



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)  
 Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)

# Application for an amendment to a clearing permit

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51M*

## FORM C4

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.

For further information on the stages of assessment for clearing permit applications (including amendments to existing permits), refer to the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#) on DWER's website.

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### Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

<p>If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)</i> (EPBC Act) the original application must have been assessed in accordance with the bilateral assessment, and a variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this amendment application form.</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 '<a href="#">controlled action</a>' prior to submitting this application form.</p> <p>Further information is located in <i>Form Annex C7</i> and <i>A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement</i> available at <a href="http://www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits">www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits</a>.</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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form Annex C7</i> is complete and the required supporting information is attached.</p>
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### Part 2: Clearing permit details

<p>Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits.</p> <p>Applications must be made more than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%; border: 1px solid black;">Permit number for existing clearing permit</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">CPS 8068/1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">Wodgina Lithium Pty Ltd</td> </tr> </table>	Permit number for existing clearing permit	CPS 8068/1	Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)	Wodgina Lithium Pty Ltd
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Part 3: Applicant				
<b>Applicant details</b>				
<p>To apply for an amendment to a permit you must be the current holder of the existing permit.</p> <p>Include Australian Company Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate or other entity formed at law.</p>	<p>Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p>			
	<p>An individual</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Name/s</p>	
	<b>OR</b>			
	<p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)</p>	<p>Wodgina Lithium Pty Ltd ACN 611 488 932</p>		
<b>Applicant contact details</b>				
<p>If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.</p> <p>DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email.</p> <p>We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act ("Part V documents") electronically via email by indicating your consent in this section of the application form.</p> <p>Where 'yes' is selected, all correspondence from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) will be sent to you via email, to the email address provided in this section.</p> <p>Where 'no' has been selected, Part V documents will be posted to you in hard copy to the postal/business address you have provided in this section. Other general correspondence may still be sent to you via email.</p>	<p>Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.</p>			
	<p>Contact person (and position, if applicable)</p>			
	<p>Company name (if applicable)</p>			
	<p>Postal / business address</p>			
	<p>Phone (fixed line):</p>			
	<p>Email address</p>			
	<p><i>I consent to all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable), regarding the premises which is the subject of this application, being exclusively via email, using the email address I have provided above.</i></p>			<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Contact details for enquiries</b>				
<p>If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with concerning this clearing application.</p>	<p>Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:</p>			
	<p>Contact person (and position, if applicable)</p>	<p>As above.</p>		
	<p>Company name (if applicable)</p>			
	<p>Postal / business address</p>			
	<p>Phone (fixed line)</p>		<p>Phone (mobile)</p>	
<p>Email address</p>				

