

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION**

UNDER SECTION 40 OF THE *BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016*

**TO TAKE OR DISTURB THREATENED FLORA**

**IN A MANAGEMENT OPERATION**

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| **NOTE TO APPLICANTS:*** Please complete all sections.
* Applications for threatened flora authorisations must be submitted at least **6-8 weeks** prior to the proposed take or disturbance of the species.
* If the application is incomplete or does not have sufficient detail to assess the level of risk to the threatened flora, an assessor may contact the applicant via phone or email to request further detail or decline the application due to insufficient information, and request resubmission.
* The risk to the conservation of biodiversity is considered in accordance with “[G*uideline for assessing risks to the conservation of biodiversity associated with threatened species and threatened ecological communities*](https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/media/2313/download)”.
* To reduce the level of risk to species, conditions may be applied to authorisations to adequately mitigate or offset the impact
* Activities that directly or indirectly cause the take or disturbance of listed threatened flora require a Ministerial authorisation under s 40 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act).
* To take includes *to gather, pluck, cut, pull up, destroy, dig up, remove, harvest or damage flora by any means.*
* To disturb is to *engage in an activity that has the effect, whether directly or indirectly, of altering the long-term persistence of the flora in its habitat*.
* An application for a threatened flora authorisation should be completed for any activity that has the potential, whether directly or indirectly, of taking or disturbing threatened flora. Please contact speciesandcommunities@dbca.wa.gov.au for advice if you are unsure your activity will meet the definition of take of disturb.
* Information on the location of threatened flora populations can be requested through Species and Communities Program by emailing flora.data@dbca.wa.gov.au.
* **Completed application form to be emailed to**: speciesandcommunities@dbca.wa.gov.au with all relevant attachments, or forwarded to: Species and Communities Program, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Locked Bag 104 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983.
* Further information may be obtained from the DBCA website [Authorisation to take and disturb threatened flora](https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/management/threatened-species-and-communities/protections-and-approvals/authorisation-take-and-disturb-threatened-flora) or by emailing speciesandcommunities@dbca.wa.gov.au..
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**SECTION 1: Applicant details**

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| 1. **Name of the individual to whom the authorisation is to be issued:**
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| Title: |  | Surname: |  | First name: |  |
| Job title: |  | Contact phone number: |  |
| Associated institution/company/group (if applicable): | Occupier/lessee [ ]  Owner [ ]  Public authority [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Residential address or associated institution/company/group physical address: | Postcode: |
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| Postal address: | Postcode: |
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| Previous authorisation no.: | Email address: |
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| Expiry date: |
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| 1. **Have you been convicted of an offence under the BC Act in the past five years?** NO [ ]  YES [ ]
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| If yes, please provide details and offence date: |
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| **Disclosure and declaration** |
| Information that you provide will be used and disclosed in accordance with sections 274 and 275 of the BC Act. This may include use for license or authorisation monitoring and compliance, to inform you of any license or authorisation legislative requirements or changes, and disclosure to other State and Commonwealth agencies for administration or enforcement purposes. You also consent to the release of information in relation to the granting of the authorisation, and any conditions of the authorisation, in response to inquiries made to the Department.**Applicant declaration:**All details provided by me to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) in relation to this application are true and correct, and I consent to the use and disclosure of information for the purposes described above. |
| **Signed:**  |  | **Date:** |  |

**SECTION 2: Other approvals**

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| 1. **Is your proposal subject to other approvals?** e.g. licenses or other authorisations under the BC Act, and/or approvals under the (Part IV and V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*), the *Planning and Development Act 2005, Mining Act 1978,* and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.* Note: Assessments may be undertaken concurrently by the appropriate organisations under each applicable legislation.
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| YES [ ]  (please complete question 4 and 5 below). NO [ ]  (proceed to question 6) |
| 1. **If other approvals are required, please outline these below**. Please indicate if the approval is pending or if it has been issued. If approvals have been issued, where available, please attach a copy or provide a link to the approval/relevant information (e.g. Ministerial Statement). Please insert additional rows if multiple approvals are required:
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| Approval has been issued (yes/pending): |  |
| Copy of approval attached (yes/no)or link: |  |
| Approval type: |  |
| Approval number/reference (if applicable): |  |
| Approval date: |  |
| Period of approval: |  |
| Further information and/or details of relevant conditions on the approval (can refer to above attachment if appropriate): |
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1. **If your proposal is currently being assessed under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986,* please indicate below if you would like this application to be considered for parallel processing.**
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| [ ]  **Yes**, please consider this application for parallel processing.Proposal name and Environment Online reference number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  [ ]  **No**, I do not wish to be considered for parallel processing. |

