Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)

**GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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.
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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. Seabed located within the Peel Harvey Estuarine System (PHES), the seabed tenure is Unallocated Crown Land (UCL). Two areas are proposed for vegetation clearing; the Novara Boat Ramp Disposal Area and the Dawesville Boat Ramp Disposal Area. The Novara Boat Ramp Disposal Area is located ~100–150 m east of the Novara Boat Ramp's entrance channel (Figure 1). Coordinates of the Novara Boat Ramp Disposal Area are: Corner 1: 375705 E, 6395144 N Corner 2: 375747 E, 6395151 N Corner 3: 375783 E, 6394940 N Corner 4: 375741 E, 6394933 N The Dawesville Boat Ramp Disposal Area is located ~100–150 m northeast of the Dawesville Boat Ramp's entrance channel (Figure 2). Coordinates of the Dawesville Boat Ramp Disposal Area are:

Part 2: Land details		
	Corner 1: 372842 E, 6389475 N Corner 2: 373035 E, 6389445 N Corner 3: 373030 E, 6389418 N Corner 4: 372838 E, 6389449 N	
FILE REFERENCE	Street address	
	Local government area	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)

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* 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: Geometry type: Polygon shape Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude) Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994). An ESRI shapefile must be provided if the application requires an assessment under an EPBC Act accredited process.	Total **area** of clearing proposed (hectares)	Novara Boat Ramp Disposal Area: 0.90 ha of vegetation Dawesville Boat Ramp Disposal Area: 0.52 ha of vegetation Total area: 1.42 ha of vegetation
	and/or number of individual **trees** to be removed	
	Proposed method of clearing: Sediments from the Novara and Dawesville boat ramp entrance channels will be dredged and deposited on the seabed at the relevant disposal area(s). The deposited material may cause smothering of native aquatic vegetation.	
	Purpose of clearing: CoM is required to undertake ongoing maintenance dredging of the Novara and Dawesville boat ramps entrance channels to maintain navigability. Presently, sediments have accumulated within the entrance channels of each boat ramp affecting safe navigational access. CoM proposes to remove up to ~1500 m^3 of material from the entrance channel of each both ramp via cutter-suction dredge. It is proposed material will be transported via floating pipeline to in-estuarine disposal areas located ~100–150 m adjacent to the entrance channels (Figure 1 and Figure 2). Due to the presence of native aquatic vegetation within the disposal areas, a Native Vegetation Clearing Purpose Permit is required.	
	Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2018 – June 2018	
	from July 2019	to August 2019
	Final land use:	
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.	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?	☐ Yes ☒ No
	If yes, provide details:	
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.	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application?	☐ Yes ☒ No
	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the *Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure* guideline.	