

# 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

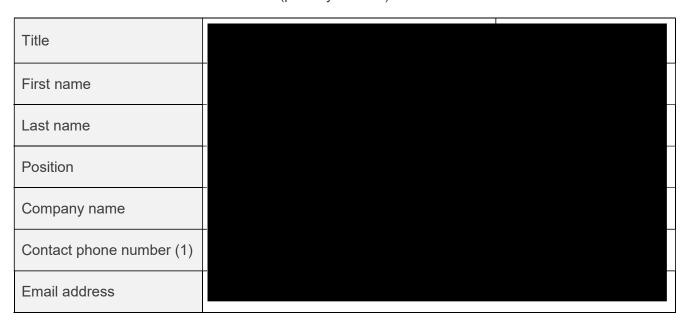
otherwise, the terms 'application'

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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 body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:			
For purpose permits:	Name	Phosphate Resources Limited		
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Australian Com	pany Number (ACN) 77009396543		
applicant(s) will go on the permit.	☐ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)			
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## 2.2 Applicant contact details

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



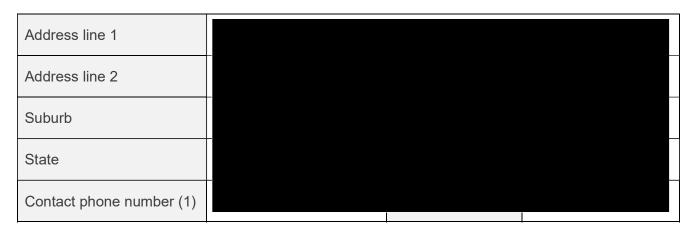
## 2.2 Applicant contact postal details

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

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	n
			□ No		
If 'No' – complete the following:					
Contact name					
Position (if applicable)					
Company name (if applicable)					
Contact phone number (1)		Phone i	number (2)		
Business or postal address line 1					
Business or postal address line 2					
Suburb					
State			Postcode		
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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 relevant details in an attached supporting doc	☐ Yes – skip	to Part 4 □ No	
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	ML70/1  NOTE: Land description equal Cadasteral identifier F		
Street address – Line 1			
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Christmas Island		
State	WA	Postcode	6798
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 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 =  $10,000 \text{ m}^2$  Area of circle =  $3.14 \text{ x radius}^2$ 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)	0.29ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	
Number of individual trees to be removed	

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 Operations NOTE: Corrected during validation to road widening to facilitate mining operations
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Mining

#### 5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing	Mechanical clearing	
(i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Bulldozer, Excavator, Front End Loader	

#### 5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: 09.10.2023	
	End date: 13.10.2023	

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	Clearing has been minimised to provide safe access and egress for road trains and mining equipment to the stockpile.
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