

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 <u>Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits</u> on DWER's website.

CPS No.	
Date stamp	

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agre	ement	Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement						
The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, a EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?						
Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act	☐ Yes EPBC Number:							
	No Proceed to Part 2							
1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.	List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.							
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.	Form Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attack	hed.						
Part 2: Land details								
The location of the land where clearing is proposed must be	Land description: volume and folio number, lot or location number(s), Crown lease of reserve number, pastoral lease number or mining tenement number of all properties							
accurately described.	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											
If granted, the applicant will be considered the holder of the	Are you		olying as an	individu	ıal, a co	mpany	or an ir	corpora	ited boo	dy? Enter	details for
permit. Include the Australian Company	An		Title	Mr		Mrs		Ms		Other:	
Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate	indivi	dual	Name(s)								
or other entity formed at law.	OR										
	other	A body corporate or other entity formed at aw (include ACN)			ell Gold - 090 64	-	tions Pt	y Ltd			
	"I am.	"I am" (mark applicable box or boxes)									
		★ the owner of the land.									
	[Attach a copy of the authorisation (see "Authority to access land", below likely to become the owner of the land.					/]					
						('offer and					
	[Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, contract of sale ('offer and acceptance') or letter from current landowner.]						(oner and				
	the person doing the clearing.										
	the person on whose behalf the clearing is being done.										
Applicant contact details											
If applying as a company or	Provid	de cor	ntact details	for the a	above in	dividua	l or boo	dy corpo	rate.		
incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.			rson (and applicable)	_							
DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email.	Comp	_									
We request that you consent to	(ii app	Jiicabi									
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 / business address										
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.	Phone (fixed line) Phone (mobile)										
Where 'no' has been selected, Part V documents will be posted to you in hard copy to the postal/business address you have	Email	addre	ess								
provided in this section. Other general correspondence may still	applic	cant) a	all written o	DMIRS (as appl	icable),	regard	ing the		Yes	No
be sent to you via email.				tion, being exclusively via email, using							

Part 3: Applicant details (continued)						
Authority to access land						
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.	[Attac	State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. [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.]				
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.	this cl	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.				
Landowner's ownership of land						
A landowner can be:	The landowner's form of ownership is:					
a person who holds the certificate of title;		Certificate of title [Attach a copy of the certificate and all associated encumbrances with the application – available from Landgate].				
 a person who is the lessee of Crown land; or 		Pastoral lease [Attach a copy of the lease and all associated encumbrances].				
a public authority that is responsible for care of the land.	⊠ Mining lease.					
	Public authority that has care, control or management of the land.					
		Other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.				
		Please state:				
Contact details for enquiries						
If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise	Conta	e contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section: act person (and on, if applicable)				
with concerning this clearing application.		pany name policable)				
	Posta addre	I / business ss				
	Phone	e (fixed line) Phone (mobile)				
	Email	address				

Part 4: Proposed clearing									
An aerial photograph and/or map with a north arrow must be		a of clearing I (hectares)	450 hectar	es					
attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared	and/or								
or	number of to be rem	of individual trees noved							
if you have the facilities, a digital map on a suitable portable digital	Proposed method of clearing:								
storage device of the area to clear as an ESRI shapefile with the following properties:	Mechanical (Dozer or similar)								
 Geometry type: Polygon shape Coordinate system: GDA 	Clearing boundaries will be demarcated in the field and subsequently cleared via earthmoving equipment which will stockpile all cleared materials at the clearing perimeter.								
1994 (Geographic	Purpose of clearing:								
latitude/longitude) Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of	Mineral P	Production and Asso	ciated Activi	ties					
Àustralia 1994). An ESRI shapefile must be	Associated activities may include: mineral exploration, mining operations and construction of supporting infrastructure						nd		
provided if the application requires an assessment under an	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)								
EPBC Act accredited process.	From	01/01/2022		to	01/01/2023	3			
	Final land use:								
	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.								
You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation		ernatives that would ng been considered			he need	\boxtimes	Yes		No
options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale	If yes, pro	ovide details:							
of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	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. Where possible, raised blade clearing will minimise disruption to surface soils.								
Refer to DWER's <u>Clearing of</u> native vegetation offsets	_	ant to submit a clear application?	aring permit o	offset p	roposal		Yes	\boxtimes	No
procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the Environmental Protection		ovide details, and co on offsets procedure		attach .	Appendix A	of the C	Clearing	of nati	ve
Authority's (EPA) <u>WA</u> <u>Environmental Offsets Policy</u> <u>and Guidelines</u> on the EPA website for further information.									

