

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

## Application for an amendment to a clearing permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51M

## FORM C4

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 (including amendments to existing permits), refer to the <u>Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits</u> 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 environmenta significance identified under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act</i> 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.	permit will or is likely to impact on	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?							
	significance identified under the		Yes	EPBC number:					
	Biodiversity Conservation Act	$\boxtimes$	No	Proceed to Part	2				
	application must have been assessed in accordance with the	List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.							
	variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this								
	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 inform	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.		Form	Annex C7 is comp	plete 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	Permit number for existing clearing permit	CPS 9160-1						
than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.	Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)	Regional Power Corporation trading as Horizon Power						
FILE REFERENCE	Permit expiry date:	15/07/2026						
	Mark this box if there are less the existing permit.	s than 90 working days until the expiry of						

Part 3: Applicant													
pplicant details													
To apply for an amendment to a permit you must be the current	Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.												
holder of the existing permit. Include Australian Company	An	Title	Mr		Mrs		Ms		Other:				
Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate	individual	Name/s											
or other entity formed at law.	OR												
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)  Regional Power Corporation trading as Horizon Power (Government Trading Enterprise, no ACN)												
Applicant contact details													
If applying as a company or	Provide co	Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.											
incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.	Contact pe position, if	rson (and applicable)											
DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email.	Company r												
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.	Postal / bu	Postal / business address											
Where 'yes' is selected, all correspondence from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) will be	Phone (fixe	ed line):				Pho	ne (mo	bile):					
sent to you via email, to the email address provided in this section.  Where 'no' has been selected, Part V documents will be posted	Email addr	ess											
to you in hard copy to the postal/business address you have provided in this section. Other	I consent to all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable), regarding the												
general correspondence may still be sent to you via email.	premises which is the subject of this application, being exclusively via email, using the email address I have provided above.						$\boxtimes$						
Contact details for enquiries	Contact details for enquiries												
If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact	Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section:												
details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise	Contact person (and position, if applicable)												
with concerning this clearing application.	Company name (if applicable)												
	Postal / bus	siness											
	Phone (fixe	ed line)				Phone	e (mobi	le)			_		

Part 3: Applicant									
	Email address								
Part 4: Proposed amendments									
Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be	Indicate the types of proposed change(s) to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box(es):								
attached.	Extend the duration of the clearing permit.								
Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:	Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.								
<ul> <li>a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted,</li> </ul>	Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.								
<ul> <li>payment of the prescribed fee.</li> </ul>	Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared [for an area permit only]								
When providing details of the proposed change(s), if any additional clearing is proposed,	Make a correction to the clearing permit.								
<ul><li>include details of:</li><li>the proposed method of the</li></ul>	Other.								
clearing;	Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.								
<ul> <li>the purpose of the clearing;</li> <li>the period within which the clearing is proposed to be undertaken (taking note of the published minimum assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable);</li> </ul>	Change to approved area only, clearing volume remains unchanged.  The current approved area does not include access routes to be taken by vehicles and machinery in order to reach the areas of approved clearing. An amendment is required to include these access tracks within the approved clearing footprint. The footprint of the access tracks was considered in the original application and as such there is no increase in the amount of clearing required.								
and  • the final land use.	The access tracks were provided to DWER with the original application and are understood to have been considered in the assessment. Horizon Power provided two shapefiles to DWER instead of just one required. This resulted in the access tracks not being included as part of the approved clearing area.								
	Please note the access tracks will not be purposefully cleared but will be traversed by vehicles and machinery which may cause short term damage to vegetation.								
For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land	State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. Evidence of authority can include e.g. a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority signed by the landowner or other person with authority to give legal land access permission.  [Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]								
and undertake the clearing.	Horizon Power is undertaking these works through the exercise of powers conferred by sections 28 and 49 of the <i>Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979</i> (the Act) and as such do not require land owner permission. As required under the Act, Horizon Power will notify all affected land owners of the proposed work through a formal Notice of Entry.								
Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend	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.								
the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.									
You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?								
options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise	If yes, provide details:								

Part 4: Proposed amendments										
mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	Horizon Power will utilise existing access tracks and precleared areas where available. Vehicles and machinery will only drive over undisturbed land where no other option is available. Horizon Power will limit movements to only essential vehicles and/or machinery.									
	The work being undertaken is for geotechnical drilling/excavation and sampling, and as such vehicle/machinery movement will be only require access to each location on one or two occasions. It is expected that with the limited movements required along these access routes, disturbance to vegetation will be minor in nature and will recover in the short term.									
Refer to DWER's <u>Clearing of</u> <u>native vegetation offsets</u>	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application?									
procedure quideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's WA Environmental	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline.									
Offsets Policy and Guidelines on the EPA website for further information.										
Part 5: Other DWER approvals										
Instructions:										
<ul><li>If your application is to be subm</li><li>If your application is to be subm</li></ul>			n A and then skip to Part 6 of this ections A and B.	form.						
Section A: Environmental Impact	Assessment									
Environmental Impact Assessme	nt (Part IV of the EP A	ct)								
Has this clearing application or any related matter been referred to the Environmental Protection			Yes – provide details [ ]							
Authority?		$\boxtimes$	No							
Do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority?			Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')							
Section 37B(1) of the EP Act defines a 'significant propos "a proposal likely, if implemented, to have a significant eff the environment".			Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS [ ]							
If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWF that the proposal in this application is lik 'significant proposal', they are required the EP Act to refer the proposal to the E	tely to constitute a under section 38(5) of EPA for assessment		No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS [ ]							
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.			No – not a 'significant proposal'							
Section B: Other approvals										
Pre-application scoping										
Have you had any pre-application scoping meetings with DWER reg			No							
applications?		Ш	Yes – provide details: [ ]							
Works approval / Licence / Regis	•	n 3 of t	he EP Act)							
Have you applied or do you inten works approval, licence, registra amendment to any of the above,	tion, or an		Yes – application reference (if	known): [	]					
Division 3 of the EP Act?  It is an offense to perform any action the			No – a valid works approval a	pplies: [	]					
premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in			No – a valid licence applies: [	1						