

**Application for a clearing permit (area permit)**

Environmental Protection Act 1986 s 51E

FORM C1

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.

Department of Environment
Regulation

21 SEP 2015

Clearing Regulation

Date stamp

Part 1 Assessment bilateral agreement

The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

To be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement, the proposed clearing action must be referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act prior to submitting this application form and Annex C7 must also be completed.

For further information see Annex C7 and *A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the assessment bilateral agreement* available at www.der.wa.gov.au/nvp.

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 ☒ No Proceed to Part 2

Has the proposed clearing action been referred to the Commonwealth of Australia under the EPBC Act?

☐ Yes EPBC Number

☐ No It cannot be assessed under an Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement until it has been referred to the Commonwealth. Proceed to Part 2.

Has a decision been made under the EPBC Act as to whether the proposed clearing action is a controlled action?

☐ Yes ☐ No Proceed to Part 2

Is the proposed clearing action a controlled action under the EPBC Act?

☐ No It cannot be assessed under an Accredited Process, proceed to Part 2

☐ Yes Complete and attach the requirements of Annex C7 to this completed form

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 Land details

The location of the land where clearing is proposed must be accurately described.

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

Rottneest Island Reserve

Reserve No. 16713 in the records of the Department of Land Administration

Street address

Brand Way, Rottneest Island

Local government area
industrial

City of Cockburn

Land zoning, e.g. rural, residential,

A-Class Reserve

FILE REFERENCE

Part 3 Proposal

An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow must be attached, clearly marking the area proposed to be cleared or

if you have the facilities, a digital map on CDROM of the area to clear as an ESRI shapefile with the following properties:

- Geometry type: polygon shape
- Coordinate system: GDA 1994 (Geographic latitude/longitude)
- Datum: GDA 1994 (Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994).

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares) and/or number of individual trees to be removed

2.3926

Proposed method of clearing

Mechanical slashing

Period within which clearing is proposed to be undertaken, e.g. May 2014 – June 2014

December 2015 – December 2016

Purpose of clearing

Construction of a renewable energy contribution hybrid off-grid power system in involving the installation of 600kW of ground mounted Solar PV which will result in a 45% reduction in diesel fuel used for power generation on the Island.

The project will include enhancement of the vegetation and buffer of the wetland located to the south of the Solar Farm site. At present the vegetation within the northern portion of this wetland and associated buffer is predominantly in Good to Degraded condition (Keighery condition rating scale). Weed control and revegetation will be undertaken to improve the wetland habitat and buffer within this area.