Part 5: Other DWER approvals					
Instructions:					
 If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS, complete If your application is to be submitted to DWER, complete 					
Section A: Environmental Impact Assessment	Both decitors A and B.				
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP A	ct)				
Has this clearing application or any related matter	Yes – provide details []				
been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority?					
·	⊠ 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 proposal' as "a proposal likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment".	Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement)				
If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER or DMIRS) considers that the proposal in this application is likely to constitute a	MS[]				
'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.	□ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS []				
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 / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned	⊠ No				
applications?	☐ Yes – provide details: []				
Works Approval / Licence / Registration (Part V Divisio	n 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	☐ No – a valid works approval applies: []				
premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulations</i> 1987, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval,	☐ No – a valid licence applies: []				
licence, or registration. For further guidance, refer to the <i>Procedure: Prescribed</i>	☐ No – a valid registration applies: []				
premises works approvals and licences and Guideline: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing.	☐ No – not required				
Water Licences and Permits (Rights in Water and Irriga	ation Act 1914)				
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for:					
a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or	Tes -application reference (TBA).				
a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or	☐ No – a current valid licence applies: []				
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 Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914, refer to the Procedure: Water licences and permits.	□ N/A				

Part 6: Surveys for Assessments (IBSA and IMSA)					
Do you wish to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your application?					
,	☐ No – skip to	Part 7			
Biodiversity surveys submitted to support this application must meet the requirements of the EPA's <u>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA)</u> . If these	All biodiversity surveys that support this application have been submitted to the <i>Index</i> of <i>Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment</i> available at ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au				
requirements are not met, DWER / DMIRS (as applicable) may decline to deal with the application. Please provide the IBSA number(s) (or submission number(s) if IBSA number has not yet been issued) in the	Submission number(s)	or.wa.gov.aa			
space provided. 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).	(e.g. IBSASUB- 20200101- 12345A6D) Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.				
Please note the assessment timeframes for your application will be suspended until the IBSA number(s) is	IBSA number(s)				
provided to DWER / DMIRS (as applicable).	(e.g. IBSA-2020- 0123) Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.	IBSA-2021-0189			
Marine surveys submitted to support this application must	All marine surveys submitted with this Yes				
meet the requirements of the EPA's <u>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments (IMSA)</u> . If these requirements are not met, DWER will decline to deal with the application.	application meet the EPA's <i>Instructions f</i>	e requirements of the or the preparation of data dex of Marine Surveys for		\boxtimes	

Part 7: Prescribed fee

Fees are payable to the:

 Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) for all clearing purposes other than mineral and petroleum activities

OR

 Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) for mineral and petroleum clearing activities under the Mining Act 1978, various Petroleum Acts, or State Agreement Acts.

DWER will only accept fees paid via either:

- DWER's BPoint system, accessible online at: https://dwer.wa.gov.au/mak
 e-a-payment,
- · secure EFT payment, or
- cheque / money order.

DMIRS will only accept fees paid via secure credit card payment, through the <u>DMIRS</u> online payment and application lodgement portal.

Do not send cash in the mail.

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: <u>clearing permit fee calculator tool</u>.

