



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.
7879/11

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.dwer.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 Oyster Harbour on Unallocated Crown Land. The areas are located on each side of the main entrance channel into Oyster Harbour (see attached map).

Local government area

Land is under management of Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Local Government Area is City of Albany.

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)

Total: 0.11 ha
Western Area: 0.053 ha
Eastern Area: 0.057 ha

Proposed method of clearing or final land use

Material will be re-distributed from high-spots using a Sweep/Plough within the target plough area, causing direct removal of marine macrophytes (vegetation). Material will be redistributed to deeper water, also located within the plough area. The re-distributed material may cause smothering of marine macrophytes within the Plough Area boundary.

Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2018– June 2023

1–2 week period within March – June 2018

Purpose of clearing

The Western Australian (WA) Department of Transport (DoT) is responsible for the management of a number of coastal facilities and small craft waterways around WA. Sediment within the proposed plough areas have accreted such that the channel is no longer navigable. The DoT propose to re-distribute material to deeper areas to re-instate safe navigable depths

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