



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation – Department of
Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Application for a clearing permit (purpose permit)

Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 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.
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Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement	
<p>The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</i> (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)</i> (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.</p> <p>To be assessed in this manner, the proposed clearing action must be referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a 'controlled action' prior to submitting this application form.</p> <p>For further information see <i>Annex C7</i> and <i>A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the assessment bilateral agreement</i> available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.</p>	<p>Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes EPBC Number: _____</p>
	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Proceed to Part 2</p>
	<p>List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attached.</p>

Part 2: Land details					
<p>The location of the land where clearing is proposed must be accurately described.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Clearing will occur on properties throughout the southwest of Western Australia where required as part of activities to maintain the existing gas distribution network including emergency response activities.</p> <p>As per the previous permit this includes "Maintenance of the existing gas distribution network, including within ESA's; and prevention of danger to human life or health, or irreversible damage to a significant portion of the environment, or as a result of an accident, including within ESA's."</p>				
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Part 3: Applicant details	
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<p>Note: if granted, the applicant will be considered the holder of the permit.</p>	<p>Are you applying as an individual, a company or an incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p> <p>An individual applicant Title <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name(s)</p>
	<p>OR</p> <p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include Australian Company Number) ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd</p>
	<p>"I am..." (mark applicable box or boxes)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the owner of the land.</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> acting on behalf of the owner and have attached an agent's authority, expressly authorising me to act on behalf of the landowner. <i>[Attach a copy of the authorisation]</i></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> likely to become the owner of the land. <i>[Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, contract of sale ('offer and acceptance') or letter from current landowner.]</i></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> the person doing the clearing.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the person on whose behalf the clearing is being done.</p>
Applicant contact details	
<p>If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.</p> <p>All written correspondence from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) regarding your application will be made via email; you must provide a valid email address through which you agree to accept all electronic correspondence.</p> <p>The postal/business address supplied must be a physical address to which a statutory notice under the EP Act may be delivered.¹</p>	<p>Provide the contact details for the above individual or body corporate.</p> <hr/> <p>Postal / business address</p> <hr/> <p>Phone (fixed line):</p> <hr/> <p>Email address</p>

¹ The provision of a postal/business address is required as any statutory notices or directions under the relevant legislation are required to be served by post or personally [sections 75 and 76 Interpretation Act 1984 (WA)].

Part 4: Proposed clearing	
<p>An aerial photograph and/or map with a north arrow must be attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared</p> <p>or</p> <p>if you have the facilities, a digital map on a suitable portable digital storage device of the area to clear as an ESRI shapefile with the following properties:</p> <p>Geometry type: Polygon shape Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude) Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994).</p> <p>An ERSI shapefile must be provided if the application requires an assessment under an EPBC Act Accredited process.</p>	<p>Total area of clearing proposed (hectares) NA</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>number of individual trees to be removed NA</p>
	<p>Proposed method of clearing:</p> <p>Mechanical Removal</p>
	<p>Purpose of clearing:</p> <p>Maintenance of the existing gas distribution network, including within ESA's; and prevention of danger to human life or health, or irreversible damage to a significant portion of the environment, or as a result of an accident, including within ESA's.</p> <p>As we are a state wide utility, we are requesting a state-wide permit as we are required by statutory legal framework to maintain approximately 14,000km of gas infrastructure throughout Western Australia which will require vegetation clearing.</p> <p>This permit is to replace the previous clearing permit CPS713/3.</p>
	<p>Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2018 – June 2018</p> <p>from July 1 2018 to June 30 2023</p>
	<p>Final land use:</p> <p>As existing.</p>
<p>You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.</p>	<p>Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p>If yes, provide details:</p> <p>As part of project application checklist protocols, we assess each individual clearance.</p>
<p>Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) <i>WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines</i> on the EPA website for further information.</p>	<p>Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p>If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i>.</p> <p>Assessed based on each individual project.</p>