



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

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.

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.

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 No: 473 on Plan 219656
Owner: Commonwealth of Australia
Crown Reserve: 47490
Zoning: Fuel Supply
Total Reserve Area: 2.51 hectares

FILE REFERENCE

Street address

Christmas Island Settlement

Local government area

Christmas Island

Part 3: Applicant details				
Applicant details				
<p>If granted, the applicant will be considered the holder of the permit.</p> <p>Include the 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 an incorporated body? Enter details for one only.			
	An individual	Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>	
		Name(s)		
	OR			
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)	Indian Ocean Oil Company		
	"I am..." (mark applicable box or boxes)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	the owner of the land.		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	acting on behalf of the owner and have attached an agent's authority, expressly authorising me to act on behalf of the landowner. <i>[Attach a copy of the authorisation (see "Authority to access land", below)]</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	likely to become the owner of the land. <i>[Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, contract of sale ('offer and acceptance') or letter from current landowner.]</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the person doing the clearing.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	the person on whose behalf the clearing is being done.			
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>	Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.			
	Contact person (and position, if applicable)	[REDACTED]		
	Company name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]		
	Postal / business address	[REDACTED]		
	Phone (fixed line)	[REDACTED]	Phone (mobile)	[REDACTED]
	Email address	[REDACTED]		
	<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>		Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part 3: Applicant details (continued)													
Authority to access land													
<p>To apply for a permit you must be the landowner, or have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.</p> <p>Evidence of authority can include, for example, a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority signed by the landowner or other person with authority to give land access permission.</p>	<p>State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. <i>[Attach evidence of authority. 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>The land is owned by the Commonwealth Government. IOOC have a contract with the Commonwealth Government to receive, store, supply and generally manage fuel supplies on Christmas Island. This comprises Smith Point facilities, Rocky Point facilities, Settlement service station, Murray Road facilities and associated pipelines which connect these facilities. IOOC are responsible for care, control and maintenance of these facilities in accordance with their contractual requirements.</p> <p>Please find attached letter from the Commonwealth Government providing authority for IOOC to access the land and undertake the clearing.</p>												
Landowner's 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; <li style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i> • a public authority that is responsible for care of the land. 	<p>The landowner's form of ownership is:</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.</p> <p>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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Contact person (and position, if applicable)</td> <td style="background-color: black; width: 60%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company name (if applicable)</td> <td style="background-color: black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postal / business address</td> <td style="background-color: black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone (fixed line)</td> <td style="background-color: black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone (mobile)</td> <td style="background-color: black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email address</td> <td style="background-color: black;"></td> </tr> </table>	Contact person (and position, if applicable)		Company name (if applicable)		Postal / business address		Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)		Email address	
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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> <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)</p> <p>Ten trees-estimated 0.1 hectare canopy cover, plus future trees identified as dangerous and essential to be removed to ensure the protection of the fuel pipeline from damage due to falling trees</p>
	<p>and/or</p> <p>number of individual trees to be removed</p>
	<p>Proposed method of clearing:</p> <p>The clearing will comprise;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access track maintenance (weeds and regrowth) that has been traditionally undertaken by mechanical means using a bulldozer or loader. • Removing weeds and regrowth around the pipeline that has been traditionally undertaken by manual brush cutting • Removal of dangerous trees at risk of falling on the pipeline.
	<p>Purpose of clearing:</p> <p>Maintenance of fuel pipeline.</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 <input type="text" value="May 2020"/> to <input type="text" value="May 2025"/></p>
	<p>Final land use:</p> <p>"Public purposes" under Local Planning Strategy 2</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>The proposed tree removal activities are essential to protect the environment and there are no alternatives. The pipeline traverses steep country and is close to sensitive receptors including the closed evergreen forests, adjacent to the marine environment and in close proximity to the Daniel Roux Freshwater Caves. Minimising the risk of pipeline rupture is a key management focus of IOOC and actions developed as part of the company's Environmental Management Plan.</p> <p>The pipeline corridor is 20 metres wide and approximately 1.25 km long. The Commonwealth Right of Way allows for the provision of water and fuel services. The corridor contains two fuel pipelines-diesel and fuel oil lines. The fuel lines have five non-return valves to limit the loss of product in the case of a rupture. In a worse case scenario a rupture could lead to the loss of over 17,000 litres of Fuel Oil and 7500 litres of diesel. Given the terrain a pollution response would be very difficult and unlikely to be effective. A key strategy is therefore to minimise the chances of an incident that leads to fuel loss on the line.</p> <p>Whilst the upper sections of the services corridor have been essentially cleared of trees, the lower sections (which are rocky and steep) have limited clearing and the pipeline essentially lies under the tree canopy. Subsequently there is an ongoing need for vigilance to ensure trees that die or become unstable are removed before they can fall and potentially damage the pipeline.</p> <p>Falling trees have been identified as a significant environmental risk for the pipeline. If a tree falls on the fuel pipeline it has the potential to rupture the line. A tree did fall over the pipeline but whilst the pipe was damaged, fortunately it did not rupture the pipe. The pipeline runs from just above sea level at Smith Point to Murray Road</p>

Part 4: Proposed clearing	
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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i> .

