

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Applications for a clearing permit to be assessed under a Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (EPBC Act) Accredited Process

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51E and section 51M

Assessment bilateral agreement - Annex C7

The native vegetation clearing permit processes under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

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Part 1: Area permit to be transferred					
To be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement, the proposed clearing action must have been referred to the Commonwealth and determined to be a 'controlled action' under the <i>Environmental Protection and</i> <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act</i> 1999 (Cth) prior to submitting this <i>Form Annex C7</i> as an attachment to a clearing permit application form (<i>Form C1, Form C2 of Form</i> <i>C4</i>).	EPBC Act number	2017/8059			
	Short name of the project	Greenbushes to Kirup Link, WA			
	Provide a short description that uniquely identifies the proposed action and its location.				
	The construction of pipeline and associated works to create a single water supply scheme which will deliver water from a storage facility in Greenbushes to the towns of Balingup, Mullalyup and Kirup. The project area is primarily made up of a pipeline corridor approximately 16 km long, with an average width of less than 10 m. The project area is located 230 km south of Perth and 50 km south of Bunbury.				
	Much of the project area occurs along existing gravel tracks which were created as a result of previous infrastructure development (e.g. road, water and railway). The total Project area is 15.3 hectares, of which 5.8 ha contains native vegetation				

Part 2: Proposed clearing action and impact assessment details					
Where the proposed clearing action has been determined to be a controlled action by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment, assessment of the	\boxtimes	Description of the proposed clearing action			
		Detailed descriptions (including surveys, reports, and methodologies) of the matter(s) of national environmental significance (NES) prescribed through the EPBC Act controlled action decision and any other relevant matters.			
clearing action under the assessment bilateral agreement			World heritage property		
can occur if the identified information (see right) is provided and attached to this Annex and the clearing permit application form. Please tick the boxes to indicate the information has been attached.			Specify:		
			National heritage property		
			Specify:		
			Wetlands of national importance (Ramsar wetlands)		
			Specify:		
		\boxtimes	Nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities including suitable habitat		
			Specify:		
			Listed migratory species including suitable habitat		
			Specify:		
			Commonwealth marine		
			Specify:		

Part 2: Proposed clearing action and impact assessment details				
	\boxtimes	The likely relevant impacts of the action on matters of NES prescribed through the EPBC Act controlled action decision, such as:		
		 a description of the relevant impacts, including environmental, social, and economic impacts; a detailed analysis of the nature and extent of the likely direct, indirect, short- or long-term impacts; a statement regarding whether any relevant impacts are likely to be unknown, unpredictable, or irreversible; and/or technical data and other information used to make the detailed assessment. 		
	\boxtimes	 Feasible alternatives to the proposed action, such as: the alternative of taking no action; a comparative description of the impacts of each alternative; sufficient detail to make clear why any alternative is preferred to another; and why the preferred alternative measure was not chosen in the first instance. 		
		 Detailed description and cost details of possible mitigation measures such as: avoidance and mitigation measures proposed to be undertaken to prevent or minimise the relevant impacts of the actions on any matter of NES; a detailed outline of a plan for the continuing management, mitigation, and monitoring of relevant impacts of the action on any matters of NES; details of any significant residual impacts on matters of NES; and an analysis of how the offset package meets the requirement of the EPBC Act Offsets Policy. 		
	\boxtimes	Sources of information and references		

Part 3: Consultation			
Public consultation with direct interest stakeholders is a statutory requirement for new clearing permit applications under s.51E of the EP Act. Applications for amendments under s.51M may be advertised for public consultation, as determined on a case-by-case basis.	\boxtimes	The role and interests of Indigenous peoples, as applicable, in promoting conservation and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources, and their knowledge of biodiversity and heritage, have been taken into consideration. Information relating to these matters has been attached.	
	X	After the CEO has determined that the permit application is validly made under section 51E of the EP Act, the application will be advertised for public comment. It is acknowledged that the applicant will be provided with submissions made by the public during the public comment period and must prepare and submit to the CEO a written response which addresses or takes into account the issues raised by the public in those submissions.	

Part 4: Further information				
For further information contact DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) at the details below.				
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Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Incomplete applications will be returned.				
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