

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

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

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits:	□ Applying as an individual – complete the following:			
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:		
landowner(s) will be listed as	Name(s)			
'permit holders' on the permit.	☐ Applying as a following:	a body corporate or other entity formed at law - complete the		
For purpose permits:	Name			
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Australian Company Number (ACN)			
applicant(s) will go on the permit.	□ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)			
pomit.	Name	Western Australian Land Authority (trading as DevelopmentWA)		

2.2 Applicant contact details

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

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Company name	
Contact phone number (1)	
Email address	

2.2 Applicant contact postal details

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

Address line 1		
Address line 2		
Suburb		
State		

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.

Address line 1		
Address line 2		
Suburb		
State		
Contact phone number (1)		

2.4 Electronic correspondence consent

Email address

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.				⊠ Yes	□ No
2.5 Contact details for enquiries If different from the applicant's conta DWER or DMIRS should liaise with (ct details, enter the con	tact deta	ils of a person	with whor	m
Same as applicant's contact details	1			⊠ Yes	□No
If 'No' – complete the following:					
Contact name					
Position (if applicable)					
Company name (if applicable)					
Contact phone number (1)		Phone r	number (2)		
Business or postal address line 1					
Business or postal address line 2					
Suburb					
State			Postcode		

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.	☐ Yes – skip to Part 4	⊠ No
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If 'No' - complete the following:

Land description Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties: - volume and folio number - lot or location number(s) - crown lease or reserve number - pastoral lease number - mining tenement number	(1) Lot 5859 on Deposited Plan 191016 (2) Lot 528 on Deposited Plan 415099.		
Street address	(1) Lot 5859 Schillman St, Wedgefield(2) Lot 528 Wallwork Rd, Wedgefield		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Wedgefield		
State	WA	Postcode	6721
Local government area(s)	Town of Port Headland		
Land zoning	Industrial Development		

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

Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form.

Note: We will decline / return forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient information for this question.

- · 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)

 \square An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area

Note:

- 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 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.

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 <u>purpose permit</u> 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 m² Area of circle = 3.14 x radius²
1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m² Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m² Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	23.78 ha	NOTE: Application area revised to 26.37ha during
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)		Validation
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.)	The areas to be cleared are intended to be used as part of earthworks activities required to deliver the Stage 4 subdivision, with one of the three cleared areas used to stockpile topsoil and cleared vegetation, with the remaining two areas being used to provide fill for the Stage 4 development. Refer to Section 1 of the NVCP Supporting Document
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	The areas to be cleared will be in subdivision Stages 5 and 6, with final land use being industrial. Refer to Section 1.1, 3 and 4 of the NVCP Supporting Document

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing,	Mechanical clearing/bulldozing		
mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other - specify)	Refer to Section 4 of the NVCP Supporting Document		

5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: 1/10/2022
	End date: 1/10/2024

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.

Provide the avoidance and mitigation details

The areas will be progressively cleared as required to minimise ground disturbance extent and duration, with the most sparely vegetated area being cleared first and used to stockpile topsoil and cleared vegetation.

Clearing activities will comply with the Wedgefield Estate Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan, which includes management actions to avoid and mitigate adverse impacts to flora and fauna present.

Areas where earthworks are completed will be stabilised progressively to manage the risk of dust impacts. At the completion of earthworks activities, erosion control fencing will also be installed to limit any migration of soil during rainfall events.

The final land use for the areas to be cleared is industrial, so will ultimately be cleared for this purpose under a sub-division approval.

Refer to Section 6 of the NVCP Supporting Document

Part 6 - Offset

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	□ Yes ⊠	No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the <u>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure</u> guideline as a supporting document for your form.	□ Appendi	x A attached
Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA	A)	
Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	□ Yes ⊠ N	No – skip to Part 8
7.1 Biodiversity surveys If you want to submit any biodiversity surveys to support this form Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) Instructions for the pathe Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA). If you requirements, DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) may decline/return Please provide the IBSA number(s) – or submission number(s) is been issued – in the space provided. Note that a submission numbiodiversity survey has been accepted and is not the same as a are only issued once a survey has been accepted. Once an IBS notify DWER/DMIRS (as applicable). Please note DWER / DMIR timeframes for your form until you provide the IBSA number(s). Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment, avail	oreparation of I do not meet your form. If the IBSA number is not con IBSA number A number is is RS will susper	the IBSA Imber has not yet onfirmation that a er. IBSA numbers ssued, please and the assessment
at <u>ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au</u> ? Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)		t applicable E: IBSA package nitted after application
7.2 Marine surveys	-2022-0331	
If you want to submit any marine surveys to support this form, you instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Assessments (IMSA). If you do not meet the IMSA requirements form.	f Marine Surv	eys for
Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form accordance with the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of d packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments?		□ Yes ⊠ Not applicable

Part 8 - Assessment Bilateral Agreement

The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the EP Act have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the EPBC Act and so can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

To be assessed this way, the proposed clearing action must have been referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a 'controlled action' before you submit this form.

For further information, see <u>DWER's website guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement</u>.

Is your proposed clearing a cont	□ Yes	⊠ No – skip to Part 9				
If 'Yes' – complete the following:						
Please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the <u>Annex C7 form</u>	☐ Annex C7 form attached					
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision						
Part 9 – Other approvals						
Which department are you subm						
If the clearing is for mineral and authorised under the <i>Mining Act</i> Petroleum Acts, and/or a State A 'Department of Mines, Industry F	 □ Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety ☑ Department of Water and 					
For all other clearing activities, s Water and Environmental Regul	Environmental Regulation					

9.1 Environmental impact assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)

Clearing may be referred to the EPA if it is considered to be part of a 'significant proposal', as defined by section 37B(1) of the EP Act, or will likely to be part of a larger development. An example is when the clearing is for a road to a future mine.

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 the proposal in this form is likely to constitute a 'significant proposal', under section 38(5) of the EP Act they must refer the proposal to the EPA or for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.

Has the proposed clearing or any	⊠ Yes				
related matter been referred to the EPA?	Enter details:	Protection A	was referred to the Environmental authority (EPA) in April 2010 with an "Not Assessed- Advice Given".		
	□ No – complete question below.				
If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?	 ☐ 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) ☐ No = a current valid Ministerial Statement applies 				
	Enter Ministerial Statement number:				
	No − not a significant proposal				
9.2 Other approvals – pre-application scoping (DWER forms only)					
Have you had any pre-application/ pre-referral/ scoping meetings with DWER about any planned applications?	□ Yes Enter details: ☑ No				
9.3 Other approvals – works approval, licence or 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 Environmental Protection Regulations 1987, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence or registration. For further guidance, see DWER's <u>Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences</u> and <u>Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing</u> .		 Yes Application reference: No − a valid works approval applies No − a valid licence applies No − a valid registration applies No − not required 			