For fu	urther guidance, refer t	o DWER's online clearing fees from	equently asked questions
Calcu	ulated fee:	\$4000	OFFICE USE ONLY
Paym	nent method (mark the	applicable box):	
	See <u>www.dwer.wa.g</u>	dit card payment through BPoint ov.au/make-a-payment 1222355 Clearing Regulation'	
	Date of payment:		
	payment details.	ov.au/make-a-payment for e intended permit holder clearly	
	Date of payment:		
		oney Order es or money orders payable to Water and Environmental	
	the DMIRS online paralogement portal. Please note: All approximated simultaneous application form, aloudocument ready for the link above to pay A receipt will be issue	dit card payment online through ayment and application blications will be paid online and pusly. Please save this ng with any supporting the submission portal and use and submit your application. ed upon submission only. esceipt is saved for your records.	

Part 8: Application checklist							
Additional information to assist	Please ensure you	u have i	ncluded the following as part of your a	application:			
in the assessment of your proposal may be attached to	REQUIRED	Х	Payment of the prescribed fee.				
this application – e.g. reports on salinity, fauna or flora studies or other environmental reports conducted for the site could be		Х	An aerial photograph or map with a identifying the areas of vegetation p ESRI shapefile.				
included in electronic format and submitted on suitable		Х	Copy of the certificate of title or past	oral lease.			
portable digital storage device.		Х	An index of all documentation attach	ned to this appl	lication.		
	AS REQUIRED		Copy of written authority to act on be	ehalf of the lan	downer.		
			Written authority from the landowne conduct the clearing.	r to access the	land and		
			Evidence of the pending transfer of the offer and acceptance letter, or w current landowner.				
			Form Annex C7 – Assessment bilate clearing is also to be assessed unde accredited process.				
	ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING		Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native</i> procedure guideline if the application clearing permit offsets.				
		\boxtimes	IBSA number has been provided in	I in Part 6.			
		\boxtimes	Photos of application area.				
	INFORMATION		Marine surveys, submitted in accord requirements of the EPA's <i>Instructio data packages for the Index of Marin Assessments (IMSA).</i>	ns for the prep			
Part 9: Commercially sensitive or							
	dentify the information	on in At	ublicly available. If you wish to submit tachment 1, and include a written stat				
			be made publicly available at the disc				
Department. For any commercially sensitive or confidential information, please follow the same process as described above. 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</i> 1992 (WA).							
All information which you would pro				Attached	N/A		
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).							

Part 10: Submission of application Check one of the boxes below to nominate how you will submit your application. 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. 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. A signed, electronic copy of the application form, including all attachments, has been submitted via the applicable email address specified below; X OR 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 П the relevant Department; OR A full, signed hard copy has been sent to the applicable postal address specified below. П Email or post applications for all clearing purposes (other Email or post applications related to mining and petroleum than mining and petroleum activities) to: clearing activities (under delegation) to: Email: info@dwer.wa.gov.au Email: nvab@dmirs.wa.gov.au **Department of Water and Environmental Regulation** Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Locked Bag 10 Resource and Environmental Compliance Division Joondalup DC WA 6919 Locked Bag 100 EAST PERTH WA 6892 Telephone: 6364 7000 Telephone: 9222 3333 For more information: www.dwer.wa.gov.au 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;
- marine surveys provided in accordance with Part 6 will be published and used, for the purposes of the IMSA 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).

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Please ii	ndicate if you are signing as an individ	ual or a company:			
	An individual. If an individual landowne	r is applying, all la r	ndowners must sig	n this forn	n.
	A company. Company name:	Big Bell Gold Op	erations Pty Ltd	ACN:	090 642 809
\boxtimes	A person expressly authorised or author company must be a legal entity and prov				
	Other entity formed at law.	Provide details:			
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ATTACHMENT 1 – Confidential or commercially sensitive information

Request for exem	ption from publication	
		ished, on the grounds of a relevant exemption found in Schedule 1 ilable here, must be specified in this Attachment. Add additional
NOT FOR PUBLIC	ATION IF GROUNDS FOR EX	EMPTION ARE DETERMINED TO BE ACCEPTABLE
Section of this form:	Grounds for claiming exemption:	
Section of this form:	Grounds for claiming exemption:	
Section of this form:	Grounds for claiming exemption:	
Full Name		
Signature	Date	