



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		
<p>To be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement, the proposed clearing action must have been referred to the Commonwealth and determined to be a 'controlled action' under the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) prior to submitting this <i>Form Annex C7</i> as an attachment to a clearing permit application form (<i>Form C1, Form C2 of Form C4</i>).</p>	EPBC Act number	EPBC 2021/8902
	Short name of the project	VV Walsh Cold Stores Expansion
	Provide a short description that uniquely identifies the proposed action and its location.	Proposed action is to clear vegetation for the construction of a cold stores facility on Lot 5 Rawling Rd and Lot 1050 South West Highway, Davenport , WA.
	See attachment "2021-8902 - EPBC referral" for referral information as submitted to Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE).	See attachments "2021-8902-Referral-Att A signed" and "2021-8902-Referral-Att B1 signed" for controlled action decision advice.
	See attachment "12539969-REP-A_AnnexC7 Supporting Information" for a detailed response to the items below	

Part 2: Proposed clearing action and impact assessment details		
<p>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.</p> <p>Please tick the boxes to indicate the information has been attached.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Description of the proposed clearing action
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	World heritage property Specify: Not applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/>	National heritage property Specify: Not applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands of national importance (Ramsar wetlands) Specify: Not applicable
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities including suitable habitat Specify: The proposed action is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance relating to Western Ringtail Possum ( <i>Pseudocheirus occidentalis</i> ). The

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	<p>proposed action involves clearing up to 1.59 ha of primary corridor and/or supporting habitat for this species, with additional potential impacts to the local population occurring indirectly and by inhibiting the dispersal of Western Ringtail Possums</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Listed migratory species including suitable habitat</p> <p>Specify: Not applicable</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Commonwealth marine</p> <p>Specify: Not applicable</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The likely relevant impacts of the action on matters of NES prescribed through the EPBC Act controlled action decision, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of the relevant impacts, including environmental, social, and economic impacts;</li> <li>a detailed analysis of the nature and extent of the likely direct, indirect, short- or long-term impacts;</li> <li>a statement regarding whether any relevant impacts are likely to be unknown, unpredictable, or irreversible; and/or</li> <li>technical data and other information used to make the detailed assessment.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Feasible alternatives to the proposed action, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the alternative of taking no action;</li> <li>a comparative description of the impacts of each alternative;</li> <li>sufficient detail to make clear why any alternative is preferred to another; and</li> <li>why the preferred alternative measure was not chosen in the first instance.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Detailed description and cost details of possible mitigation measures such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>avoidance and mitigation measures proposed to be undertaken to prevent or minimise the relevant impacts of the actions on any matter of NES;</li> <li>a detailed outline of a plan for the continuing management, mitigation, and monitoring of relevant impacts of the action on any matters of NES;</li> <li>details of any significant residual impacts on matters of NES; and</li> <li>an analysis of how the offset package meets the requirement of the EPBC Act Offsets Policy.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sources of information and references</p>

Part 3: Consultation	
<p>Public consultation with direct interest stakeholders is a statutory requirement for new clearing permit applications under s.51E of the EP Act.</p> <p>Applications for amendments under s.51M may be advertised for public consultation, as determined on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.</p>

Part 4: Further information	
<p><b>For further information contact DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) at the details below.</b></p>	
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**Part 4: Further information**

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