

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 form type.	☑ Referral of proposed clearing (s.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 (s.51E of the EP Act) ☐ Application for a purpose permit (s.51E of the EP Act)

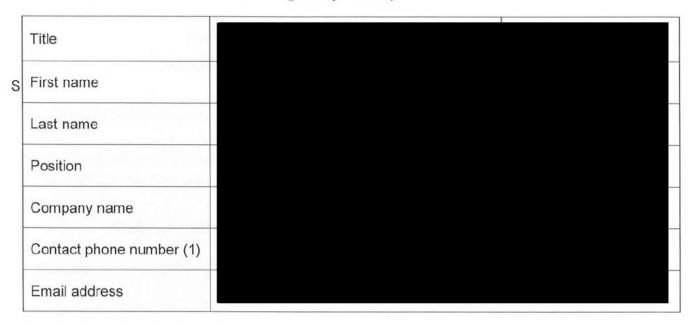
Part 2 – Applicant details

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:
andowner(s) will be listed as	Name(s)		11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11
'permit holders' on the permit. □ Applying as a body corporate or other entity forme following:		r 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.		a government entity (e.g. thority, or other statutory	. government department, local body)
p =	Name	Public Transport Author	ority of Western Australia

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

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 betwee DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) about the subject via email, using the email address provided about the subject via email.	ct of this form will be exclusively 🛛 Yes 🗀 No
2.5 Contact details for enquiries If different from the applicant's contact details, e DWER or DMIRS should liaise with (e.g. a cons	
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)	Phone number (2)
Business or postal address line 1	·
Business or postal address line 2	
Suburb	
State	Postcode
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. ☐ Yes – skip to Part 4 ☑ No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

Land description	Lot 102 on Plan 408586 contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2920 Folio 255. Perth Markets Group Limited has provided landowner approval in the attached signed authority.		
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 	There is also an existing easement over area: Western Power Easement (doc H816569) Lot 102 on Plan 408586 contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2920 Folio 255. Western Power have advised they do not have an objection to the clearing taking place in the attached email correspondence.		
Street address – Line 1	Market City		
Street address – Line 2	280 Bannister Road		
Suburb	Canning Vale		
State	WA	Postcode	6155
Local government area(s)	City of Canning		
Land zoning	Freehold with easement existing over the area.		

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) 2020 (geographic latitude / longitude)
- Datum: GDA 2020

⊠ 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 x radius²

1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m²

Area of a rectangle = length x width

1 tree = $0.01 \text{ hectares } / 100 \text{ m}^2$

Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.0168 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	N/A
Number of individual trees to be removed	Less than 20 shrubs Species present as per site inspection undertaken on 16 August 2023:

- Geraldton wax (Chamelaucium uncinatum)
- Woolly bush (Adenanthos sericeus)
- Coastal daisy bush (Olearia axillaris)
- Acacia saligna

See photos of the shrubs in the proposed clearing area **attached** to this application.

It is noted that part of the proposed clearing area was the subject of a vegetation survey undertaken in 2018. The 2018 survey mapped part of the area as Scattered natives over weeds in Degraded to Completely Degraded condition.

Also, a 2020 survey mapped the vegetation adjacent to the proposed clearing area as Planted trees and/or introduced shrubs in Degraded condition.

The mapping is illustrated in the **attached** Figure 1 and the original vegetation surveys have been **attached** for reference.

It is noted the area has previously been cleared by others circa 2010.

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 existing WaterCorp Anaconda sewer was installed 35+ years ago and was installed with only sleeve protection under the existing freight rail.

Introduction of new Public Transport
Authority (PTA) rail as part of the Thornlie-Cockburn Link project requires the shift of
the Arc Freight line towards the north of
the corridor. This will result in the sewer
asset being unprotected under the rail.
Australian Standards requires the asset to
be protected (in this case a concrete
sleeve).

Due to alignment of existing asset and the criticality of it being operational, the commissioning methodology requires permanent asset to be moved. Agreement has been reached with stakeholders PTA/Arc/Water Corp to fully relocate the asset.

The sewer asset is ~6m below ground with

	overhead transmission lines directly above. Area needs to be excavated down to be able to utilise required plant/equipment safely.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Freehold land / Easement.
	Water Corp will be organising an easement for their asset.

5.4 Method

 Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Cutting using hand tools (chain saw). Shrubs/branches etc will be placed into a mulcher.	
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5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing	Start date: 15/10/23
(e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	End date: 15/11/23

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 proposed clearing area has been designed to be as small as possible within the technical and safety requirements for the new infrastructure. The relocated pipeline required to be connected back to the existing pipeline that located adjacent to the rail corridor. The encasement/sleeve needs to be the full extent of the rail corridor as per the updated Australian Standard AS4799. The pipeline can't be connected within the rail corridor because of this. This means that the connection to the existing pipeline cannot happen within the rail corridor (south of the proposed clearing area). The connection point was pushed as close as possible to the existing adjacent approved NVCP 9024/2 area (permit held by the Public Transport Authority) to reduce the clearing extent.

To ensure that clearing remains within the proposed boundary, exclusion fencing will be installed. Each tree or branch identified for removal will be marked with pink surveyor's tape. A pre-start in the morning and supervision of suitably
qualified clearing contractors throughout the day will ensure that only vegetation marked with pink tape is removed and compliance with the clearing permit.

Part 6 - Offset

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form? For more information on environmental offsets, refer to DWER's website and DWER's website and Fact Sheet 11: Environmental offsets for native vegetation clearing permits .	□ 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 IMSA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	☐ Yes ☒ No – skip to Part 8 Survey has previously been submitted to IBSA.
	submitted

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. For further information on IBSA, refer to <u>DWER's website</u>.

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> ?		
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	IBSA-2020-0329	