



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?

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Yes EPBC Number:

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No Proceed to Part 2

List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.

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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.

Land located within the Avon Valley National Park. No CT is available from Landgate as it is a Class A Reserve.

The Reserve Number is R30192

3 locations along Arc Infrastructure Line 1 rail line (East Perth to Kalgoorlie) – please see attached map.

FILE REFERENCE

Street address

Local government area

City of Swan and Shire of Toodyay

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:		
		Name(s)		
	OR			
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)	Arc Infrastructure Pty Ltd ACN 094 721 301 ABN 42 094 721 301		
	“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)			
	Company name (if applicable)			
	Postal / business address			
	Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)	
	Email address			
	<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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <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.</p> <p><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>Regulation 4 – Lawful Authority from DBCA Letter</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; or • a public authority that is responsible for care of the land. 	<p>The landowner's form of ownership is:</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>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pastoral lease <i>[Attach a copy of the lease and all associated encumbrances].</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining lease.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public authority that has care, control or management of the land.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.		
	Please state:	Landgate Report - Land located within the Avon Valley National Park. No CT is available from Landgate as it is a Class A Reserve	
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>	Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:		
	Contact person (and position, if applicable)		
	Company name (if applicable)		
	Postal / business address		
	Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)
Email address			

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>	Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.0014ha (approx. 1m ² per tree)	
	and/or		
	number of individual trees to be removed	14	
	Proposed method of clearing:		
	Trees will be felled using and EWP which will be located on the existing access track to minimise ground disturbance. Hand cutting with a chain saw of the canopy & trunk. All material will be mulched into the grounds where applicable and where approved by DBCA. DBCA representative will be requested to be onsite during the works for which this application is for.		
	Purpose of clearing:		
To allow sunlight to access solar panels that are being installed to replace life expired overhead power lines that power the Arc Infrastructure signalling for the train operations through the Avon Valley. The replacement is to improve the safety and efficacy of the infrastructure and to mitigate risk to the infrastructure and the environment.			
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)			
From <input type="text" value="October 2020"/> to <input type="text" value="December 2020"/>			
Final land use:			
<input type="text"/>			
<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		
If yes, provide details:			
<p>The location of the solar panels are critical to maximise the amount of sunlight that can be utilised due to the Avon Valley being shadowed by hills and trees. There are certain times during the day and depending on the Summer & Winter Solstice the sun's rays cannot reach many areas of the Valley. The locations chosen were based on optimum sun exposure, close proximity to the masts and panels they will power. Dense areas of trees were avoided and the minimal amount of critical only trees were chosen with consultation with Paul Udinga from DBCA. Trees close to the access tracks were also chosen so there is minimal disturbance. These 3 locations are 50% of the full project going ahead, so the other 3 locations were able to be located as such in order to avoid clearing and minimise disturbance to the adjacent vegetation.</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>	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> .			
<input type="text"/>			

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
Instructions: <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)	
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: []
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 type="checkbox"/> No – a valid registration applies: [] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not required
Water Licences and Permits (<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for: 1. a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or 2. a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or 3. a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse? 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 .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (if known): [] <input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid licence applies: [] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A