposal Area C are:

Corner 1: 32° 36.041' S, 115° 40.818' E
 Corner 2: 32° 35.940' S, 115° 40.968' E
 Corner 3: 32° 36.014' S, 115° 41.037' E
 Corner 4: 32° 36.115' S, 115° 40.887' E

Local government area

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

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)

Target Dredge Area: 2.68 ha of vegetation
 Disposal Area C: 0.32 ha of vegetation

Proposed method of clearing or final land use

Sediment material will be dredged using a Cutter Suction Dredge within the Target Dredge Area causing direct removal of marine macrophytes (vegetation). Dredging material from the Point Grey Channel will be deposited on the seabed at the Disposal Area C via strategic reburial. The deposited material may cause smothering of marine macrophytes within the Disposal Area C boundary.

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

Dredging campaign is to occur over 9 weeks (continuous) within the period of October-December 2017 OR April-June 2018.

Purpose of clearing

The Department of Transport (DoT) is required to maintain safe navigable depths within the Point Grey Channel. The DoT propose to dispose of clean dredged material from within the Channel to the Disposal Area C.

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