<b>Part 4: Proposed amendments</b>													
<p>Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be attached.</p> <p>Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted, <i>and</i></li> <li>• payment of the prescribed fee.</li> </ul> <p>When providing details of the proposed change(s), if any additional clearing is proposed, include details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the proposed method of the clearing;</li> <li>• the purpose of the clearing;</li> <li>• the period within which the clearing is proposed to be undertaken (taking note of the published minimum assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable); <i>and</i></li> <li>• the final land use.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicate the types of proposed change(s) to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box(es):</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40px; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Extend the duration of the clearing permit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Make a correction to the clearing permit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.</p> <p><i>Proposed changes to conditions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration of Permit: extend the permit duration to 2033 to enable ongoing maintenance of the pipeline.</li> <li>• Part I (3) – Area of Clearing: Increase the area permitted to be cleared within the existing permit (CSP6068/1) boundary from 240ha to 293ha (53ha increase); and</li> <li>• Part II (6) Fauna Management: Add a new condition that the fauna management conditions 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) only apply to new clearing and not maintenance of previously cleared areas;</li> </ul> <p><i>Rationale / purpose:</i> The Wodgina lateral gas pipeline (W1) (PL55 and PL66) is located within the boundary of CPS 8068/1 and runs parallel to the more recently constructed Wodgina 2 (W2) gas pipeline (PL116) at an offset distance of between 30m and 100m. The reason for the proposed changes is solely for maintenance of these existing pipelines.</p> <p>Ongoing vegetation maintenance is required to facilitate the safe operation of gas pipelines in line with AS2885 requirements (as required by the pipeline licence). Activities requiring vegetation maintenance from time to time include maintenance of access tracks, maintenance of line of sight between pipeline markers, erosion repairs and pipeline integrity digs.</p> <p>The purpose of this amendment is to allow for continued maintenance of the W1 pipeline. The 240ha allocation of the existing permit was exhausted during construction of the W2 pipeline. (Note: the majority of the existing 240ha allocation has undergone rehabilitation following construction of the W2 pipeline, with the exception of a 4m wide access track).</p> <p>An additional 53ha is proposed to conduct W1 pipeline maintenance. This includes a 6m corridor width and 80km length for access tracks and line of site maintenance, plus up to 5ha for erosion repairs and pipeline integrity digs that may be required from time to time. The vegetation to be cleared is located above or immediately adjacent to the buried W1 pipeline which has regrown since construction and subsequent to any vegetation maintenance undertaken since.</p> <p>The fauna management requirements associated with Part II 6. Fauna Management Conditions 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) are relevant to the construction phase of the pipeline when earthworks are undertaken, but less so for the pipeline's ongoing maintenance. Because the method of maintenance clearing does not disturb soil, it will have a minimal impact on greater bilby and brush-tailed mulgara burrows. As such, ERL requests that a new condition be included in the amended CPS 8068/1 that the fauna management</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extend the duration of the clearing permit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a correction to the clearing permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other.
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Part 4: Proposed amendments	
	<p>conditions 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) only apply to new clearing and not maintenance of previously cleared areas. Condition 6(d) should continue to apply to maintenance clearing to avoid injury or mortality of these species.</p> <p><i>Proposed method of clearing:</i> Trimming, pruning, rolling, slashing, mulching and grading. Clearing will be minimised wherever possible and restricted to those areas previously cleared during initial construction. Typically, the mulching operation associated with ongoing line of site maintenance of the pipeline does not require soil disturbance and hence vegetative rootstock, seed banks and soil quality is maintained.</p> <p><i>Duration of the clearing permit:</i> Pipeline maintenance is an ongoing requirement for the life of the pipeline to ensure its integrity for safe operation. To fulfill the safety requirement of the existing pipeline licence an additional 10 years is being sought for CPS 8068/1. This will extend the current period from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2033.</p> <p><i>Final land use:</i> The final land use within CPS 8068/1 is for gas pipelines and associated infrastructure. This includes necessary maintenance of an area significantly less than the total 293ha requested as part of this amendment.</p>
For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.	<p>State the nature of the applicant’s authority to access the land to be cleared. Evidence of authority can include e.g. a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority signed by the landowner or other person with authority to give legal land access permission.</p> <p><i>[Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]</i></p> <p>Miscellaneous Licence 45/108. See attachment L45_108 eMiTS Report</p>
Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.	<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>Not applicable.</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>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>Vegetation maintenance is required to facilitate the operation of the Wodgina Lateral in accordance with Australian Standard (AS) 2885 requirements (pipeline licence requirement) to maintain line of sight between pipeline markers, remediate erosion, access tracks and integrity dig requirements. Clearing will be minimised wherever possible and restricted to those areas previously cleared during construction.</p>
Refer to DWER’s <a href="#">Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</a> available on the DWER website, and the EPA’s <a href="#">WA Environmental Offsets Policy and Guidelines</a> on the EPA website for further information.	<p>Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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>
Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
<p><b>Instructions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS, complete Section A and then skip to Part 6 of this form.</li> <li>If your application is to be submitted to DWER, complete both Sections A and B.</li> </ul>	
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment	
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)	