#### Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Department of Energy, 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 (maps etc.). The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) or Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) 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 (section 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 (section 51E of the EP Act) □ Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)		
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 with areas covered by either mineral or petroleum tenure granted under one of the abovementioned Acts, select 'Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety'.  For all other clearing activities, select 'Department of Water and Environmental Regulation'.		<ul> <li>□ Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</li> <li>□ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</li> </ul>	

# 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 following:	a body corporate or oth	er entity forme	ed at law - complete the
For purpose permits:	Name Lot 25 SCH Pty Ltd as Trustee for ASP Bare Trust No.3		ASP Bare Trust No.3	
If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.	Australian Company Number (ACN) 618 701 616			
☐ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local 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	
Phone number	
Email address	

# 2.3 Applicant contact postal details

Provide the postal address for the above individual, body corporate or local government authority (primary contact).

Address line 1
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Address line 2			
Suburb			
State			
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Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Suburb			
State			
Phone number			
2.5 Electronic correspondence consent  DWER/DEMIRS 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/DEMIRS (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.			□ No
2.6 Contact details for enquiries  If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER/DEMIRS should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).			
Same as applicant's contact details □ Yes ☑ No			⊠ No
If 'No' – complete the following:			
Title			
Contact name			
Position (if applicable)			

Company name (if applicable)

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Phone number		
Email address		
Business or postal address line 1		
Business or postal address line 2		
Suburb		
State		

# Part 3 - Land details

- You must accurately describe the location of the land where your clearing is proposed.
- Provide copies of associated documents registered against the Certificate of Title (limitations, interests, encumbrances or notifications) where the clearing may impact them (i.e. caveats within freehold Lots).
- If you have a large number of properties, please provide the relevant details for each property in a separately 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	The Proposal is for Hazelmere.  Vol/Foliio - CT-21 Plan/Diagram 45	25/708	ng Crescent,
Street address – Line 1	Lot 25 Stirling Crescent		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Hazelmere		
State	WA	Postcode	6055
Local government area(s)	City of Swan		

Land zoning	Special use (Zone Number 2885)
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# 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
- 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 ☐ Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to act on their behalf and acknowledge they will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit
☑ I am likely to become the landowner	
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	☐ Attach proof of ownership ☐ Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the property(ies) as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
☐ I am a person with multiple land parcels within which clearing is proposed	☐ Attach proof of ownership and/or ☐ Attach letters, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the properties as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities through the exercise of power conferred by different legislation (e.g. the <i>Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979</i> )	☐ Provide relevant legislative details:

## Part 5 - Proposed clearing

#### 5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form.

Note: DWER/DEMIRS 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(es) of vegetation, enter a hectare value for the total size of the area (mark number of trees as zero). For example, "clearing of 5 hectares".
- If you propose to clear only individual trees (i.e. the shrubs, grasses, groundcover plants
  will remain intact), provide the number of trees. For example, "clearing of 10 trees". If any
  shrubs, grasses, and/or groundcover plants may be damaged in the clearing process,
  enter the total area only.
- If you propose to clear an area of native 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 only 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> 1 acre = 0.4 hectares/4,000 m<sup>2</sup> 1 tree = 0.01 hectares/100 m<sup>2</sup> Area of circle = 3.14 x radius<sup>2</sup>
Area of a rectangle = length x width

Area of a triangle = 1/2 length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)

The proposal includes 0.67 ha within the boundary of Lot 25 Stirling Crescent, Hazelmere. Area to be cleared has been identified with no major environmental values present on the Site that would pose a constraint to the proposed development as per the Environmental Assessment Report complete by Western Environmental on 10/05/2024. The

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	wetland has been re-classified as 'Multiple Use' by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on the 09/08/2024 due to the few remaining values on the Site.
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	0.67 ha
Number of individual trees to be cleared	

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.).  If applicable, provide any additional project overview or explain in detail the activities on the property (e.g. provide context of work proposed and describe how clearing will contribute to overall work activities onsite etc.).	Seeking to clear all vegetation for Lot 25 Stirling Crescent, Hazelmere for intensification of land use and development of hardstand areas for storage.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Hardstand open air storage area.

### 5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	The vegetation on the Site will be cleared with low impact mechanical support such as a mini excavator or skid steel FEL.
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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: ASAP 2024 (once clearing permit approved)
	End date: Within 1 week of commencing

Note: The clearing referral process is not suitable for any clearing that is expected to take longer than two years.

## 5.6 Pre-application scoping

Historic clearing of native vegetation in the Swan Coastal Plain and Avon Wheatbelt Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) bioregions has been extensive. DWER/DEMIRS strongly recommends a pre-application meeting if you propose to clear native vegetation within these bioregions.

Do you propose to clear native vegetation within	
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the Swan Coastal Plain or Avon	☐ I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS	
Wheatbelt bioregions?	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	
	☐ I have contacted DWER/DEMIRS in relation to a pre-application meeting and been advised that a meeting is unnecessary in this case.	
	Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):	
	understand that	I a pre-application meeting with DWER/DEMIRS. I this may increase the likelihood of requests for further or delays in assessment.  next question.

## Part 6 - Mitigation hierarchy

#### 6.1 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? (Attach design drawings where applicable)
- 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, DWER/DEMIRS will ask you to do so during the validation of this application. Offsets will only be considered by DWER/DEMIRS as a last resort, once avoidance and minimisation measures have been clearly demonstrated.

