

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

Clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia except who clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

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Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement						
The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?					
Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the		Yes EPBC Number:				
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act		No Proceed to Part 2				
1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.	List the	e controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action on.				
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.						
For further information see 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.		Form Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attached.				
Part 2: Land details						
The location of the land where clearing is proposed must be	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.					
accurately described.	M16/548					
	Tenement Holder: Kundana Gold Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary of Northern St Resources Limited).					
FILE REFERENCE	Street	address				
	Local	government area Shire of Coolgardie				

Part 3: Applicant details						
Applicant details						
Note: if granted, the applicant will be considered the holder of	Are you applying as an individual, a company or an incorporated body? Enter details for one only.					
the permit. Include the Australian Company	An Title					
Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate	individual Name(s)					
or other entity formed at law.	OR CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTO					
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)					
	"I am" (mark applicable box or boxes)					
	★ the owner of the land.					
	acting on behalf of the owner and have attached an agent's authority, expressly authorising me to act on behalf of the landowner.  [Attach a copy of the authorisation]					
	likely to become the owner of the land.					
	[Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, contract of sale ('offer and acceptance') or letter from current landowner.]					
	the person doing the clearing.					
	the person on whose behalf the clearing is being done.					
Applicant contact details						
If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also	Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.					
supply the registered business office address.	Contact person (and position, if applicable)					
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	Company name (if applicable)					
	Postal / business address					
address through which you agree to accept all electronic correspondence.	Phone (fixed line)					
The postal/business address supplied must be a physical address to which a statutory notice under the EP Act may be delivered. <sup>1</sup>	Email address					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 3: Applicant details (continued)							
Authority to access land							
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.  Evidence of authority can include, for example, a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority from the landowner.  Note: the letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.	State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared.  [Attach evidence of authority]  See attached current ASIC Company Extract for Kundana Gold Pty Ltd.						
Landowner's ownership of land							
A landowner can be:	The landowner's form of ownership is:						
a person who holds the certificate of title;	Certificate of title [Attach a copy of the certificate and all associated encumbrances with the application – available from Landgate].						
a person who is the lessee of Crown land;  or	Pastoral lease [Attach a copy of the lease and all associated encumbrances].						
a public authority that is responsible for care of the land.	Mining lease.     ∴						
	Public authority that has care, control or management of the land.						
	Other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.						
	Please state:						
Contact details for enquiries							
If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with concorning this clearing	Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:  Contact person (and position, if applicable)						
with concerning this clearing application.	Company name (if applicable)						
	Postal / business address						
	Phone (fixed line)						
	Email address						

Part 4: Proposed clearing									
An aerial photograph and/or map with a north arrow must be	Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)  Up to 300 hectares								
attached, clearly marking the area	and/or								
proposed to be cleared or	number of individual <b>trees</b> to be removed								
if you have the facilities, a digital map on a suitable portable digital	Proposed method of clearing:								
storage device of the area to clear as an ESRI shapefile with the following properties:	Mechanical								
Geometry type: Polygon shape	Purpose of clearing:								
Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude)	Development of new open cut pit, waste rock landform and associated mining related infrastructure to support ongoing Project.								
Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994).	Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2018 – June 2018								
An ESRI shapefile must be	from January 2019	from January 2019 to January 2023							
provided if the application	Final land use:								
requires an assessment under an EPBC Act accredited process.	As per approved Mine Closure Plan in consultation with DMIRS and relevant key stakeholders.								
You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?								
	If yes, provide details:								
of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	Refer to supporting document – Environmental Risk Management section.								
Refer to DWER's <u>Clearing of</u> native vegetation offsets	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal								
procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) WA Environmental Offsets Policy and Guidelines on the EPA website for further information.	If yes, provide details, and covegetation offsets procedure		h Appendix A	of the (	Clearing	of nati	ve		

