

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 (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)

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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respectively.

and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer'

NOTE: Where appropriate in this

otherwise, the terms 'application'

Part 2 – Appli	cant details		
2.1 Applicant n	ame		
For area permits:	☐ Applying as ar	n 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		
If granted, the name(s) of (all)	Australian Company Number (ACN)		
applicant(s) will go on the permit.	Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
	Name	Department of Education	

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 and folio number - lot or location number(s) - crown lease or reserve number - pastoral lease number - mining tenement number	Register Number – 51/D63676 Plan – 63676 Lot – 51 Register Number – 52/D63676 Plan 63676 Lot 52 Register Number – 52/D63676 Plan 63676 Lot 53		
Street address – Line 1	308, 316 and 324 Park Street		
Street address – Line 2	10.		
Suburb	Henley Brook		
State	WA	Postcode	6055
Local government area(s)	City of Swan		
Land zoning	MRS: Urban LPS: Residential Development (City of Swan Scheme No. 17)		

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>	
	⊠ 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	☐ Attach <u>proof of ownership</u> ☐ Complete and attach an ' <u>Authority to access and clear</u> <u>native vegetation</u> ' 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 <u>purpose permit</u> 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 c

Area of circle = 3.14 x radius²

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

1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m² Area of a triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.11
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	N/A
Number of individual trees to be removed	11

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.)	As part of the broader Henley Brook Structure Plan area, Lots 51 to 53 Park Street, Henley Brook will be cleared of vegetation to enable the development of the Henley Brook South Primary School. To enable the development of the educational facility the clearing of 0.11 ha of native vegetation will be required to facilitate the earthworks within the site.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Ultimately the development of the site will enable the construction of a primary school, which will include the following features: Playing fields including sports court, cricket nets and a large oval Multiple schooling facilities including a library, administration building, assembly and class rooms Various carparking and drop off/pick up locations Irrigation tank water treatment compound Various outdoor areas (play areas), courtyards and pathways Passive landscape /shallow stormwater swale zone surrounding the oval
	 Landscaped areas enabling the revegetation with native species.

5.4 Method

Mechanical clearing	
	Mechanical clearing

5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing	Start date: 01/06/2023
(e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	End date: 01/06/2024

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

Lots 51 to 53 Park Street are considered an appropriate location for the future Henley Brook South Primary School. The approved Henley Brook Structure Plan accommodates for two primary schools within its boundary, with considerations given to the increasing demand generated by development in neighboring Brabham. Notably, the Statutory Planning Committee of the Western Australia Planning Commission indicated that it would support a third primary school site should the Department of Education acquire land suitable for such use.

The proponent has actively ensured that the least clearing of native vegetation possible is to be undertaken to enable the development of the educational facility within Lots 51 to 53. The existing native vegetation within the clearing referral area was determined to be in predominantly 'Completely Degraded' condition. No threatened or priority flora species were identified within the clearing referral area, nor anywhere else within Lots 51 to 53. Furthermore, no threatened or priority ecological communities were identified, likely due to the degraded condition and severe historical disturbance. As highlighted in the Native Vegetation Clearing Referral Letter, there are limited opportunities to avoid impacts on native vegetation within Lots 51 and 53 due to engineering constraints and 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 cockatoo.

Part 6 - Offset

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 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?	
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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) *Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments* (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 assessmen	nt
timeframes for your form until you provide the IBSA number(s).	

Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessment, available at ibsasubmissions.dwer.wa.gov.au ?	☐ Yes☒ Not applicable
Provide an IBSA number (preferred) or a submission number(s)	

7.2 Marine surveys

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

Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form in	☐ Yes
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.

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
f '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 subr	mitting 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'.		 □ Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety □ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 	
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 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 or DMIRS) 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 or for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.