



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation – Department of Mines,
Industry Regulation and Safety

Application for an amendment to a clearing permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 51M

FORM C4

Clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia except where a clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who causes or allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

CPS No.

Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) the original application must have been assessed in accordance with the bilateral assessment, and a variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this amendment application form.

Further information is located in *Annex C7* and *A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement* available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?

Yes EPBC number: _____

No Proceed to Part 2

List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.

Annex C7 is complete and the required supporting information is attached.

Part 2: Clearing permit details

Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits. Applications must be made more than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.	Permit number for existing clearing permit	CPS 2351/2
	Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd
FILE REFERENCE	Permit expiry date:	22 June 2018
	Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part 4: Proposed amendments		
<p>Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be attached.</p> <p>Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted, <i>and</i> payment of the prescribed fee. 	<p>Indicate the proposed change/s to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box/es:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extend the duration of the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make a correction to the clearing permit.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other.</p> <p>Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.</p> <p>Clearing activities have commenced and have not yet been completed.</p>	
	<p>For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.</p> <p>Evidence of authority can include, for example, a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority from the land owner.</p> <p>Note: the letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.</p>	<p>State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. <i>[Attach evidence of authority]</i></p> <p>Land owner</p>
	<p>Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.</p>	<p>Land description: volume and folio number, lot or location number(s), Crown lease or reserve number, pastoral lease number or mining tenement number of all properties.</p> <p>Lot 14 on Deposited Plan 58833 (formerly Lot 48 on Plan 226304)</p>
	<p>You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.</p>	<p>Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide details:</p> <p>Clearing for mineral exploration only to the extent that is required for access and conduct of operations.</p>
		<p>Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i>.</p>
	<p>Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's <i>WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines</i> on the EPA website for further information.</p>	

Part 5: Other DWER approvals	
Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your application is to be submitted to DMIRS skip to Part 6 of this form. If you have applied, or intend to apply, for other approvals within DWER you must provide the details. If you have referred, or intend to refer, your proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) you must provide the details. 	
Pre-application scoping	
Have you had any pre-application / pre-referral / scoping meetings with DWER regarding any planned applications?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – provide details: []
Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)	
Have you referred or do you intend to refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority? 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 DWER considers that the proposal in this application is likely to constitute a 'significant proposal', DWER is required under section 38(5) of the EP Act to refer the proposal to the EPA for assessment under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (referred) – reference (if known): []
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – (intend to refer) proposal is a 'strategic proposal' under section 37B(2)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – (intend to refer) proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement: []
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies: []
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not a 'significant proposal'
Works Approval / Licence / Registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for a works approval, licence, registration, or an amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act? It is an offense to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> , unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence, or registration. For further guidance, please refer to the Guidance Statement: Decision Making (February 2017).	Yes – application reference (if known): []
	No – a valid works approval applies: []
	No – a valid licence applies: []
	No – a valid registration applies: []
	No – not required
Water Licences and Permits (<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>)	
Have you applied or do you intend to apply for: 1. a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater); or 2. a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks); or 3. a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse?	Yes –application reference (if known): []
	No – a current valid licence applies: []
	N/A