



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.

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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 'controlled action' 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 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: EPBC 2017/8133</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: CPS 8171/1</p> <p>Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit): Lattice Energy Ltd</p>
FILE REFERENCE	<p>Permit expiry date: 31 May 2024</p>
	<p>Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit. <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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> <p>An individual <input type="checkbox"/> Title <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name/s</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)</p> <p>Beach Energy (Perth Basin) Limited (ACN: 008 432 479) are the holders of Petroleum Production Licences L1, L11 & L22 and Pipeline Licence PL18.</p> <p>Note: Beach Energy (Perth Basin) Limited (ACN: 008 432 479) was previously known as Lattice Energy Resources (Perth Basin) Pty Ltd (ACN 008 432 479). Prior to that Lattice Energy Resources (Perth Basin) Pty Ltd was known as Origin Energy Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 008 432 479)</p>
Applicant contact details	
<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>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%; min-height: 300px;"></div>
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>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%; min-height: 150px;"></div>

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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); • and • 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 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 <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>Background</p> <p>Beach (previously Lattice Energy Resources (Perth Basin) Pty Ltd), undertook the onshore Trieste three-dimensional (3D) seismic survey within Exploration Permit 320 (EP 320) of the northern Perth Basin, Western Australia (WA). The survey was conducted from December 2019 to February 2020.</p> <p>Native vegetation clearing (mulching) at the Trieste 3D Seismic Survey area was approved under Clearing Permit CPS 8171/1. Implementation of CPS 8171/1 is also required under a bilateral agreement in conjunction with EPBC Approval 2017/8133.</p> <p>Clearing occurred between the 03/12/2019 and 17/12/2019. While the clearing permit allowed for clearing of up to 74.45 ha, only 54.36 ha was eventually cleared. No additional vegetation clearing has occurred since that time, nor is any further clearing proposed. Ongoing activities at the survey area are restricted to biennial monitoring and associated reporting requirements, with two monitoring events having occurred since clearing was completed, being in October 2020 and 2022.</p> <p>Rehabilitation Monitoring Results</p> <p>Based on the results of the latest biennial rehabilitation monitoring, by early 2025, Beach is predicted to meet all of its rehabilitation completion criteria, including weed presence, as outlined by the approved 'Mattiske, 2018, Proposed Seismic Line Rehabilitation Monitoring Methodology'. Notably, according to rehabilitation results outlined in 'Rehabilitation Assessment – Trieste 3D Seismic Project – Mattiske 2023', which are provided as supporting information to this application (Attachment B), no 'environmental weeds' were observed within monitored transects during the 2022 monitoring exercise. Furthermore, Section 6.0 of the Mattiske 2023 report states:</p> <p>'It is predictable that as the native species increase their numbers and cover on the</p>

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	<p>rehabilitation areas that the weed species will be out-competed by native species'. These results, therefore, provide strong justification for the continuation of the existing passive rehabilitation model.</p> <p>Proposed Amendment to NVCP 8171/1</p> <p>Condition 8 (b) of the NVCP 8171/1 states: 'At least once in each 12-month period for the term of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit.'</p> <p>Beach does not believe this is a reasonable or practicable permit condition and is concerned that it may be detrimental to the achievement of rehabilitation completion criteria, primarily because:</p> <p>The study area includes a total seismic line length of 379.1 km, which equates to a cleared area of approximately 54.36 ha. Removing or killing all weeds in such a large study area on an annual basis is operationally unfeasible. Of note, the definition of 'weeds' within NVCP 8171/1 is very broad and includes 'any plant not indigenous to the area concerned'.</p> <p>It is reasonable to expect that active weed control measures through manual and/or chemical removal would increase biosecurity and other risks to passive rehabilitation outcomes through additional site access, vegetation trampling, weed overspray etc.</p> <p>Passive rehabilitation is the method endorsed by NVCP 8171/1 and rehabilitation outcomes to date are very favourable.</p> <p>Given the above, Beach proposes to substitute Condition 8 (b) of the NVCP to align with the standard weed control condition (as per Beharra Springs Operations NVCP 6643), specifically:</p> <p><i>'When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds:</i></p> <p><i>(a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;</i></p> <p><i>(b) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared;</i></p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p><i>(c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.'</i></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>The Trieste Survey took place over Unallocated crown land. Beach Energy are authorised to occupy the land under Exploration permit EP320.</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>N/A</p>
<p>You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation</p>	<p>Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	If yes, provide details:
Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's WA Environmental Offsets Policy and Guidelines 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

Instructions:

- 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.

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 type="checkbox"/> No – a valid licence applies: []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies: []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not required

Water licences and permits (*Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*)