

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: EPBC Act proposal details			
To be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement, the proposed clearing action must have been referred to the Commonwealth and determined to	EPBC Act number	2020/8685	
	Short name of the project	25 ha Composting Facility – Wannamal Rd, Cullalla	
be a 'controlled action' under the	Provide a short description that uniquely identifies the proposed action and its location.		
Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) prior to submitting this Form Annex C7 as an attachment to a clearing permit application form (Form C1, Form C2 of Form C4).	Construct and operate a composting facility at Lot 7779 on Deposited Plan 209806, Cullalla in the Shire of Gingin. The property is around 1,660 ha of which 25 will be used as composting facility. The development will require clearing 25 ha of regenerated native vegetation. It is emphasised however that the proposed clearing consists of the area where the vegetation is in the poorest condition, thereby avoiding and minimizing impacts on the environment.		

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 clearing action under the assessment bilateral agreement can occur if the identified information (see right) is provided and attached to this Annex and the clearing permit application form.	$\boxtimes$	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.		
			World he	ritage property
			Specify:	
			National I	neritage property
			Specify:	
			Wetlands	of national importance (Ramsar wetlands)
Please tick the boxes to indicate the information has been attached.			Specify:	
			-	Isted threatened species and ecological communities suitable habitat
			Specify:	Banksia Woodland, Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Badgingarra Box, Chuddich Cinnamon Sun Orchid, Narrow curve-leafed Grevillea (See attached DAWE letter.
			Listed migratory species including suitable habitat	

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			Specify:
		Commonwealth marine	
		Specify:	
	$\boxtimes$		ely relevant impacts of the action on matters of NES prescribed through BC 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.
		Feasibl	le 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.
		Detaile • •	d 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.
	$\boxtimes$	Source	s 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.		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.
Applications for amendments under s.51M may be advertised for public consultation, as determined on a case-by-case basis.	$\boxtimes$	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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Part 4: Further information			
Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Incomplete applications will be returned.			
If there is insufficient space on any part of this form, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form			