



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.

CPS No.

Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (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.

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.

Further information is located in *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: Clearing permit details

Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits.

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.

Permit number for existing clearing permit CPS 8833-2

Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit) Western Areas Ltd

FILE REFERENCE

Permit expiry date: 31/08/2024

Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.

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>	Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.						
	An individual	Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>				
	Name/s <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>						
OR							
A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)		Western Areas Limited (ACN 091 049 357)					
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>							
		<p><i>I consent to all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable), regarding the premises which is the subject of this application, being exclusively via email, using the email address I have provided above.</i></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <th style="width: 50px;">Yes</th> <th style="width: 50px;">No</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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>							

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); <i>and</i> • 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 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 checked="" 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>Western Areas was granted approval for CPS8833/1 on 26 September 2020 for the purposes of mineral exploration on Exploration Licences 77/1581, 77/1734, 77/2235, 77/2236, 77/2261, 77/2440 and 77/2527. The purpose of this mineral exploration was to drill test aerial electromagnetic surveys undertaken in June and July 2018. Environmental guidance for this exploration program was provided by the “Conservation Management Plan for exploration and prospecting within the Jilbadji Nature Reserve on tenements E77/1581, E77/1734, E77/2235, E77/2236, E77/2440, E77/2261, E77/2527, P77/4475, P77/4476, P77/4477, P77/4478, P77/4479, Version 2, 14 February 2019”. The program was divided into Phases One and Two. Phase One has mostly been completed. Phase Two has yet to be completed.</p> <p>Some tracks that were previously cleared and therefore not included in the application for CPS8833/1 have since experienced some regrowth. This amendment includes those tracks on E77/2440, E77/1581, E77/1734, E77/2235 and E77/2261 that require clearing along the edges.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Tenement</th> <th>Width (m)</th> <th>Length</th> <th>Area (ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>E77/2440</td> <td>2.7</td> <td>4.29 km</td> <td>1.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E77/1581</td> <td>2.7</td> <td>585 m</td> <td>0.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E77/1734</td> <td>2.7</td> <td>594 m</td> <td>0.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E77/2235</td> <td>2.7</td> <td>470 m</td> <td>0.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E77/2261</td> <td>2.7</td> <td>1.99 km</td> <td>0.54</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total area of regrowth clearing proposed is 2.15 ha.</p> <p>In addition, disturbance is required for a further exploration program (Parts 1 and 2) (proposed from July 2022 to July 2023):</p> <p>Part 1 - recent data compilations and reviews have revealed nickel in soil anomalies on E77/2228. Drill tests are required to examine those anomalies. Access to E77/2228 will be via E77/2440. Amount of clearing proposed (access, drill pads and sumps) is 4.62 ha as outlined in the following table.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th> <th>Quantity</th> <th>Proposed area of 1</th> <th>Total area (ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Access</td> <td>1x</td> <td>3.5571</td> <td>3.5571</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pads</td> <td>44x</td> <td>0.022</td> <td>0.968</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sumps</td> <td>40x</td> <td>0.002342</td> <td>0.09368</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Tenement	Width (m)	Length	Area (ha)	E77/2440	2.7	4.29 km	1.16	E77/1581	2.7	585 m	0.16	E77/1734	2.7	594 m	0.16	E77/2235	2.7	470 m	0.13	E77/2261	2.7	1.99 km	0.54	Activity	Quantity	Proposed area of 1	Total area (ha)	Access	1x	3.5571	3.5571	Pads	44x	0.022	0.968	Sumps	40x	0.002342	0.09368
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	<p>Part 2 - Electromagnetic surveys completed in 2021 require further on ground investigation. This drill work will occur on E77/2261. Amount of clearing proposed (access, drill pads and sumps) is 0.215 ha as outlined in the following table.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th> <th>Quantity</th> <th>Proposed area of 1</th> <th>Total area (ha)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Access</td> <td>1x</td> <td>0.1246</td> <td>0.1246</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pad</td> <td>4x</td> <td>0.022</td> <td>0.088</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sump</td> <td>1x</td> <td>0.002342</td> <td>0.002342</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total area of clearing proposed for the Part 1 and Part 2 exploration program is 4.83 ha.</p> <p>Total combined clearing is 6.98 ha.</p> <p>Clearing for access tracks and pads will use raised blade or mulching clearing methods. Mulching methods trialled during the 2021 exploration activities were a success. The Exploration Team has been in contact with DBCA team members to ensure their approval of this method for future activities. Final land use will return to unallocated crown land.</p>	Activity	Quantity	Proposed area of 1	Total area (ha)	Access	1x	0.1246	0.1246	Pad	4x	0.022	0.088	Sump	1x	0.002342	0.002342
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Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.	<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>E77/2440, E77/2261, E77/1581, E77/1734, E77/2235, E77/2228; Crown Reserve R24049</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>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>If yes, provide details:</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. These routes looked at reducing the impact to priority flora. The route chosen provides the least impact to those flora.</p>																
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.	<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>																
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Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment																	
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)																	
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