



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

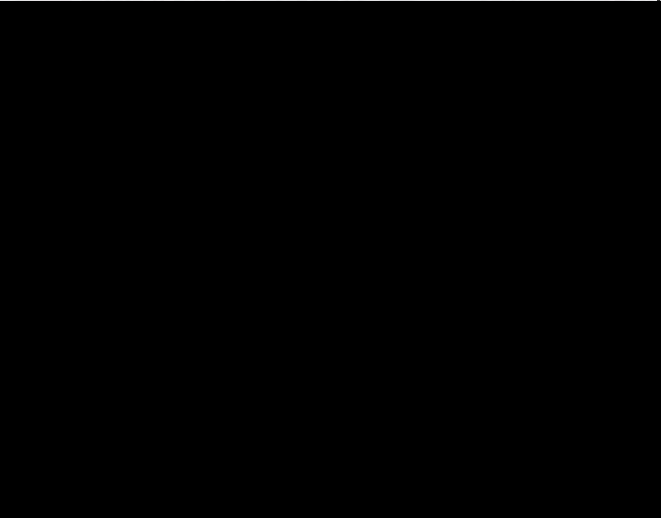
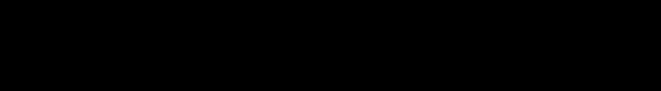
FORM C2

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) (EP Act)</i> have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act)</i> 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>Form 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"/> <i>Form Annex C7</i> 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>Surrendered section of relinquished, former mine lease "ML 116" now called Site "24 North East". This parcel was formerly part of PIN 1097162, but the surrendered section represents about 4% of that PIN.</p> <p>Latitude and longitude of centroid for this field (decimal degrees) is: -10.484614 S; 105.607967 E</p>
<p>FILE REFERENCE</p>	<p>Street address East West Baseline, 1.52 km West of intersection with Murray Road (Coconut Corner)</p>
	<p>Local government area Christmas Island Vacant Crown Land</p>

