

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
NOTE: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.	Act)
	☐ Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act)
	Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the
referrer respectively.	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)	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms	□ Other:	
of (all) landowner(s) will be listed	Name(s)			
as 'permit holders' on the permit. For purpose permits: If granted, the name(s)	☑ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:			
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of (all) applicant(s) will go on the	☐ Applying as	a government entity	(e.g. govern	ment department, local

permit.	government authority, or other statutory body)	
	Name	

2.2 Applicant contact details

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

Title			
First name			
Last name			
Position			
Company name	าล	me	
Contact phone number (1)	0	ne number	
Email address	e	SS	

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

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.

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 ☐ Yes ☒ No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

Contact name	
Position (if applicable)	
Company name (if applicable)	
Contact phone number (1)	
Business or postal address line 1	
Business or postal address line 2	
Suburb	
State	
Email address	

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 relevant details in an attached supporting	⊠ Yes – skir No	to Part 4		
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 				
Street address – Line 1				
Street address – Line 2				
Suburb				
State		Postcode		
Local government area(s)				
Land zoning				

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.

<u>Proof of ownership</u> 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 proof of ownership
☐ 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</u> <u>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 proof of ownership ✓ Complete and attach an 'Authority to access and clear native vegetation' 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.

✓ An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (preferred)

- 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)

☑ 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 *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 m² Area of circle = $3.14 \times radius^2$ 1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m² Area of a rectangle = length x width 1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 Area of a triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	2.094 ha NO	TE: Revised to	
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	1.7	7ha during Validaton	

Number of individual trees to be removed	Not applicable
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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.)	Access roads, construction of wind turbines and cabling works
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Renewable Energy Facility – Wind farm

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing
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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:01/11/2022		
	End date: 01/12/2022		

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 mitigation hierarchy has been implemented as follows:

Avoid

Enel Green Power have undertaken an iterative design process to avoid clearing as far as practicable for the proposed Project. This included:

- Completion of surveys to understand the environmental context and values of the area, including mapping of vegetation (survey reports are attached to this application)
- Identification and comparison of alternative access routes and turbine design options which has been refined through consultation with stakeholders, design engineers, and environmental consultants
- Altering of cabling alignment to ensure remnant patches of vegetation are maintained in an already highly modified landscape
- Ensuring that Threatened Ecological Communities or cockatoo habitat trees are not cleared by the Project (note also the Project was referred to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act), and the project was determined to be "not-controlled" (ref: 2022/9154).
- Through the iterative design process, the total area of proposed clearing has reduced from 2.94 ha to 2.094 ha

Minimise

- Micro siting of wind turbines and realignment of cabling has been undertaken to implement trimming of vegetation in place of clearing where possible
- The number of total turbines has been reduced to further minimise the required clearing areas
- A Construction Management Plan (CMP) is being prepared for the project, which will include controls around minimizing direct and indirect impacts to flora and vegetation.

Rehabilitate

- No native vegetation is being cleared that is not required for permanent infrastructure (turbines, access, and cabling), and as such there are no opportunities for rehabilitation of direct impact areas.
- For clearing of riparian vegetation (clearing sites 19, 39, 40, 41 and 60), an equal area of the same species of vegetation will be planted adjacent to the cleared area.

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.		□ Appendix A attached	
Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and I	MSA)		
Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	□ Yes ⊠ I	No – skip to Part 8	
7.1 Biodiversity surveys			
If you want to submit any biodiversity surveys to support the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) <u>Instruction data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Andrew of Biodive</u>	ns for the passessments	<u>preparation of</u> <u>s</u> (IBSA). If you	
Please provide the IBSA number(s) – or submission numbers not yet been issued – in the space provided. Note that not confirmation that a biodiversity survey has been access an IBSA number. IBSA numbers are only issued once as Once an IBSA number is issued, please notify DWER/DMI note DWER / DMIRS will suspend the assessment timefra provide the IBSA number(s).	at a submis epted and i a survey ha RS (as appl	ssion number is s not the same s been accepted. icable). Please	
Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment, available at ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au ?		es ot applicable	
number(s)		TE: IBSA packages mitted after application A-2022-0352	
7.2 Marine surveys	IBS	A-2022-0368	
If you want to submit any marine surveys to support this EPA's <i>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for Surveys for Assessments</i> (IMSA). If you do not meet the I may decline/return your form.	or the Index	<u>x of Marine</u>	
Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support in accordance with the EPA's Instructions for the prepar data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Asses	ation of	☐ 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 controlled action?		□ Yes	⊠ No – skip to Part 9
If 'Yes' – complete the followi	ng:		
Please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the <u>Annex C7</u> <u>form</u>	□ Annex C7 form attac	hed	
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision			
Part 9 – Other approval	S		
Which department are you submitting this form to? If the clearing is for mineral and petroleum activities authorised under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> ,		•	ment of Mines,

Industry Regulation and Safety

□ Department of Water and

Environmental Regulation

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

the various Petroleum Acts, and/or a State Agreement Act, select 'Department of Mines,

of Water and Environmental Regulation'.

For all other clearing activities, select 'Department

Industry Regulation and Safety'.

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	⊠ Yes			
clearing or any related matter been referred to the EPA?	Enter Reddetails:	Ref: A367505 – Not Assessed		
the LIA:	□ No – complete	– 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 appro	vals - pre-appli	ication scopin	g (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:</u> <u>Prescribed premises works approvals and licences</u> and <u>Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing</u> .		ation re, Application reference n that No - tection is proval, No - No -		