



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.
Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)* (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

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.

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?

Yes EPBC Number: _____

No Proceed to Part 2

List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.

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 accurately described.

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.

Neds Corner Road Reserve and Yerritup Road Reserve

FILE REFERENCE

Street address

Neds Corner Rd, South Coast Hwy to Yerritup Rd

Local government area

Esperance

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) 5.4 ha within a 15.23 clearing permit area.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>number of individual trees to be removed</p>
	<p>Proposed method of clearing: Mechanical; Bulldoze and Excavator</p>
	<p>Purpose of clearing: Road reconstruction, to widen road to dual-lane.</p>
	<p>Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2018 – June 2018 from 2019/2020 financial year to onwards</p>
	<p>Final land use: Bitumised road, spoon drains and back slopes</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>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>If yes, provide details:</p> <p>If the existing road width (currently single width bitumised area, including spoon drains and backslope) footprint was wide enough to allow road reconstruction without clearing, then this would be the preferred method and avoid vegetation clearing. However, the current road width is 22 m, and 28 m is required for double-lane roads to meet safety requirements with appropriate spoon drain and backslope widths. No excessive widening that is un-needed for road construction will occur, minimising the clearing of vegetation.</p> <p>Consideration of fill material to build the road also considers avoiding and minimising vegetation clearing. For example, material used removed to form backslopes in the construction process will be used as fill material further up the road project, minimising clearing required elsewhere to mine sand or gravel.</p>
<p>Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets 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.</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> <p>The Shire of Esperance will submit a Vegetation, Flora, Fauna and Environmental Considerations report to determine if threatened ecological communities are present, and thus offset is required. If it is, Appendix A will be submitted then.</p>