Part 3: Applicant details			
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<p>Note: if granted, the applicant will be considered the holder of the permit.</p> <p>Include the 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 an incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p> <p>An individual Title <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Name(s) <input type="text"/></p> <p>OR</p> <p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN) Parks Australia, Christmas Island National Park. Parks Australia is managed by the Director of National Parks (DNP) – and is a Statutory Body. It is a Division of the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy.</p> <p>“I am...” (mark applicable box or boxes)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the owner of the land.</p> <p><input checked="" 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 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) or Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) 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 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>	
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		<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 <i>Interpretation Act 1984 (WA)</i>].</p>	
		<p>CR-F02 Application for a clearing permit (purpose permit) (v4, April 2018)</p>	
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Part 3: Applicant details (continued)							
Authority to access land							
<p>To apply for a permit you must be the landowner, or have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.</p> <p>Evidence of authority can include, for example, a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority from the landowner.</p> <p>Note: the letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.</p>	<p>State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. <i>[Attach evidence of authority]</i></p> <p>The parcel of land at site '24 North East' is Vacant Crown Land (VCL). It was surrendered from Mine Lease in 2017. Control of the land rests with the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development & Cities (DIRDC), Commonwealth Government. Please see attached letter of authority from the General Manager, Indian Ocean Territories Branch, DIRDC- Karly Pidgeon dated 15th May 2018 (provided).</p> <p>Parks Australia/The Director of National Parks (DNP) is required under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DIRDC to carry out ecological restoration works of relinquished mine lease land, running the Christmas Island Minesite to Forest Rehabilitation (CIMFR) program.</p> <p>The polygon shape of this parcel of land is bounded by National Park on five out of six sides. The Christmas Island National Park Management Plan 2014-2024, section 4.2.1, it states that the DNP/Parks Australia may take actions to clear vegetation including plants listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act (if necessary), for (b) protecting, conserving, restoring and managing biodiversity and heritage, including implementing the CIMFR program. With this provision, and a DNP assessment, we may also remove degraded vegetation, ferns and weeds in this area on the National Park side of the boundary.</p>						
Landowner's ownership of land							
<p>A landowner can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a person who holds the certificate of title; • a person who is the lessee of Crown land; or • a public authority that is responsible for care of the land. 	<p>The landowner's form of ownership is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of title <i>[Attach a copy of the certificate and all associated encumbrances with the application – available from Landgate].</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral lease <i>[Attach a copy of the lease and all associated encumbrances].</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mining lease.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public authority that has care, control or management of the land.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.</p> <p>Please state:</p>						
Contact details for enquiries							
<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> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Contact person (and position, if applicable)</td> <td rowspan="5" style="background-color: black; color: white; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;">[REDACTED]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company name (if applicable)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postal / business address</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone (fixed line)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email address</td> </tr> </table>	Contact person (and position, if applicable)	[REDACTED]	Company name (if applicable)	Postal / business address	Phone (fixed line)	Email address
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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 ESRI shapefile must be provided if the application requires an assessment under an EPBC Act accredited process.</p>	<p>Total area of clearing proposed (hectares) 1.45 Hectares of VCL</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>number of individual trees to be removed</p>
	<p>Proposed method of clearing:</p> <p>Primarily mechanical removal - Existing vegetation (weeds, ferns and regrowth) will be mulched in-situ to provide organic matter for establishing native tree plantings. Some weeds (e.g. <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>) may require poisoning (e.g. with herbicide, Glyphosate) in addition to mechanical removal to ensure they do not resprout or lead to further germination in the field. Sub-surface soil to be ripped using a bulldozer and topsoil distributed by dump truck and excavator/loader.</p>
	<p>Purpose of clearing:</p> <p>To remove weedy/degraded vegetation and restore a biodiverse mix of native tree species to rehabilitate the area so it is suitable as habitat for native fauna. 100% of this area has been previously cleared for mining.</p> <p>Of the 1.45 hectares, 1.11 hectares (76%) is covered in Swordfern (<i>Nephrolepis biserrata</i>) and/or weeds such as Coffee Bush (<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>), Japanese Cherry (<i>Muntingia calabura</i>) and <i>Mikania micrantha</i> to name a few. Secondary regrowth interspersed with swordfern covers 0.34 hectares (24%). The regrowth is characterised by common species including <i>Macaranga tanarius</i>, <i>Pittosporum ferrugineum</i>, <i>Pandanus elatus</i>, <i>Arenga listeri</i>, <i>Tristiropsis acutangula</i>, <i>Clayoxylon indicum</i>, <i>Cryptocarya nitens</i> and <i>Planchonella nitida</i>. Whilst we seek a permit for the whole area, in reality we will keep many established native trees as they can be important sources of seed and therefore improve rehabilitation outcomes. With this in mind, it is likely we will selectively manoeuvre around these to remove introduced trees/weeds and retain native species wherever possible. A comprehensive search determined there are no threatened or rare native plants in area. The total parcel size is actually 1.499 Ha, but 0.05 Ha is part of East-Baseline so not included in the clearing permit area.</p> <p>In the planting season, likely to commence in January 2019, we intend to plant over 5,000 trees across the area. As a result, there should be a net benefit to conservation values, with particular consideration for the endemic red land crabs <i>Gecarcoidea natalis</i> which utilise this area during their migration. Changing this area from a weed infested fern-field to a patch of restored forest will also provide benefits for the endemic forest birds, and hopefully nearby nesting Abbott's booby.</p>
	<p>Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2018 – June 2018</p> <p>from August 2018 to November 2019</p>
	<p>Final land use:</p> <p>Rehabilitated Forest</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>100% of this area has been previously cleared for mining. As mentioned above, approximately three-quarters of the site is weedy vegetation and only a small area (0.34 Ha) is native regrowth. Wherever possible, native trees will be retained as they can be important sources of seed, benefiting rehabilitation outcomes. Replanting the entire area with native trees will provide a net benefit to conservation values, with respect to red land crabs, forest birds, and hopefully nearby nesting Abbott's booby.</p>
<p>Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the Environmental Protection</p>	<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>