

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

☐ Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act)
☐ 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) landowner(s) will be listed as	Title	Mr □ Mrs □ Ms □ Other:			
	Name(s)				
'permit holders' on the permit.	☐ Applying as a boofollowing:	dy corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the			
For purpose permits:	Name				
If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.	Australian Compar	y Number (ACN)			
		vernment entity (e.g. government department, local y, or other statutory body)			
	Name Cit	ty of Canning			

## 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

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
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#### 2.5 Contact details for enquiries

DWER or DMIRS should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).	ntact details of a person with whom
Same as applicant's contact details	□ Yes ⊠ No
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 have given the relevant details in an attached supporting document.	
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.

#### 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 <i>proof of ownership</i>
☐ I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	☐ Attach <i>proof of ownership</i>
☐ 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	<ul> <li>□ Attach <u>proof of ownership</u></li> <li>☑ Complete and attach an '<u>Authority to access and clear</u> <u>native vegetation</u>' letter (if the applicant is not the landowner)</li> </ul>
☐ A person with multiple land parcels	□ Attach <u>proof of ownership</u> □ Complete and attach ' <u>Authority to access and clear native</u> <u>vegetation</u> ' 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 m<sup>2</sup> Area of circle = 3.14 x radius<sup>2</sup>

1 acre = 0.4 hectares  $/ 4,000 \text{ m}^2$  Area of a rectangle = length x width

1 tree = 0.01 hectares /  $100 \text{ m}^2$  Area of a triangle =  $\frac{1}{2}$  length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.41 na
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	0.41 ha [Revised to 0.51 ha]
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.)	To construct Stage 3 of the Southern Link Road in Cannington.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Roadway

#### 5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing/bulldozing	10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 -
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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: June 2023
	End date: December 2023
	Please note that the start date of clearing and construction of the road is linked to Main Roads funding.

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

Originally the SLR alignment was designed to be a straight line, however based on flora, fauna and hydrological studies, the alignment was revised to a narrower curved design to maximise the use of degraded habitat and reducing clearing to 0.41 ha of native vegetation (0.34 ha in Degraded condition; 0.07 ha in Very Good condition).

Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearing/construction, the City will

prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to describe how the impacts of activities related to the clearing and construction phases of the project will be managed to reduce potential direct and indirect impacts on the environment.

The CEMP will include, but not be restricted to, the following:

- (i) measures to avoid and mitigate impacts during construction, including:
  - clearing and access control
  - erosion and sediment control
  - managing dewatering rates to minimise drawdown and prevent incursion of ASS into the surface water
  - topsoil management
  - dust control
  - hygiene requirements to prevent the introduction or spread of P. cinnamomi Dieback
  - hydrocarbon storage
  - waste and fire management
- (i) performance indicators that measure the effectiveness of avoidance and mitigation measures
- (ii) contingency measures that will be undertaken if performance targets are not met
- (iii) roles and responsibilities of personnel associated with implementing mitigation measures.

To mitigate residual impacts of the proposed clearing on the TEC, the City will prepare an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the area of TEC outside of the application area in keeping with the document *Instructions on how to prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV Environmental Management Plans* (Environmental Protection Authority, 2020a) and when approved by the DWER, the EMP will be implemented by the City.

The EMP will be prepared in consultation with the DBCA and include, but not be restricted to the following:

- (i) management measures to:
  - protect existing native vegetation within the wetland
  - rehabilitate degraded areas within the wetland
  - prevent the introduction of Dieback
  - enhance wetland and fauna habitat values
  - control the introduction and spread of weeds
  - control vehicle and pedestrian access
  - implement development planning controls for drainage and water quality management.
- (ii) performance indicators that measure the effectiveness of avoidance and mitigation measures
- (iii) contingency measures that will be undertaken if performance targets are not met
- (iv) roles and responsibilities of personnel associated with implementing management measures.

Revegetation of the proposed road fill batters and streetscapes will be undertaken with local native plant species to ensure minimal impact to the wetland biodiversity values and assist in maintaining groundwater flow through the site.

## Part 6 - Offset

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Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline as a supporting document for your form.	☐ Appendix A attached
Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA	.)
Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	☐ Yes ⊠ 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) <u>Instructions for the pathe Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments</u> (IBSA). If you requirements, DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) may decline/return	reparation of data packages for do not meet the IBSA
Please provide the IBSA number(s) – or submission number(s) if been issued – in the space provided. Note that a submission numbiodiversity survey has been accepted and is not the same as an are only issued once a survey has been accepted. Once an IBSA notify DWER/DMIRS (as applicable). Please note DWER / DMIRS timeframes for your form until you provide the IBSA number(s).	nber is not confirmation that a IBSA number. IBSA numbers number is issued, please
Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment, availa at <a href="mailto:ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au">ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au</a> ?	<ul><li>✓ Yes</li><li>☐ Not applicable</li></ul>
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	IBSA 2020-0341
7.2 Marine surveys	
If you want to submit any marine surveys to support this form, you Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of a Assessments (IMSA). If you do not meet the IMSA requirements, form.	Marine Surveys for
Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form accordance with the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments?	