

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. NOTE: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.	☐ 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)
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Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit. For purpose permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.	☐ Applying as an individual – complete the following: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Title</td> <td>☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Name(s)</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table> ☐ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Name</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Australian Company Number (ACN)</td> <td colspan="2">ABN: 24355062623</td> </tr> </table> ☒ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body) <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Name</td> <td>Shire of Denmark</td> </tr> </table>	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:		Name(s)			Name			Australian Company Number (ACN)	ABN: 24355062623		Name	Shire of Denmark
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2.2 Applicant contact details

Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Company name	
Contact phone number (1)	
Email address	

2.2 Applicant contact postal details

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

Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Suburb	
State	

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.

Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Suburb	
State	
Contact phone number (1)	

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 between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.	☒ Yes ☐ No
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2.5 Contact details for enquiries

If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).

Same as applicant's contact details	☒ Yes ☐ No
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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:

<u>Land description</u> 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	Lights Road – 1.25km section from intersection of Denmark Nornalup Heritage Rail Trail to T junction where it meets existing sealed road. Lights Road Land ID No.: 3777540 Road number: 3050036 SLK0.43 to SLK1.68		
Street address – Line 1	Lights Road		
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb	Ocean Beach		
State	WA	Postcode	6333
Local government area(s)	Shire of Denmark		
Land zoning	Rural		

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 (Officer representative of Shire of Denmark local government authority)	☒ Attach proof of ownership <i>Land Administration Act (1997) Part 5 Division 1 Section 55(2):</i> * (2) Subject to the <i>Main Roads Act 1930</i> and the <i>Public Works Act 1902</i> , the local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control and management of the road.
☐ 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 (<i>preferred</i>) • 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 <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.
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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 m ²	Area of circle = 3.14 x radius ²
1 acre = 0.4 hectares / 4,000 m ²	Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares / 100 m ²	Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.40482 ha understorey (4048.2m ²) + 31 trees (max) = 0.715 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	NOTE: Proposed clearing area revised to 0.42ha + 1 tree after application
Number of individual trees to be removed	Maximum of 31 trees = 0.31 ha

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.)	Native vegetation clearing proposal to widen and seal 1.25km section of Lights Road to improve traffic safety as it is identified as a road of significance with a higher volume of traffic particularly during peak tourism periods. Currently is only a one way windy road with blind corners and limited opportunities to pullover; with significant sized trees located close to the road edge. It is also used by heavy vehicles and is on a school bus route.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Road pavement and clear zone - with increased traffic safety.

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing – widening to 6m seal - removing topsoil to create structural fill and drainage with respreading of topsoil over batters.
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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: 01/10/2022 End date: 31/12/2022
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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 unsealed section of Lights Road is currently only a one way windy road with blind corners and a high volume of traffic. The clearing proposed is to enable widening of the road or passing bays where practicable to ensure improved traffic safety measures are employed. An environmental impact desk-top assessment of Lights Road - 1.25km section between Denmark Nornalup Heritage Rail Trail and the intersection where it meets the sealed road - by Shire of Denmark Sustainability Officer utilising available datasets indicated no significant known environmental values at risk from the proposed vegetation clearing. A site visit was conducted on 28/07/22 by Shire staff which confirmed the vegetation complexes proposed to be cleared as Hazelvale & Keystone - woodland of <i>Eucalyptus marginata</i>, <i>E.patens</i>, <i>Agonis juniperina</i>, <i>Callistachys lanceolata</i> and <i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i> with <i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> and an understorey of <i>Pteridium esculentum</i> and some evidence of kikuyu weeds. Maximum of 31 trees to be removed. Qualified arborists will be engaged to remove trees where required. The Shire will have onsite meetings with contractor prior to clearing to ensure only those trees and understorey required to be removed for road construction will be removed. Machinery utilised (skid steer or front end loader) size will be commensurate with works to be undertaken to ensure clearing is undertaken in a sensitive manner. All appropriate dieback hygiene measures will be undertaken including machinery to be clean on entry and on exit from the site.
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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 Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure 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
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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 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 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 [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 may decline/return your form.

Have you prepared all the marine surveys that support this form in accordance with the EPA's <i>Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments</i> ?	☐ Yes ☒ Not applicable
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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 [DWER's website guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement](#).

Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?	☐ Yes ☒ No – skip to Part 9
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If 'Yes' – complete the following:

Please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the Annex C7 form	☐ <i>Annex C7 form attached</i>
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision	

Part 9 – Other approvals

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 Act, select 'Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety'. For all other clearing activities, select 'Department of Water and Environmental Regulation'.	☐ Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety ☒ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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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.

Has the proposed clearing or any related matter been referred to the EPA?	☐ Yes Enter details: ☒ No – complete question below.
If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?	☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal') ☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) ☐ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies Enter Ministerial Statement number: ☒ No – not a significant proposal

9.2 Other approvals – pre-application scoping (DWER forms only)

Have you had any pre-application/ pre-referral/ scoping meetings with DWER about any planned applications?	☐ Yes Enter details: ☒ No
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9.3 Other approvals – works approval, licence or 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 offence to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987, unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence or registration. For further guidance, see DWER's Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences and Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing.	☐ Yes Application reference: ☐ No – a valid works approval applies ☐ No – a valid licence applies ☐ No – a valid registration applies ☒ No – not required
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