



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.

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Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

<p>The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA) (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For further information see <i>Form Annex C7</i> and <i>A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the assessment bilateral agreement</i> available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.</p>	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes EPBC Number: _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Proceed to Part 2
	List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form Annex C7</i> 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.	
	Mining Leases: M51/892, L51/107, M51/445, M51/427, M51/823, M51/796, M51/459, M51/491/ L51/77, L51/35 and L51/104.	
FILE REFERENCE	Street address	Great Northern Highway
	Local government area	Shire of Meekatharra

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>	<p>Are you applying as an individual, a company or an incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p>			
	<p>An individual</p>	<p>Title</p>	<p>Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/></p>	
	<p>Name(s) <input type="text"/></p>			
	<p>OR</p>			
	<p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)</p>	<p>Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd ACN - 090 642 809</p>		
	<p>"I am..." (mark applicable box or boxes)</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 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></p>				
<p><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></p>				
<p><input type="checkbox"/> the person doing the clearing.</p>				
<p><input type="checkbox"/> the person on whose behalf the clearing is being done.</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>Jeffrey Yates – Environmental Superintendent</p>		
	<p>Company name (if applicable)</p>	<p>Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd</p>		
	<p>Postal / business address</p>	<p><u>Business</u> Level 6, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6005 <u>Postal</u> PO Box 7068 Cloister Square WA 6850</p>		
	<p>Phone (fixed line)</p>	<p>08 9980 2112</p>	<p>Phone (mobile)</p>	<p>0439 346 735</p>
	<p>Email address</p>	<p>Jeffrey.Yates@westgold.com.au</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>			<p>Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
			<p>No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	

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>Big Bell Gold Operations is the current leaseholder of all mining tenements upon which this clearing permit covers. Records of current lease holding are provided as Attachment 1.</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> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mining lease.</p> <p><input 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 colspan="2">Cheryl Low</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company name (if applicable)</td> <td colspan="2">Westgold Resources Ltd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postal / business address</td> <td colspan="2"> <u>Business</u> Level 6, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6005 <u>Postal</u> PO Box 7068 Cloister Square WA 6850 </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone (fixed line)</td> <td>08 9462 3400</td> <td>Phone (mobile)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email address</td> <td colspan="2">Cheryl.Low@westgold.com.au</td> </tr> </table>	Contact person (and position, if applicable)	Cheryl Low		Company name (if applicable)	Westgold Resources Ltd		Postal / business address	<u>Business</u> Level 6, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6005 <u>Postal</u> PO Box 7068 Cloister Square WA 6850		Phone (fixed line)	08 9462 3400	Phone (mobile)	Email address	Cheryl.Low@westgold.com.au	
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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) 450 hectares</p>
	<p><i>and/or</i></p> <p>number of individual trees to be removed</p>
	<p>Proposed method of clearing:</p> <p>Mechanical (Dozer or similar)</p>
	<p>Clearing boundaries will be demarcated in the field and subsequently cleared via earthmoving equipment which will stockpile all cleared materials at the clearing perimeter.</p>
	<p>Purpose of clearing:</p> <p>Mineral Production and Associated Activities</p> <p>Associated activities may include: mineral exploration, mining operations and construction of supporting infrastructure</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="01/01/2022"/> to <input type="text" value="01/01/2023"/></p>
	<p>Final land use:</p> <p>Mining activities, infrastructure and disturbance to be rehabilitated in accordance with mine closure plan commitments. It is proposed that the land be returned to pastoral use.</p>
<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>Only areas required for mining operations will be cleared. This practice is controlled through use of an internal clearing approval process. Where practical, areas of existing disturbance will be utilised to limit additional/new disturbance.</p> <p>Where possible, raised blade clearing will minimise disruption to surface soils.</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	
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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – application reference (TBA). <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 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes –application reference (TBA). <input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid licence applies: [] <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part 6: Surveys for Assessments (IBSA and IMSA)			
Do you wish to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – skip to Part 7		
<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 (as applicable) may decline to deal with the application.</p> <p>Please provide the IBSA number(s) (or submission number(s) if IBSA number has not yet been issued) in the space provided.</p> <p>Note that a submission number is not confirmation of acceptance of a biodiversity survey and is not the same as an IBSA number. IBSA numbers are only issued once a survey has been accepted. Once an IBSA number is issued, please notify DWER / DMIRS (as applicable).</p> <p>Please note the assessment timeframes for your application will be suspended until the IBSA number(s) is provided to DWER / DMIRS (as applicable).</p>	<p>All biodiversity surveys that support this application have been submitted to the <i>Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment</i> available at ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au</p>		Yes
	<p>Submission number(s) (e.g. <i>IBSASUB-20200101-12345A6D</i>)</p> <p>Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>IBSA number(s) (e.g. <i>IBSA-2020-0123</i>)</p> <p>Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IBSA-2021-0189</p>		
<p>Marine 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 Marine Surveys for Assessments (IMSA). If these requirements are not met, DWER will decline to deal with the application.</p>	<p>All marine surveys submitted with this application meet the requirements of the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments (IMSA).</p>		Yes
			N/A
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part 7: Prescribed fee		
<p>Fees are payable to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) for all clearing purposes other than mineral and petroleum activities <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) for mineral and petroleum clearing activities under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>, various Petroleum Acts, or State Agreement Acts. <p>DWER will only accept fees paid via either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWER's BPoint system, accessible online at: https://dwer.wa.gov.au/make-a-payment, secure EFT payment, or cheque / money order. <p>DMIRS will only accept fees paid via secure credit card payment, through the DMIRS online payment and application lodgement portal.</p> <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 style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="\$4000"/></p> <hr/> <p>Payment method (mark the applicable box):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (DWER) Secure credit card payment through BPoint See www.dwer.wa.gov.au/make-a-payment Note: Biller Code is '1222355 Clearing Regulation'</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receipt number: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Date of payment: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/></p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (DWER) Secure EFT payment See www.dwer.wa.gov.au/make-a-payment for payment details. <i>State the name of the intended permit holder clearly in the EFT payment subject.</i></p> <p>Date of payment: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/></p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (DWER) Cheque / Money Order <i>Please make cheques or money orders payable to the "Department of Water and Environmental Regulation".</i></p> <hr/> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (DMIRS) Secure credit card payment online through the DMIRS online payment and application lodgement portal. Please note: All applications will be paid online and submitted simultaneously. Please save this application form, along with any supporting document ready for the submission portal and use the link above to pay and submit your application. A receipt will be issued upon submission only. Please ensure this receipt is saved for your records.</p>	<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p>