



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.

Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (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.

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.

Further information is located in *Form Annex C7* and *A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement* available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.

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 EPBC number: -

No Proceed to Part 2

List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.

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Form Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attached.

Part 2: Clearing permit details

Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits.

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.

Permit number for existing clearing permit CPS 8087/3

Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit) Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd

FILE REFERENCE

Permit expiry date: 7 September 2028

Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.

Part 3: Applicant																							
Applicant details																							
<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%;">An individual</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Title</td> <td style="width: 10%;">Mr</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Mrs</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Ms</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Other:</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Name/s</td> <td colspan="8" style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> </table> <p>OR</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)</td> <td>Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd (BBGO) (100% owned by Westgold Resources 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 (BBGO) (100% owned by Westgold Resources 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>																							
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<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"> a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted, <i>and</i> payment of the prescribed fee. <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"> the proposed method of the clearing; the purpose of the clearing; 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> the final land use. 	<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 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 checked="" 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 <i>[for an area permit only]</i></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>CPS8087/3 permits the clearing of 319 hectares (ha) of native vegetation within a boundary of approximately 5,215 ha encompassing three mining operations; Big Bell, Cuddingwarra and Day Dawn.</p> <p>To date, BBGO has maintained compliance with all listed Permit conditions and has cleared a total of 228.15 ha with a remaining clearing allowance of 90.85 ha. Further details on the clearing to date of CPS8087/3 can be found in the most recent Annual Clearing Report in Appendix A of the supporting documentation.</p> <p>BBGO requests an additional 278 ha (for a total permit area of clearing of 597 ha) of permitted native vegetation clearing and a five (5) year extension to permit life of existing CPS8087/3.</p> <p>The additional clearing and extension to permit life is to facilitate future mining activities including further development of existing mining operations, new open pit operations and supporting infrastructure for all associated mining activities.</p> <p>No changes are requested to the approved CPS 8087/3 Purpose Permit Envelope (PPE).</p>
<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>	<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>BBGO are the tenement holders of the approved land within the PPE. BBGO holds all tenure relevant to the PPE. No change to the tenure listed on CPS 8087/3 is requested.</p>
<p>Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.</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>Land on which clearing is to be done:</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/17</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/21</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/22</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/78</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/99</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/102</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/103</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/104</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/171</p> <p>Mining Lease 20/192</p>

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Part 5: Other DWER approvals																										
Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS, complete Section A and then skip to Part 6 of this form. If your application is to be submitted to DWER, complete both Sections A and B. 																										

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment	
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)	
Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details [] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority? 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	
Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: []
Works approval / Licence / Registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for a works approval, licence, registration, or an amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act? It is an offence to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> , unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration. For further guidance, refer to Guideline: Decision making and Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid works approval applies: []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – a valid licence applies: [L8934/2015/1 (Big Bell/ Cuddingwarra) and L8907/2015/1 (Day Dawn)]
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies: []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – not required
Water licences and permits (<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for: 1. a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or 2. a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or 3. a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse? For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> , refer to the Procedure: Water licences and permits .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid licence applies: [GWL176056 (Big Bell), GWL207611(Cuddingwarra) and GWL156542 (Day Dawn)]
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Part 6: Surveys for Assessments (IBSA and IMSA)	
Do you wish to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 7