Part 5: Other DWER approvals							
Instructions:							
<ul> <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 Section A and B.</li> </ul>							
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment							
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP A	Act)						
Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection	☐ Yes – provide details [ ]						
Authority?	⊠ No						
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority?	☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')						
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".	Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement)						
If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers that the proposal in this application is likely to constitute a	MS[ ]						
'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.	□ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies:  MS [ ]						
If a relevant Ministerial Statement already exists, please provide the MS number in the space provided.	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	⊠ No						
applications?	☐ 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	☐ Yes – application reference (if known): [ ]						
Division 3 of the EP Act?  It is an offence to perform any action that would cause a	☐ No – a valid works approval applies: [ ]						
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,	No − a valid licence applies: [L9099/2017/1]						
licence, or registration.  For further guidance, please refer to the <i>Guidance Statement</i> :	☐ No – a valid registration applies: [ ]						
<u>Decision Making</u> (February 2017).	No − not required						
Water Licences and Permits (Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914)							
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:	☐ Yes –application reference (if known): [ ]						
a licence or amendment to a licence to take water - (surface water or groundwater); or a licence or amendment to a licence to construct	No – a current valid licence applies: [GWL104053(8) and CAW200981(1)]						
wells (including bores and soaks); or  3. a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere	□ N/A						
with the bed and banks of a watercourse?							

## Part 6: Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)

Biodiversity surveys submitted to support this application must meet the requirements of the EPA's *Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)* (April 2018). If these requirements are not met, DWER / DMIRS may decline to deal with the application.

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All biodiversity surveys submitted with this application meet the requirements of the EPA's *Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA).* 

Part 7: Prescribed fee					
Make cheques or money orders payable to:	Pleas	e indicate the	e cleari	ng permit application fee that you are p	aying:
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for		<b>\$200</b> for a	OFFICE USE ONLY		
all clearing purposes other than mining and petroleum activities	Payn	nent method	(tick ap		
or  Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and		Cheque / M	loney C		
Safety for mineral and petroleum clearing activities under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> , various Petroleum Acts, or State		(DWER) Se (see https://payment.de	//dwer.v		
Agreement Acts. For credit card payments to:		(DWER) Se	ecure c	redit card payment through BPoint	
DWER, pay via BPoint, accessible online at: https://dwer.wa.gov.au/mak e-a-payment		Receipt nui			
DMIRS, complete Form C3 and attach it to this form.  Do not send cash in the mail.					
Part 8: Application checklist					
Additional information to assist	Pleas	e ensure you	ı have i	ncluded the following as part of your ap	oplication:
in the assessment of your proposal may be attached to	REQUIRED			Payment.	
this application – e.g. reports on salinity, fauna or flora studies or other environmental reports conducted for the site could be				An aerial photograph or map with a n identifying the areas of vegetation pro ESRI shapefile.	
included in electronic format and submitted on suitable				Copy of the certificate of title or pasto	oral lease.
portable digital storage device.				An index of all documentation attached	ed to this application.
	AS RE	EQUIRED		Copy of written authority to act on be	half of the landowner.
				Written authority from the landowner conduct the clearing.	to access the land and
				Evidence of the pending transfer of la the offer and acceptance letter, or wri current landowner.	
				Form C3 – Credit card payment for Dapplications, if the fee is to be paid to	
				Form Annex C7 – Assessment bilater clearing is also to be assessed under accredited process.	

clearing permit offsets.

Appendix A of the *Clearing of native vegetation offsets* procedure guideline if the application includes a proposal for

