



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

## Application to amend a clearing permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51KA

### FORM C4

The clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia unless a clearing permit has been granted for the clearing or where a permit is not required (either due to a referral determination that one is not needed or because 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), see the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#) on DWER's website.

CPS No.

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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</i> (Cth) (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>   
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form Annex C7</i> is complete and the required supporting information is attached.</p>

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>	<p>Permit number for existing clearing permit</p> <p>CPS 8087-2</p>
	<p>Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)</p> <p>Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd</p>
<p>FILE REFERENCE</p>	<p>Permit expiry date:</p> <p>07/09/2023</p>
	<p>Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">An individual</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Title</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Mr</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Mrs</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Ms</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Other:</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Name/s</td> <td colspan="8"></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>OR</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 45%; vertical-align: top;">                     A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)                 </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">                     Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd.                      ACN: 090 642 809                 </td> </tr> </table>	An individual	Title	Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:			Name/s									A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd. ACN: 090 642 809
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<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 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") 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>																							
<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>																							

Part 4: Proposed amendments	
<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, and</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); and</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> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extend the duration of the clearing permit.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared [for an area permit only]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make a correction to the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other.</p> <p>Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale(s) for it / them.</p> <p>Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) CPS 8087/2 permits clearing of 319 hectares (ha) of native vegetation across the purpose permit envelope (PPE) between 8 September 2018 and 7 September 2023. 72.13 ha was cleared in the 2021/2022 reporting period with an allocation of 150.39 ha remaining overall (a total of 168.61 ha has been used between 2018 to 2023).</p> <p>The latest NVCP 8087/2 Annual Environmental Report (AER) is provided in Attachment A of the provided supporting information document. This document specifies area of disturbance and supporting maps as of the 2021/2022 reporting period.</p> <p>The permit requires extension to allow native vegetation clearing for future mining activity development, exploration activities and flexibility in making modification to new and existing operational supporting infrastructure. The additional clearing will not exceed the remaining allocation of 150.39 ha under permit CPS 8087/2. This permit underpins Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd (BBGO) approval and compliance programs at the Big Bell, Cuddingwarra and Day Dawn.</p> <p>BBGO requests to removal of conditions 9 and 10 which pertains to the survey of Malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) [and mounds] and Western Spiny-tailed Skink (<i>Egernia stokesii badia</i>). The removal of this condition is supported by several surveys conducted by Outback Ecology (2012) (Level 1 Flora and Fauna Survey), MWH (2015) (Targeted Malleefowl (<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>) [and mounds] and Western Spiny-tailed Skink (<i>Egernia stokesii badia</i>) Survey), Western Ecological (2021a) Accelerator/Indicator [North Big Bell] Flora and Fauna Survey and Western Ecological (2021b) Tuckabianna Project Basic Fauna Survey.</p> <p>The surveys are attached to the supporting information document as Attachment B1, B2, B3 and B4 respectively. A summary on the outcomes of these surveys is provided in the supporting information attachment.</p> <p>Considering CPS 8087/2 is a 'purpose permit', BBGO is seeking a five year extension.</p> <p>BBGO notes that the 2022/2023 AER for CPS 8087/2 will be submitted to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulations and Safety (DMIRS) prior to the current due date of 1 October 2023.</p>
<p>For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to</p>	<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>

Part 4: Proposed amendments	
the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.	<i>[Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]</i> N/A
Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.	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. N/A
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.	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide details: Only areas required for mining operations will be cleared. This practice is controlled through use of an internal land use certificate (LUC) process.
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.	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i> . -

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
<b>Instructions:</b>	
<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)	
<b>Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details [     ] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority?</b> Section 37B(1) of the EP Act defines a 'significant proposal' as "a proposal likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment". If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers that the proposal in this application is likely to constitute a 'significant proposal', they are required under section 38(5) of the EP Act to refer the proposal to the EPA for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made. If a relevant Ministerial Statement already exists, please provide the MS number in the space provided.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal') <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS [     ] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS [     ] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a 'significant proposal'
Section B: Other approvals	
Pre-application scoping	
<b>Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned applications?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: [     ]
Works approval / Licence / Registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): [     ]