



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

Application for a clearing permit (area permit)

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51E

FORM C1

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.

For further information on the stages of assessment for clearing permit applications, refer to the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#) on DWER's website.

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.

A referral to the federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) was made by the City of Cockburn in May 2020 (EPBC referral 2020/8642). On 15 June 2020, DAWE determined the proposal to be not a controlled action.

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.

Lot 508 on Deposited Plan 414835.

Volume LR 3171, Folio 686.

Reserve 46787.

FILE REFERENCE

Street address

N/A

Local government area

City of Cockburn

Land zoning, e.g. rural, residential, industrial

Parks and recreation.

Part 3: Applicant details							
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<p>If granted, the permit will be granted in the name(s) of (all) landowner(s).</p> <p>Include the Australian Company Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate or other entity formed at law.</p>	<p>Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p> <p>An individual Title Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>Name/s _____</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN) City of Cockburn (LGA)</p>						
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 electronically 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") electronically 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>Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.</p> <p>Contact person and position (if applicable) _____</p> <p>Company name (if applicable) _____</p> <p>Postal / business address _____</p> <p>Phone (fixed line) _____ Phone (mobile) _____</p> <p>Email address _____</p> <p><i>I consent to all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER / DMIRS (as applicable) regarding the subject of this application being exclusively via email, using the email address I have provided above.</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 15%;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 15%;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <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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Relationship to landowner							
<p>To apply for an area permit you must either be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the landowner; • acting on the landowner's behalf; <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • likely to become the landowner. 	<p>"I am..." (mark the applicable box)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the owner of the land.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> acting on behalf of the owner, and have attached a signed letter of agent's authority, expressly authorising me to act on behalf of the landowner. <i>[Attach a copy of the authorisation. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state that the applicant has authority to clear on the land and must be signed by a person with authority to give land access permission.]</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> likely to become the owner of the land. (If granted, the clearing permit will only be issued once the applicant becomes the land owner). <i>[Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, contract of sale ('offer and acceptance'), or signed letter from current landowner.]</i></p>						

Part 3: Applicant details	
Ownership of land	
<p>A landowner can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a person who holds the certificate of title; • a person who is the lessee of Crown land; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a public authority that is responsible for care of the land. 	<p>Form of ownership:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of title. <i>[Attach a copy of the certificate and all associated encumbrances with the application – available from Landgate]</i></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral lease. <i>[Attach a copy of the lease and all associated encumbrances]</i></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Mining lease.</p>
	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public authority that has care, control, or management of the land.</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other form of lease, land tenure, or specific arrangement. Please state:</p>
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>	<p>Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:</p>
	<p>Contact person (and position, if applicable) [REDACTED]</p>
	<p>Company name (if applicable) [REDACTED]</p>
	<p>Postal / business address [REDACTED]</p>
	<p>Phone (fixed line) [REDACTED] Phone (mobile) [REDACTED]</p>
	<p>Email address [REDACTED]</p>

Part 4: Proposed clearing	
<p>An aerial photograph 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry type: Polygon shape • Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude) • Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994). <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) 0.89</p>
	<p>and/or</p>
	<p>number of individual trees to be removed</p>
	<p>Proposed method of clearing Mechanical</p>
	<p>Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2020 to June 2020 (taking note of the published assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable)</p> <p>From August 2020 to August 2022</p>
	<p>Purpose of clearing To construct an Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor Centre</p>
	<p>Final land use [e.g. "the area will be revegetated to reflect pre-clearing conditions after extraction is complete", or "the area will be a public road"]: A public Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor Centre, to inform visitors of the rich Nyungar history from the local area.</p>

Part 4: Proposed clearing	
<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>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>As part of the development process, a number of alternative locations were considered, including Manning Park, the Wetlands Education Precinct and coastal locations such as the old Fremantle Power Station and Port Coogee. In addition, as part of the feasibility study, a number of stakeholder groups were consulted, including the City of Cockburn Aboriginal Reference Group, Bibra Lakes Management Group, Native Arc and the Wetlands Education Centre.</p> <p>Through this process, the current location of the site was determined by the Indigenous stakeholders to be the most culturally appropriate, whilst also having minimal impact to the flora and fauna values of the land. As part of the consultation with the Indigenous community, the concept design of the centre was discussed, including consideration around Indigenous tourism products and Indigenous engagement.</p> <p>Avoidance measures taken include modifying the design of the carpark to fit within the existing cleared areas of the application area, in addition to rotating the building design to ensure that the majority of the building footprint was located within lower quality vegetation and to minimise removal of habitat trees.</p> <p>Other mitigation measures that will be incorporated as part of the proposed clearing include the salvage and transplanting of vegetation from the application area (i.e. as part of the proposed clearing) for use in the Centre after construction as well as to areas within the Roe 8 corridor, and establishing landscaped gardens using native species.</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>

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
<p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS, complete Section A and then skip to Part 6 of this form. If your application is to be submitted to DWER, complete both Sections A and B. 	
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment	
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)	
<p>Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the EPA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details []</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA? Section 37B(1) of the EP Act defines a 'significant proposal' as "a proposal likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment". If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers that the proposal in this application is likely to constitute a 'significant proposal', they are required under section 38(5) of the EP Act to refer the proposal to the EPA for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made. If a relevant Ministerial Statement already exists, please provide the MS number in the space provided.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement): MS []</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS []</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a 'significant proposal'</p>
Section B: Other approvals	