

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.

☑ Referral of proposed clearing (s.51DA of the EP Act)

☐ Application for an area permit (s.51E of the EP Act)

☐ Application for a purpose permit (s.51E of the EP Act)

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.

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NOTE: Where appropriate in this

otherwise, the terms 'application'

Applicant details

Part 2 – Applicant details			
2.1 Applicant n	ame		
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 body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:		
For purpose permits:	Australian Company Number (ACN) 659 176 815		
If granted, the name(s) of (all)			
applicant(s) will go on the permit.		government entity (e.g. government department, local nority, or other statutory body)	
	Name		

# 2.2 Applicant contact details

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

Title	

# 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		

# 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	

## 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.
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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			□ Yes	⊠ No
If 'No' – complete the following:				
Contact name				
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# 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 – 2917		
<ul><li>volume and folio number</li><li>lot or location number(s)</li></ul>	Folio – 419 Lot – 805		
crown lease or reserve number     pastoral lease number     mining tenement number	Deposited Plan - 409853		
Street address – Line 1	Lot 805 Wattleup Road		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Hammond Park		
State	WA	Postcode	6164
Local government area(s)	City of Cockburn		
Land zoning	MRS: Urban LPS: Development (City of Cockburn Scheme No.3)		

# 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 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 proof of ownership ☐ Complete and attach an 'Acting on behalf and jointly responsible' 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 m<sup>2</sup> Area of circle = 3.14 x radius<sup>2</sup>
1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m<sup>2</sup> Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.03 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	N/A
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 develop the site for residential purposes in accordance with the Structure Plan, the clearing of native vegetation is required and would enable the following required activities:  • Bulk earthworks, including cutting and filling of the land and the importation and/or exportation of clean construction fill where required.  • Civil construction works, including the construction of residential lots, roads, public open space areas, services infrastructure (such as sewer, water, gas, electricity, communications) and all other associated construction works to establish a residential estate, to the point that completed residential lots are ready for individual dwellings to be built by home builders/lot purchasers.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	The final land use of Lot 805 (the site) will be for residential living. The site is part of the Hammond Quarter Structure Plan area which includes neighboring Lots 816, 803, 9001, 817 and 9002, with these lots including the site ultimately developed for residential purposes including a total of 294 residential lots of varying density, local road reserves, public open space areas and nature reserves.

#### 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

(e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: 01/07/2023	
	End date: 01/10/2023	

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

Lot 805 Wattleup Road is considered an appropriate location for the residential development in accordance with the Hammond Quarter Structure Plan and the overarching Southern Suburbs District Structure Plan originally adopted in 2005. Additionally, the locality of Lot 805 comprises other large landholding currently under development subject to the Hammond Grove and Hammond West Structure Plan areas located to the north.

The proponent has ensured that the least clearing of vegetation possible would be undertaken to enable the residential development of Lot 805, which commenced with understanding the flora and vegetation conditions and values within the site. The existing vegetation within the site was determined to be in 'Completely Degraded' condition, with most native vegetation occurring as natural regrowth and as small, scattered patches of shrubs and individual trees, with the majority of the site comprising non-native and planted trees with an understorey of non-native grasses. No threatened or priority flora species were identified within the site and are highly unlikely to occur due to the historical disturbance of the site. Furthermore, no threatened or priority ecological communities exist within the site.

Based on the required bulk earthworks which will ultimately enable the development of the site for residential purposes, there are limited opportunities to avoid impacts of native vegetation within the site due to the scattered occurrence of the native vegetation. No mitigation measures were deemed necessary as any environmental values were determined to be highly limited and not material and/or critical in providing habitat for significant flora and fauna species such as black cockatoos. Landscape treatments within the site's road reserves and proposed public open space areas will likely include the planting of native plant species.

#### Part 6 - Offset

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form? For more information on environmental offsets, refer to <a href="DWER's website">DWER's website</a> and <a href="Fact Sheet 11: Environmental offsets for native vegetation clearing permits">DWER's website</a> and <a href="Fact Sheet 11: Environmental offsets for native vegetation clearing permits">Fact Sheet 11: Environmental offsets for native vegetation clearing permits</a> .	□ 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			
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# Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	
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#### 7.1 Biodiversity surveys

If you want to submit any biodiversity surveys to support this form, you must follow the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) <u>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments</u> (IBSA). If you do not meet the IBSA requirements, DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) may decline/return your form.

Please provide the IBSA number(s) – or submission number(s) if the IBSA number has not yet been issued – in the space provided. Note that a submission number is not confirmation that a biodiversity survey has been accepted 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 DWER / DMIRS will suspend the assessment timeframes for your form until you provide the IBSA number(s).

Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the IBSA portal, via <u>ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au</u> ?	<ul><li>☑ Yes</li><li>☐ Not applicable</li></ul>
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	IBSA-2023-0041

#### 7.2 Marine surveys

If you want to submit any marine surveys to support this form, you must follow the EPA's <a href="Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments">Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments</a> (IMSA). If you do not meet the IMSA requirements, DWER may decline / return your form. For more information on IMSA, refer to <a href="DWER's website">DWER's website</a>.

ave you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form in cordance with the EPA's <i>Instructions for the preparation of data</i>	□ Yes
packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments?	⊠ 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 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 submitting this form to?					
If the clearing is for mineral and petroleum activities authorised under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> , the various Petroleum Acts, and/or a State Agreement Act, select 'Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety'.		<ul> <li>□ Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</li> <li>□ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</li> </ul>			
For all other clearing activities, select 'Department of Water and 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 s.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 s.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.