



Application for new permit or referral to clear native vegetation

This is the form to submit a referral of proposed clearing or apply for a clearing permit under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

Before you submit this form, please check you have completed all the fields for the form type and fully prepared any required supporting documents (including maps etc.). We will return / decline any forms that are not correctly completed.

To find out more about the stages of assessment for clearing permit forms, see the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#).

Part 1 – Form type

Select your form type . NOTE: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act) <input type="checkbox"/> Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)
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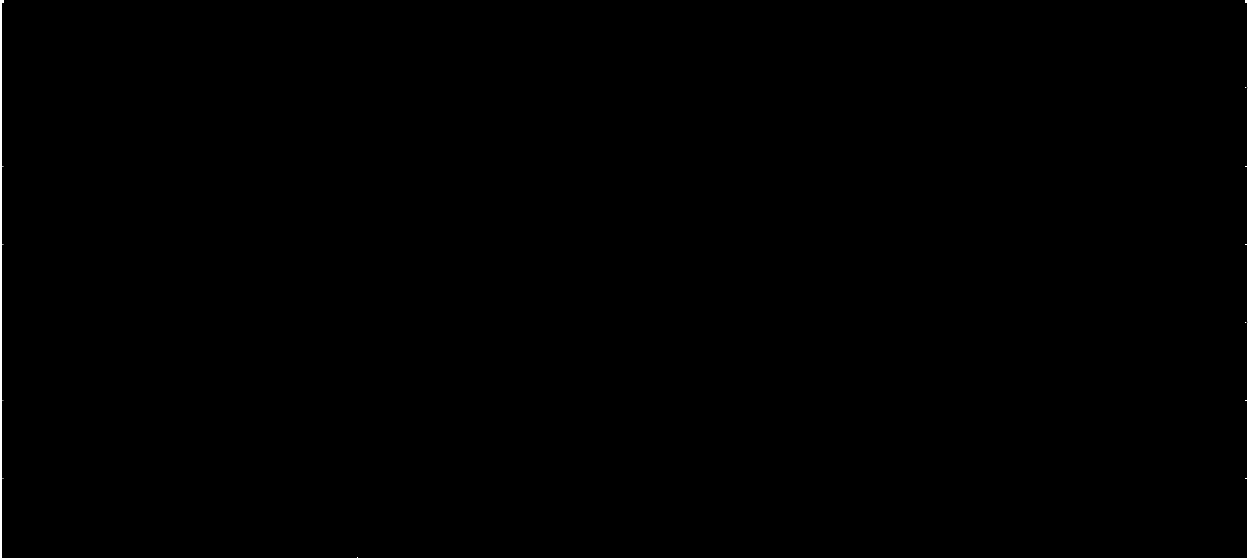
Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applying as an individual – complete the following:						
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 2px;">Title</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td style="width: 80%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Name(s)</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table>	Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Name(s)		
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:						
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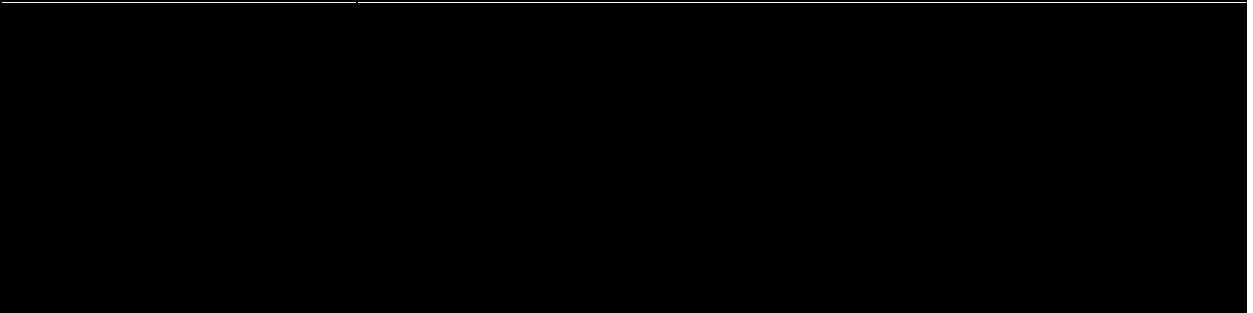
2.2 Applicant contact details

Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).



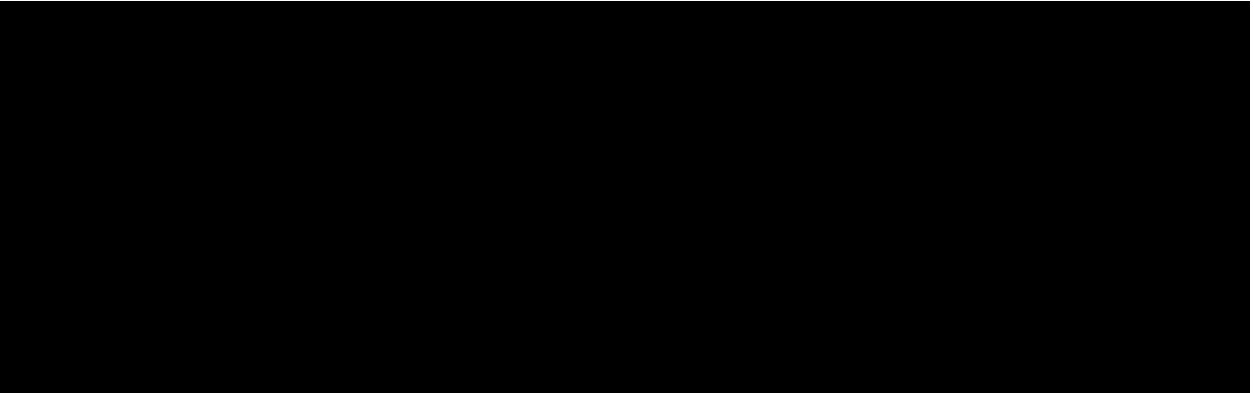
2.2 Applicant contact postal details

Provide the postal address for the above individual, body corporate or local government authority (primary contact).