Part 5: Other DWER approvals

Instructions:

- 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)

Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority? 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a 'significant proposal'

Section B: Other approvals

Pre-application scoping

Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned applications?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: [emails and phone discussions with Meenu Vitarana and Tim Francis]

Works Approval / Licence / Registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)

Have you applied or do you intend to apply for a works approval, licence, registration, or an amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act? It is an offence to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> , unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration. For further guidance, refer to the Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences and Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid works approval applies: []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a valid licence applies: []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies: [R2391/2014/1]
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – not required

Water Licences and Permits (*Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*)

Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes –application reference (if known): []
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Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
<p>1. a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or</p> <p>2. a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or</p> <p>3. a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?</p> <p>For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>, refer to the Procedure: Water licences and permits.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid licence applies: []</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

Part 6: Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)	
<p>Biodiversity surveys submitted to support this application must meet the requirements of the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA). If these requirements are not met, DWER / DMIRS will decline to deal with the application.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> All biodiversity surveys submitted with this application meet the requirements of the EPA's <i>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)</i>.</p>

Part 7: Prescribed fee	
<p>Make cheques or money orders payable to:</p> <p>Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for all clearing purposes other than mining and petroleum activities or</p> <p>Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety for mineral and petroleum clearing activities under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>, various Petroleum Acts, or State Agreement Acts.</p> <p>For credit card payments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWER, pay via BPoint, accessible online at: https://dwer.wa.gov.au/mak-e-a-payment DMIRS, complete <i>Form C3</i> and attach it to this form. <p>Do not send cash in the mail.</p>	<p>The prescribed fee is to be paid at the time of submitting the application form. Please calculate the prescribed fee using the online clearing permit fee calculator (link provided below) when completing this part: Clearing permit fee calculator tool: For further guidance, refer to DWER's online clearing fees frequently asked questions.</p> <p>Calculated fee: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Payment method (tick applicable box):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cheque / Money Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (DWER) Secure EFT payment See https://dwer.wa.gov.au/make-a-payment for payment details. State the name of the intended permit holder clearly in the EFT payment subject.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (DWER) Secure credit card payment through BPoint</p> <p>Receipt number: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Date of payment: <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (DMIRS) Credit card – complete and attach <i>Form C3</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;">OFFICE USE ONLY</div>

Part 8: Application checklist	
<p>Additional information to assist in the assessment of your proposal may be attached to this application – e.g. reports on salinity, fauna or flora studies or other environmental reports conducted for the site could be included in electronic format and submitted on suitable portable digital storage device.</p>	<p>Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:</p>
	<p>REQUIRED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment of the prescribed fee.</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow clearly identifying the areas of vegetation proposed to be cleared or ESRI shapefile.</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the certificate of title or pastoral lease.</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> An index of all documentation attached to this application.</p>
	<p>AS REQUIRED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of written authority to act on behalf of the landowner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Written authority from the landowner to access the land and conduct the clearing.</p>

Part 8: Application checklist		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of the pending transfer of land ownership, such as the offer and acceptance letter, or written notice from the current landowner.
		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form C3 – Credit card payment for DMIRS clearing applications</i> , if the fee is to be paid to DMIRS by credit card.
		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form Annex C7 – Assessment bilateral agreement</i> , if the clearing is also to be assessed under an EPBC Act accredited process.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure</i> guideline if the application includes a proposal for clearing permit offsets.
	ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of application area.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity surveys, submitted in accordance with the requirements of the EPA's <i>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)</i> .