Part 8: Application checklist						
	ADDITIONAL		Photos of application area.			
	SUPPORTING INFORMATION		Biodiversity surveys, submitted in accordance with the requirements of the EPA's <i>Instructions for the prepara data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)</i> .	ation of		
Part 9: Submission of application	1					
Confidential or commercially sensitive information  Information submitted as part of this application will be made publicly available. If you wish to submit information that you believe to be commercially sensitive or otherwise confidential, then you should submit that information in an appendix to this application (Attachment 1), with a written statement of reasons why you request that each item of information be kept confidential.  DWER and DMIRS will take reasonable steps to protect confidential or commercially sensitive information. Please note in particular that all submitted information may be the subject of an application for release under the <i>Freedom of Information Act 1992</i> (WA).  If you have any enquiries regarding the provision of relevant information as part of this application contact either DWER or DMIRS, on the details below.  Files that are greater than 10MB in size cannot be received via email by DWER. Files larger than 45MB cannot be received via email by DMIRS. These large files can be sent via File Transfer. Alternatively, email DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) and you will be provided with a link to submit these files.						
All information which you would propose to be exempt from public disclosure has been separately placed in <b>Attachment 1</b> (located at the end of this form). Grounds for claiming exemption in accordance with Schedule 1 to the <i>Freedom of Information Act 1992</i> must be specified.						
A signed, electronic copy of the application form, including all attachments, has been submitted via the appropriate email address specified below.						
A signed, electronic copy of the application form has been submitted via the appropriate email address specified below, and attachments have been submitted via File Transfer, or via the link supplied by the relevant Department.						
A full, signed hard copy has been sent to the appropriate postal address specified below.						
Email or post applications for all clearing purposes (other than mining and petroleum activities) to:  Email: info@dwer.wa.gov.au  Email: nvab@dmirs.wa.gov.au  Department of Water and Environmental Regulation  Email or post applications related to mining and petroleum clearing activities (under delegation) to:  Email: nvab@dmirs.wa.gov.au  Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety						
Locked Bag 33 CLOISTERS SQUARE PERTH WA 6850			Resource and Environmental Compliance Division Mineral House 100 Plain St EAST PERTH WA 6004			
Telephone: 6364 7000			Telephone: 9222 3333			
For more information: www.dwer.wa	a.gov.au		For more information: www.dmirs.wa.gov.au			
Please retain a copy of this form for your records.						

Incomplete applications will be declined in accordance with section 51E(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

If there is insufficient space on any part of this form, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form

### Part 10: Declaration and signature

#### General

I/We confirm and acknowledge that:

- the information contained in this application is true and correct and I/we acknowledge that knowingly providing information which is false or misleading in a material particular constitutes an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA) and may incur a penalty of up to \$50,000;
- I/We have legal authority to sign on behalf of the applicant (where authorisation provided);
- I/We have not altered the requirements and instructions set out in this application form;
- I/We have provided a valid email address in Part 3 for receipt of all written correspondence from DWER or DMIRS (as
  applicable) in relation to this application. I/We acknowledge that successful delivery to my/our server constitutes
  receipt of correspondence for the purposes of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA); and
- I/We have provided a valid postal and /or business address in Part 3 for the service of all statutory notices under the relevant legislation.

### **Publication**

I/We confirm and acknowledge:

- this application (including all attachments, apart from the sections identified in Attachment 1) is a public document and may be published;
- biodiversity surveys provided in accordance with Part 6 will be published and used, for the purposes of the IBSA project, in accordance with your declaration made in the Metadata and Licensing Statement;
- all necessary consents for the publication of information have been obtained from third parties;
- information considered exempt from public disclosure has been placed in Attachment 1 with reasons as to why the
  information should be exempt in accordance with the grounds specified in Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information
  Act 1992 (WA);
- subsequent information provided in relation to this application will be a public document and may be published unless
  written notice has been given to the Department by the applicant, at the time the information is provided, claiming that
  the information is considered exempt from public disclosure; and
- the decision to not publish information will be at the discretion of the CEO of the Department and will be made consistently with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA).

Please	indicate if you are	signing as an individ	lual or a company:		
	An individual.	f an individual landown	er is applying, <b>all landowners</b> must si	gn this form	n.
	A company.	Company name:	Northern Star Resources Limited	ACN:	092 832 892
$\boxtimes$			rised to execute on behalf of a body co vide an ACN. Please note an Australia		
	Other entity for	med at law.	Provide details:		
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# ATTACHMENT 1 – Confidential or Commercially Sensitive Information

Information which you consider should not be published, on the grounds of a relevant exemption found in Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WN), must be specified in this Attachment.  NOT FOR PUBLICATION IF GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION ARE DETERMINED  Specify section:  Ground for claiming exemption:  Specify section:  Ground for claiming exemption:	Request for exemption from publication					
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