2.3 Applicant contact – registered business address

If applying as a company, incorporated body, local government authority or public authority, please also supply the registered business office address.



2.4 Electronic correspondence consent

Both the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) prefer to send all correspondence via email. We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act via email. Please indicate your consent in this section of the form.

I consent that all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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2.5 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 (e.g. a consultant).

Same as applicant's contact details	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

Part 3 – Land details

- You must accurately describe the location of the land where your clearing is proposed.
- If you have a large number of properties, please provide the relevant details for each property in a separately attached supporting document.

3.1 Property details

I have a large number of properties and have given the relevant details in an attached supporting document.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – skip to Part 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

<u>Land description</u> Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – volume and folio number – lot or location number(s) – crown lease or reserve number – pastoral lease number – mining tenement number 	This clearing permit application relates to proposed development of the Hermes South mining area within mining tenement M52/1049, including haul road within L52/208, L52/231 and L52/235 connecting the existing approved Hermes Project with this additional mining area. Refer to Attachment 1 for MTO tenement reports. Refer to attached figure maps.		
Street address – Line 1			
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	
Local government area(s)	Shire of Meekatharra		
Land zoning	The proposed Hermes South mining area is within mining lease M52/1049 and the Mt Padbury Pastoral Lease; and the proposed haul road extension is within L52/208, L52/231 and L52/235, and shares the same land use characteristics as the existing approved Hermes Project which is land managed by the DBCA Parks and Wildlife Service for proposed conservation reserve purposes.		

Part 4 – Relationship to landowner

Tell us which of the following options best describes you as the person completing and submitting this form. If you are filling out this form on behalf of the applicant, answer this question as though you are the applicant.

Proof of ownership may include:

- a certificate of title (that is less than 6 months old)
- a pastoral or mining lease
- public authority that has care, control or management of the land
- other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.

Relationship to landowner <i>(select one of the following options)</i>	Complete the following
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am the landowner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership (Attachments 1 and 2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership (Attachment 3)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am acting on the landowner's behalf and will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit (i.e. joint form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach an ' Acting on behalf and jointly responsible ' letter
<input type="checkbox"/> I am likely to become the landowner	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach the Certificate of Title <input type="checkbox"/> Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership and/or contract of sale ('offer and acceptance')
<input type="checkbox"/> I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach an ' Authority to access and clear native vegetation ' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)
<input type="checkbox"/> A person with multiple land parcels	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and attach ' Authority to access and clear native vegetation ' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)

Part 5 – Proposed clearing

5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

<p>Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form.</p> <p>Note: We will decline / return forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient information for this question.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (<i>preferred</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry type: polygon shape • Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 1994/2020 (geographic latitude / longitude) • Datum: GDA 1994 / GDA 2020 (please specify which was provided) <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ESRI shapefile must use one of the following filename extensions: .shp, .shx, .dbf, and/or .prj • You must provide an ESRI shapefile if the form requires an assessment under an <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.
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5.2 Size

- If you propose to clear a patch(s) of vegetation, enter a hectare value for the total size of the area (mark number of trees as zero).
- If you propose to remove only individual trees from the area(s) (i.e. the shrubs, grasses, groundcover plants will remain intact), provide the number of trees (and mark total area as estimated hectares).
Note: If any shrubs, grasses, and/or groundcover plants MAY be damaged in the clearing process, add this to the total area.
- If you propose to clear an area of vegetation within a larger footprint, enter the hectare value for the total size of the area to be cleared (mark number of trees as zero) and the size of the footprint. For example, 5 hectares of clearing within a 10 hectare footprint. This option is only available for [purpose permit](#) applications.
- Enter values for BOTH number of trees and the size of the area if you are clearing individual trees in one area AND a patch of vegetation in a different area.
- Please note the following area conversions/calculations:

1 hectare = 10,000 m ²	Area of circle = 3.14 x radius ²
1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m ²	Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m ²	Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	278
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	589
Number of individual trees to be removed	0

Note: Calculate the area of a tree based on the area encompassed by the tree's drip line; that being the outermost circumference of the tree's canopy.

5.3 Purpose

Provide the reason for proposed clearing (e.g. road construction, grazing and pasture, hazard reduction, horticulture, timber harvesting etc.)	Mining activities – refer to Part 3 (Land details).
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	The proposed post-mining land use is to reinstate the pre-mining land use. This involves the return of all disturbed areas except the open pit voids to naturally regenerating native bushland (post-destocking), including the constructed WRD landforms being physically and geochemically safe to humans and animals (i.e. safe, stable and non-polluting), hydrological patterns/flows not being adversely affected, and the vegetation in rehabilitated areas having self-sustaining and resilient revegetation that is representative of the surrounding vegetation type.

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing/bulldozing.
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5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: August 2022 End date: December 2024
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Note: The clearing referral process is not suitable for any clearing that is expected to take longer than two years.

5.6 Avoidance and mitigation

Explain how you have, or will, put avoidance and mitigation measures in place to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise mitigate the need for and scale of the proposed clearing of native vegetation.

Attach supporting documents to substantiate your explanation.

Your explanation should demonstrate you have planned the project so that the least clearing possible is to be undertaken. The following questions may help you frame your explanation:

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?
- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider?
- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

Note: If you do not demonstrate adequate efforts to avoid and mitigate clearing, we will ask you to do so during the validation of this form.