Provide the avoidance details (e.g. retention of vegetation on property) The native vegetation (Eucalyptus rudis and some individuals of Melaleuca rhaphiophylla) and non-native vegetation located on the site is classed as a degraded or completely degraded condition as in as advised in the Environmental Assessment Report attached and the DBCA Wetland Assessment outcome, also attached. The land use being hardstand for car storage does not enable the retention of vegetation on site, due to fill and site levelling requirements. Due to this no vegetation on the site will be

retained as it has few remaining values on the Site.

The DBCA wetland Assessment outcome resulted in a Multiple Use category for the wetland on the site, with the wetland retaining a Resource Enhancement wetland on the lots adjacent to the North (the application only related to Lot 25 and the values of the broader wetland were not assessed by the proponent but were considered by DBCA). The vegetation proposed to be cleared is and has been physically separated to the vegetation associated with the Resource Enhancement portion of the wetland for at least 20 years. The physical separation has varied over time but has been maintained at a minimum of 20m and is currently approx. 30m. The portion of the wetland seeking to be cleared is not hydrologically linked via surface water and has not been for at least 20 years. Access driveways on the boundary of the adjacent Lots have been built and have used fill to create a raised driveway/road that does not include culverts to permit surface water movement.

The approved development (DA) does not propose to directly impact groundwater during construction or operation and therefore the proposed development will not impeded or limit groundwater movement or function of the adjacent Resource Enhancement wetlands. A Stormwater Management Plan (Attached) shows the placement of swales to provide on-site infiltration, stormwater treatment, conveyance and ultimately discharge to the Helena River. This SMP is subject to DBCA (Rivers and Estuaries) review and is required to be approved by DBCA as per the DA conditions.

The SMP will maintain pre-development discharge from the site and provide for stormwater treatment and infiltration to the groundwater aquifer. These measures will result in no hydrological change to the adjacent wetland when compared to the current situation.

Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)

The risk of the proposed development for weeds or pathogen spread is only relevant site work and construction phase. As per the DA approval, DBCA has been engaged regarding stormwater management an separation to the adjacent Helena River.

Weed and pathogen risk minimization during site work and construction will include:

- Ensure vehicles and footwear are free of soil and vegetative material before entering or exiting the site (i.e. direct to wash down area before entering or exiting the site).
- Ensure plants, soil, or fill brought into the site are from certified weed-free sources.
- Quarantine any infected material for disposal to an approved landfill facility
- Earthworks will include temporary drainage swales to ensure any runoff does not directly impact the adjacent Helena River foreshore reserve.

## 6.2 Offsets

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</u> of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline as a supporting document for your form.	ndix A attached	
Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (IBSA and IMSA)		
Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?	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 prethe Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments</u> (IBSA). If you direquirements, DWER/DEMIRS will decline/return your form.	paration of	data packages for
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/DEMIRS. Please note DWER/DEMIRS will suspend the assessment timeframes for your application until you provide the IBSA number(s).		
Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the <u>Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment?</u> □ N		es ot applicab <b>l</b> e
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)  IBSAS D7D0		SUB-20240912- EAE8
7.2 Marine surveys  If you want to submit any marine surveys to support this form, you must follow the EPA's  Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for  Assessments (IMSA). If you do not meet the IMSA requirements, DWER/DEMIRS will decline/return your form.		
Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form in accordance with the EPA's Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments?		
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. DWER/DEMIRS will decline to deal with your application without the proposed clearing first being deemed a controlled action.

For further information, see DWER's guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement.

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process, such as the assessment bilateral agreement or accredited assessment?	☐ Yes ☑ No – skip to Part 9
Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?  If 'Yes', please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the Annex C7 form	☐ Yes  EPBC number:  ☐ Annex C7 form attached  ☐ No (DWER/DEMIRS cannot assess the application under an EPBC Act Accredited Process)
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision	

# Part 9 - Other approvals

## 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 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/DEMIRS) 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 under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.

Has the proposed clearing or any related matter been referred to	☐ Yes  Enter details:	
the EPA?	No − complete question below.	
If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?	<ul> <li>☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal')</li> <li>☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement)</li> </ul>	

	□ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies		
Enter M	Enter Ministerial Statement number:		
⊠ No <b>–</b>	No − not a significant proposal		
9.2 Other approvals – works the EP Act)	s approval, licen	ce or registration (Part V Division 3 of	
Have you applied or do you into works approval, licence, registramendment to any of the above Division 3 of the EP Act?  It is an offence to perform any cause a premises to become a premises of a type listed in Schenvironmental Protection Regunless that action is done in action works approval, licence or registrem and the second premises works approvals and Guideline: Industry regulation of	ration or an e, under Part V  action that would prescribed nedule 1 of the ulations 1987, coordance with a stration. For further dure: Prescribed licences	□ Yes  Application reference:  □ No – a valid works approval applies □ No – a valid licence applies □ No – a valid registration applies □ No – not required	
9.3 Water licences and perm	nits ( <i>Rights in W</i>	ater and Irrigation Act 1914)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for: ☐ Yes			
a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater)		□ No – a current valid licence applies	
a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks), or		Licence number:	
<ul> <li>a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?</li> </ul>		Not applicable     Not	
For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> , see DWER's <u>Procedure: Water licences and permits</u> .			
9.4 Planning and other approvals			
Has the proposal obtained all relevant planning approvals	⊠ Yes		
and/or have you applied for all relevant planning approvals (e.g. Development Approval, Extractive Industry		OA-358/2024 City of Swan: Hardstand for open air storage yard - Approved	
Licence, etc.)?	□ No – planning	approval is not required	
	Enter details:		