Part 9: Commercially sensitive or confidential information		
<p>Information submitted as part of this application will be made publicly available. If you wish to submit commercially sensitive or confidential information, please identify the information in Attachment 1, and include a written statement of reasons why you request each item of information be kept confidential.</p> <p>Information submitted later in the application process may also be made publicly available at the discretion of the relevant Department. For any commercially sensitive or confidential information, please follow the same process as described above.</p> <p>DWER and DMIRS will take reasonable steps to protect confidential or commercially sensitive information. Please note in particular that all submitted information may be the subject of an application for release under the <i>Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)</i>.</p>		
All information which you would propose to be exempt from public disclosure has been separately placed in a redacted version of the application form and its supporting documentation. Note that this is in addition to the unredacted version(s) provided to DWER / DMIRS (as applicable) for its assessment. Grounds for claiming exemption in accordance with Schedule 1 to the <i>Freedom of Information Act 1992</i> must be specified in Attachment 1 (located at the end of this form).	Attached	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part 10: Submission of application	
<p>Check one of the boxes below to nominate how you will submit your application.</p> <p>Files larger than 50MB cannot be received via email by DWER. Files larger than 45MB cannot be received via email by DMIRS. Larger files can be sent via File Transfer. Alternatively, email DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) to make other arrangements.</p> <p>If you have any enquiries regarding the provision of relevant information as part of this application, contact either DWER or DMIRS (as applicable), on the details below.</p>	
A signed, electronic copy of the application form, including all attachments, has been submitted via the applicable email address specified below; OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A signed, electronic copy of the application form has been submitted via the applicable email address specified below, and attachments have been submitted via File Transfer, or electronically by other means as arranged with the relevant Department; OR	<input type="checkbox"/>
A full, signed hard copy has been sent to the applicable postal address specified below.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email or post applications for all clearing purposes (other than mining and petroleum activities) to: Email: info@dwer.wa.gov.au	Email or post applications related to mining and petroleum clearing activities (under delegation) to: Email: nvab@dmirs.wa.gov.au

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Locked Bag 10 Joondalup DC WA 6919 Telephone: 6364 7000 For more information: www.dwer.wa.gov.au	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Resource and Environmental Compliance Division Locked Bag 100 EAST PERTH WA 6892 Telephone: 9222 3333 For more information: www.dmirs.wa.gov.au
Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Incomplete applications will be declined in accordance with section 51E(3) of the EP Act.	
If there is insufficient space on any part of this form, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form	

Part 11: Declaration and signature

General

I/We confirm and acknowledge that:

- the information contained in this application is true and correct and I/we acknowledge that knowingly providing information which is false or misleading in a material particular constitutes an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)* and may incur a penalty of up to \$50,000;
- I/We have legal authority to sign on behalf of the applicant (where authorisation provided);
- I/We have not altered the requirements and instructions set out in this application form;
- I/We have provided a valid email address in Part 3 for receipt of correspondence electronically via email from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) in relation to this application;
- I/We acknowledge that successful delivery to my/our server constitutes receipt of correspondence sent electronically via email from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) in relation to this application; and
- I/We have provided a valid postal and/or business address in Part 3 for the service of all Part V documents.

Publication

I/We confirm and acknowledge:

- this application (including all attachments, apart from the sections identified in Attachment 1) is a public document and may be published;
- biodiversity surveys provided in accordance with Part 6 will be published and used, for the purposes of the IBSA project, in accordance with your declaration made in the *Metadata and Licensing Statement*;
- all necessary consents for the publication of information have been obtained from third parties;
- information considered exempt from public disclosure has been noted by redaction of a separately provided copy of the completed application form and its supporting documentation (in accordance with Part 9), with reasons as to why the information should be exempt in accordance with the grounds specified in Schedule 1 to the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* being provided in Attachment 1;
- subsequent information provided in relation to this application will be a public document and may be published unless written notice has been given to DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) by the applicant, at the time the information is provided, claiming that the information is considered exempt from public disclosure; and
- the decision to not publish information will be at the discretion of the CEO of DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) and will be made consistently with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)*.

Please indicate if you are signing as an individual or a company:

An individual. If an individual landowner is applying, **all landowners** must sign this form.

A company. **Company name:** **Indian Ocean Oil Company** **ACN:** **077 514 642**
 A person expressly authorised or authorised to execute on behalf of a body corporate must sign this form. A company must be a legal entity and provide an ACN. Please note an Australian Business Number is not sufficient.

Other entity formed at law. Provide details:

_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Name	
_____ Position	
_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Name	

Position

ATTACHMENT 1 – Confidential or commercially sensitive information

Request for exemption from publication			
Information which you consider should not be published, on the grounds of a relevant exemption found in Schedule 1 to the <i>Freedom of Information Act 1992</i> (WA), must be specified in this Attachment. Add additional rows as required.			
NOT FOR PUBLICATION IF GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION ARE DETERMINED TO BE ACCEPTABLE			
Section of this form:		Grounds for claiming exemption:	
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Full Name			

Signature		_____	
		Date	