

FILE REFERENCE

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 when clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who causes or allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

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Part 1: Assessment bilateral agre	ement					
The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> 1986 (WA) (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under 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?					
	8	Yes EPBC Number:				
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act	\boxtimes	No Proceed to Part 2				
1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.	d can List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled					
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		description: volume and folio number, lot or location number(s), Crown lease or ve number, pastoral lease number or mining tenement number of all properties.				
accurately described.	Exploration Licences E80/4298 and E80/4967					

E80/4298 and E80/4967

Shire of Halls Creek

Street address

Local government area

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 Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate	An Title				
	individual Name(s)				
or other entity formed at law.	OR Northward Minarda Limited				
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN) Northern Minerals Limited ACN: 119 966 353				
	"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	Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.				
incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.	Contact person (and position, if applicable)				
All written correspondence from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	Company name (if applicable)				
(DWER) or Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) regarding your application will be made via email. You must provide a valid email	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. ¹	Email address				

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 *Interpretation Act 1984* (WA)].

Part 3: Applicant details (continu	ed)					
Authority to access land						
To apply for a permit you must be the landowner, or have the authority of the landowner to	State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. [Attach evidence of authority]					
access the land and undertake the clearing.	Northern Rare Earth Metals is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northern Minerals Limited. Northern Rare Earths Metals is the registered holder of E80/4298 and has authority to access the land under the <i>Mining Act</i> 1978.					
Evidence of authority can include, for example, a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority from the landowner.	Northern Minerals Limited is the registered holder of E80/4967 and has authority to					
Note: the letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.	access the land under the Mining Act 1978					
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		differ to those of the ap	pplicant, complete the below section:			
details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise	Contact person (and position, if applicable)	As above				
with concerning this clearing application.	Company name (if applicable)					
	Postal / business address					
	Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)			
	Email address					

Part 4: Proposed clearing								
An aerial photograph and/or map with a north arrow must be attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared or	Total area of clearing proposed (hectares) and/or							
	number of individual trees 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:	Raised blade cleared where up scree slopes	possible; clear and grub with b	ulldozer;	cut and	d fill of	tracks		
Geometry type: Polygon shape	Purpose of clearing:							
Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude)								
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 1 March 2019 to 30 September 2023							
provided if the application	Final land use:							
requires an assessment under an EPBC Act accredited process.	Pastoralism (Mabel Downs Lease)							
You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?							
options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale	If yes, provide details:							
of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	Existing tracks and raised-blade clearing will be used to the extent practicable							
Refer to DWER's <u>Clearing of</u> <u>native vegetation offsets</u> <u>procedure guideline</u> available on the DWER website, and the Environmental Protection	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal □ Yes No No							
	If yes, provide details, and covere vegetation offsets procedure	omplete and attach Appendix A guideline.	of the Cl	learing	of nati	ve		
Authority's (EPA) <u>WA</u> <u>Environmental Offsets Policy</u> <u>and Guidelines</u> on the EPA website for further information.								

Part 5: Other DWER approvals					
Instructions: If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS, complete If your application is to be submitted to DWER, complete					
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment					
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP A	oct)				
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". If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers	Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS []				
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.	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	☐ Yes – application reference (if known): []				
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	☐ 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</i> 1987, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval,	☐ No – a valid licence applies: []				
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 Irriga	ation 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	☐ No – a current valid licence applies: []				
a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?	□ N/A				

Part 6: Index of Biodiversity Surv	eys fo	r Assessmei	nts (IBS	A)			
Biodiversity surveys submitted to simust meet the requirements of the the preparation of data packages for Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment 2018). If these requirements are not may decline to deal with the application.	EPA's <u>I</u> or the In nts (IBS ot met, I	nstructions for dex of (A) (April	<u>or</u> [All biodiversity surveys submitted of meet the requirements of the EPA preparation of data packages for the Surveys for Assessments (IBSA).	's Instructions for the		
Part 7: Prescribed fee							
Make cheques or money orders payable to:	Pleas	e indicate the	e clearir	g permit application fee that you are pa	aying:		
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for		\$200 for a purpose permit OFFICE USE ONLY					
all clearing purposes other than mining and petroleum activities	Payment method (tick applicable box):						
or Department of Mines,		Cheque / M	loney C	rder			
Industry Regulation and Safety for mineral and petroleum clearing activities under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> , various Petroleum Acts, or State			/dwer.w	ure EFT payment wer.wa.gov.au/make-a-payment for ails)			
Agreement Acts.		(DWER) Se	ecure cr	edit card payment through BPoint			
For credit card payments to: DWER, pay via BPoint, accessible online at: https://dwer.wa.gov.au/mak	Receipt nu						
e-a-payment DMIRS, complete Form C3 and attach it to this form. Do not send cash in the mail.				rd – complete and attach <i>Form C3</i>			
Part 8: Application checklist							
Additional information to assist	Pleas	e ensure you	ı have i	ncluded the following as part of your ap	plication:		
in the assessment of your proposal may be attached to	REQUIRED		\boxtimes	Payment.			
this application – e.g. reports on salinity, fauna or flora studies or other environmental reports conducted for the site could be			\boxtimes	An aerial photograph or map with a no identifying the areas of vegetation pro ESRI shapefile.			
included in electronic format and submitted on suitable				Copy of the certificate of title or pastor	ral lease.		
portable digital storage device.				An index of all documentation attache	d to this application.		
	AS R	EQUIRED		Copy of written authority to act on beh	nalf of the landowner.		
				Written authority from the landowner to access the land and conduct the clearing.			
				Evidence of the pending transfer of la the offer and acceptance letter, or writ current landowner.			
			\boxtimes	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.			
				Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native v</i> procedure guideline if the application clearing permit offsets.	regetation offsets includes a proposal for		

Part 8: Application checklist				
	ADDITIONAL	\boxtimes	Photos of application area.	
	SUPPORTING INFORMATION		Biodiversity surveys, submitted in accordance with the requirements of the EPA's Instructions for the prepara data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA).	ation of
Part 9: Submission of application	1			
believe to be commercially sensitive application (Attachment 1), with a veconfidential. DWER and DMIRS will take reasor particular that all submitted information 1992 (WA).	s application will be a continuous conficeration of research to protect tion may be the subject to protect to the subject to protect to the subject to protect to the subject to the subje	dential, easons t confid ect of a	publicly available. If you wish to submit information that yell then you should submit that information in an appendix so why you request that each item of information be kept dential or commercially sensitive information. Please not an application for release under the <i>Freedom of Informa</i>	to this te in tion Act
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.				
	of this form). Ground	s for cla	blic disclosure has been separately placed in aiming exemption in accordance with Schedule 1 to	
A signed, electronic copy of the application form, including all attachments, has been submitted via the appropriate email address specified below.				\boxtimes
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 related to mining and petrol clearing activities (under delegation) to:	eum
Email: info@dwer.wa.gov.au	Email: nvab@dmirs.wa.gov.au			
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Locked Bag 33 CLOISTERS SQUARE PERTH WA 6850 Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Resource and Environmental Compliance Division Mineral House 100 Plain St EAST PERTH WA 6004			ety	
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 co	opy of t	l his 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. If	f an individual landown	er is applying, all landown e	ers must sign this for	m.
	A company.	Company name:	Northern Minerals Limit	ted ACN:	119 966 353
			rised to execute on behalf o vide an ACN. Please note a		
	Other entity for	med at law.	Provide details:		
				1 November 20 ⁻	18
Signat	ture			Date	
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Signat	ture			Date	
Name					

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ATTACHMENT 1 – Confidential or Commercially Sensitive Information

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