



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?

☐ Yes EPBC Number:

☒ No Proceed to Part 2

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

☐ *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.

Proposed trail spans 2 lots within Sandpatch Reserve, and an unmade road reserve. All lands are managed by City of Albany.

Reserve 13773, Lot 501 on plan 60582 (Sandpatch 6330)

Reserve 4732, Lot 7793 on plan 240420 (Elleker 6330)

Road Reserve

FILE REFERENCE

Street address

N/A

Local government area

City of Albany

Part 3: Applicant details				
Applicant details				
If granted, the applicant will be considered the holder of the permit. Include the Australian Company Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate or other entity formed at law.	Are you applying as an individual, a company or an incorporated body? Enter details for one only.			
	An individual	Title ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other: Name(s)		
	OR			
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)	Dept. of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions		
	"I am..." (mark applicable box or boxes)			
	☐	the owner of the land.		
	☒	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>		
☐	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>			
☐	the person doing the clearing.			
☐	the person on whose behalf the clearing is being done.			
Applicant contact details				
If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address. DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email. 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. 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. 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.	Provide contact details for the above individual or body corporate.			
	Contact person (and position, if applicable)			
	Company name (if applicable)	Dept. of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions		
	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 ☒	No ☐	

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. 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.		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> DBCA is the proponent of this project, with City of Albany supporting the project and providing the letter of authority attached.																					
Landowner's ownership of land																							
A landowner can be: • 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.		The landowner's form of ownership is: ☐ Certificate of title <i>[Attach a copy of the certificate and all associated encumbrances with the application – available from Landgate].</i> ☐ Pastoral lease <i>[Attach a copy of the lease and all associated encumbrances].</i> ☐ 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 with concerning this clearing application.		Where contact details differ to those of the applicant, complete the below section: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Contact person (and position, if applicable)</td> <td colspan="3"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company name (if applicable)</td> <td colspan="3"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postal / business address</td> <td colspan="3"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone (fixed line)</td> <td> </td> <td>Phone (mobile)</td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email address</td> <td colspan="3"> </td> </tr> </table>		Contact person (and position, if applicable)				Company name (if applicable)				Postal / business address				Phone (fixed line)		Phone (mobile)		Email address			
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Part 4: Proposed clearing			
An aerial photograph and/or map with a north arrow must be attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared or 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: • Geometry type: Polygon shape • Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude) • Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994). An ESRI shapefile must be provided if the application requires an assessment under an EPBC Act accredited process.	Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.81 ha (4.07km x 2.0m width)	
	and/or		
	number of individual trees to be removed	Very few (if any) large trees to be removed. Trail alignment will generally work around significant trees.	
	Proposed method of clearing:		
	Combination of hand clearing (chainsaw) and small machinery (small excavator, bobcat, slasher)		
	Purpose of clearing:		
Creation of a new section of trail for the Munda Biddi Trail, a long distance off-road cycling trail. The sections requiring clearing are part of a significant realignment proposal that mainly uses existing roads and tracks.			
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 Dec 2021 to April 2022			
Final land use:			
The new trail will be permanent. Final trail width will be approx. 1.0 to 1.2m, requiring a clearing width of up to 2.0m.			
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.	Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?		☒ Yes ☐ No
	If yes, provide details:		
	Several alignment options were considered during planning, to utilise existing tracks where possible. New trail was required in some locations as existing tracks are too steep to be suitable for the trail type. The trail proposal required approval under DWER policy 13, as the area is in groundwater catchment, and avoidance of a groundwater production bore was required. Two options were proposed as indicated on attached plan: option A – shorter deviation around the bore (less clearing); Option B – longer deviation around the bore, outside the 500m buffer zone. The Policy 13 approval supported option B only.		
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.	Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application?		☐ Yes ☒ No
	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i> .		

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
Instructions: - 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?	☐ Yes – provide details [] ☒ 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.	☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal') ☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) MS [] ☐ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: MS [] ☒ 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?	☐ No ☒ Yes – provide details: [Meetings held in relation to DWER policy 13 approval, which has been granted]
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 .	☐ Yes – application reference (if known): [] ☐ No – a valid works approval applies: [] ☐ No – a valid licence applies: [] ☐ No – a valid registration applies: [] ☒ 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: - 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 .	☐ Yes – application reference (if known): [] ☐ No – a current valid licence applies: [] ☒ N/A

Part 6: Surveys for Assessments (IBSA and IMSA)			
Do you wish to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your application?	☐ Yes		
	☒ No – skip to Part 7 <i>See note below</i>		
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. Please provide the IBSA number(s) (or submission number(s) if IBSA number has not yet been issued) in the 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). Please note the assessment timeframes for your application will be suspended until the IBSA number(s) is provided to DWER / DMIRS (as applicable).	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		Yes ☐
	Submission number(s) (e.g. <i>IBSASUB-20200101-12345A6D</i>) Please list all numbers. If space is inadequate, list on a separate sheet.		
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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.	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).		Yes ☐
			N/A ☐

*Targeted flora surveys to be undertaken along trail corridor
i.e. search for any rare or priority flora likely to occur based on known
habitat/vegetation type.*