



Information for purpose permit holders

Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose

This fact sheet aims to assist purpose permit holders in understanding and complying with the conditions on their clearing permits. It introduces three Department of Environment Regulation (DER) documents integral to understanding how to apply for and comply with the requirements of a purpose permit, namely:

- *Guide 5 — Getting to know your purpose permit*
- *Clearing of native vegetation — offsets procedure*
- *A guide to preparing revegetation plans for clearing permits*

All documents are available online from [DER's website](#).

Guide 5 — Getting to know your purpose permit

This guide provides an example of a purpose permit including examples of conditions that may be a requirement of this type of permit. It provides explanatory notes on the permit and the conditions to assist permit holders in complying with their permit.

Section 511 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) lists the kinds of conditions that can be attached to a clearing permit which the holder of a permit can be required to implement at their expense.

Clearing of native vegetation Offsets procedure

This procedure guides applicants in the design of an offset proposal when an offset is required as a condition of a clearing permit.

Offsets are a type of condition that can be placed on a clearing permit when the clearing is at variance to one or more of the clearing principles found in Schedule 5 of the EP Act.

Offsets are actions that provide environmental benefits that counterbalance the significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.

Appendix A of the procedure is a sample offset proposal form that is intended to guide applicants on the minimum information required in an offset proposal for assessment. The form is aimed at ensuring that offset proposals submitted meet the requirements of the [WA Environmental Offsets Policy](#) and the [WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines](#).

Offset proposals must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or a delegate prior to the commencement of clearing.

A guide to preparing revegetation plans for clearing permits

This guide provides a recommended approach for developing a native vegetation revegetation plan when required to do so for a clearing application or permit. The guide explains what information is required to be submitted in a revegetation plan, how to develop quantitative completion criteria based on reference site data, monitoring requirements and recommended protocols. Additionally, the guide describes a recommended format and content for the revegetation plan and requirements for subsequent monitoring and reporting against the completion criteria.

Compliance

Refer to DER's online fact sheets: [Fact sheet 2 — Clearing Offences and Penalties](#) and [Fact Sheet 3 — Compliance Inspections and Clearing Laws](#) for information about penalties and compliance inspections.

More information

For information on native vegetation purpose permits, or related matters, contact DER on +61 8 6467 5000.

For applications related to mines and petroleum activities, under delegation, contact DMP on +61 8 9222 3333.

This document is available in alternative formats and other languages on request.

Related documents

More guidelines and fact sheets on native vegetation clearing processes are available from [DER's website](#).

Legislation

Please refer to the State Law Publisher (SLP) for copies of the relevant legislation, available electronically from the [SLP website](#).

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