**SECTION 3: Details of the threatened flora**

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| 1. **Scientific name(s) of threatened flora to be taken or disturbed:** (if more than one taxon please list all)
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| 1. **Registered DBCA database population number/s of the threatened flora** (if known):
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| 1. **Total number(s) and condition of plants in threatened flora population(s) subject to the proposed activity (include reproductive maturity):** (e.g. mature / juvenile / seedlings)
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| 1. **Number(s) of plants and parts of plants likely to be taken or disturbed** (e.g. leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds on ground, stem, roots, above ground plants, whole plants) **at the time proposed:**
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| 1. **Total number of populations, number of plants and condition of the species:**
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| 1. **in the local context:**
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| 1. **on all lands if known:** (attach a table if necessary)
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| 1. **Detail regenerative characteristics of the threatened flora as applicable to activity, where known:** e.g. known to regenerate from soil stored seed after disturbance
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**SECTION 4: Land details**

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| 1. **Location of proposed activity:** street address, lot/location no., lease no., and/or reserve no., and local government area)
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| 1. **Please attach a map which includes the location of the threatened flora and the area/s proposed to be impacted by the activity.**
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| Map attached: **YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]  Shapefile and/or GPS Coordinates attached: **YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]   |

 **SECTION 5: Proposed activity**

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| 1. **Provide a brief description of the activities that will or may take threatened flora.**

Relevant information attached: [ ] Note: “to take or disturb” also refers to inadvertent or accidental impact to the threatened flora and surrounding habitat. If renewing a threatened flora authorisation, please advise if the activities authorised under the previous authorisation were completed and the number of plants taken to date. |
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| 1. **Is this activity part of an ongoing project? NO [ ]  YES [ ]**  If yes, please provide details below.
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| 1. **Approximate duration of the proposed activities which will result in taking of threatened flora:**
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| **Activity:** | **Commence:** | **Cease:** |
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| 1. **Purpose of and need for the proposed activities:**
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| 1. **Additional comments in support of application:** (e.g. discussion with DBCA District/Regional staff and/or Species and Communities Program).
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**SECTION 6: Mitigation**

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| 1. **Demonstrate the application of the mitigation hierarchy.** Provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce risk, or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale of, the impact of the proposed activity on the threatened flora (before, during and after the proposed activity). Where there is a significant risk to threatened flora, detail what steps will be taken to reduce the longer-term impact.
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**SECTION 7: Monitoring**

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| 1. **Will the effect of the activity on the species be monitored?** If so, provide details on pre and/or post activity monitoring (attach detailed monitoring plan where applicable).
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**SECTION 8: Additional site impacts**

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| 1. **Provide details below or attach information which describe impacts to surrounding habitat which may cause secondary (indirect) impacts to the threatened flora:**
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| Further Information attached: NO [ ]  YES [ ]  If yes, please describe:  |
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**SECTON 9: Presence of other conservation significant species or communities**

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| 1. **Presence of other conservation significant species or communities.**
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| 1. Are there any known records of **priority flora** on the lands to be affected by the activity?

NO **[ ]**  YES **[ ]**  Please list species: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Are there any known occurrences of **threatened ecological communities** within lands affected by the activity?

NO **[ ]** YES **[ ]** Name of community: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, you may require a threatened ecological community authorisation. Please refer to DBCA’s [Authorisation to modify a threatened ecological community](https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/management/threatened-species-and-communities/protections-and-approvals/authorisation-modify-threatened-ecological-community).1. Are there any known records of **threatened fauna or significant habitat values** **for threatened fauna** within the impacted locations?

NO **[ ]** YES **[ ]** Please list species: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_If yes, you may require a threatened fauna authorisation [Authorisation to take and disturb threatened fauna.](https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/management/threatened-species-and-communities/protections-and-approvals/authorisation-take-and-disturb-threatened-fauna) |

**Check list of attachments (where applicable):**

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| Other approvals documents (as applicable) | Attached [ ]   |
| An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow clearly identifying the threatened flora to be impacted, and shapefile where available | Attached map [ ]   Attached Shapefile [ ]  |
| Monitoring program | Attached [ ]   |
| Environmental surveys | Attached [ ]   |
| Photos of application area | Attached [ ]  |
| Other (please describe below): | Attached [ ]  |