

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION**

UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE *BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016*

**TO MODIFY AN OCCURRENCE OF A**

**THREATENED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY**

**NOTE TO APPLICANTS:**

* Please complete ALL sections.
* Applications for authorisation to modify an occurrence of a threatened ecological community must be submitted at least **6-8 weeks** prior to the proposed modification of the threatened ecological community.
* If the application is incomplete or does not have sufficient detail to assess the level of risk to the threatened ecological community, 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)”.
* This application form should be read in conjunction with [*Guidance note –* *Modification of an occurrence of a threatened ecological community*](https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/plants-animals/tecs/TEC_modification_guidance_note.pdf) issued by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (the department).
* Under section 44, of the [*Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*](https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_13811_homepage.html) (BC Act) ‘modify’, in relation to an occurrence of a threatened ecological community, means to take action that results in:
	+ the modification of the occurrence of the threatened ecological community to such an extent that the occurrence is unlikely to recover:
		- its species composition or structure; or
		- its species composition and structure; or
	+ the destruction of the occurrence of the threatened ecological community.
* Information on the location of threatened ecological communities can be requested through Species and Communities Program by emailing communities.data@dbca.wa.gov.au
* **Completed application form to be emailed** to: speciesandcommunities@dbca.wa.gov.au with all relevant attachments, or forwarded to: Senior Technical Officer, Species and Communities Program, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Locked Bag 104 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983.
* For further information, please see the DBCA website [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) or contact Species and Communities speciesandcommunities@dbca.wa.gov.au

**SECTION 1: Applicant details**

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| 1. **Name of the individual to whom an 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 5 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 licence or authorisation monitoring and compliance, to inform you of any licence 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 concerning 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 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. **Does your proposal require other approvals?** e.g. licences or authorisations under the BC Act, and/or approvals under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (Part IV and V), 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. |
| NO [ ]  YES [ ]  (if yes, please complete questions 4 and 5) |
| 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 or exemption 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 ecological community**

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| 1. **Name of the threatened ecological community**
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| 1. **Is the threatened ecological community occurrence confirmed, or suspected?** If confirmed, state how the identification has been confirmed (i.e. from DBCA dataset). If not confirmed, state why you consider the community may be a threatened ecological community and methods used for the identification (attach further documentation/survey data where appropriate).
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**SECTION 4: Land details**

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| 1. **Location of the proposed action.** Please provide an accurate description (include 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 area of the known occurrence and the areas proposed to be impacted by the action, showing the current and predicted final extent (post action) of the occurrence.**
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| Map attached: NO [ ]  YES [ ] Shapefile or GPS Coordinates attached: NO [ ]  YES [ ]  |

**SECTION 5: Proposed action**

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| 1. **Period within which the action is proposed to be undertaken.**
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| **From:** | **To:** |
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| 1. **Describe the action** e.g. clearing of vegetation, extraction of water from a spring/aquifer, removal of soil, construction of a mine or dams / mitigation installations (e.g. to contain waste).
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| 1. **Purpose and need for the action.**
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| 1. **Final land use.**
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| 1. **Total area covered by the action (hectares).**
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| 1. **Total area of the occurrence of the threatened ecological community that the proposed action will impact (hectares).**
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| 1. **Describe the anticipated impacts to the threatened ecological community.** Include reports by persons with appropriate expertise that substantiate any conclusions about the extent, duration, significance and other consequences of any impacts to the threatened ecological community.

In particular, detail if and what area of the occurrence, will:1. have the species composition changed
2. have the structure changed
3. be destroyed.
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| 1. **Describe the viability of the remaining extent of the occurrence of the threatened ecological community with respect to the maintenance of ecosystem processes over time, and any increase in the effect of threatening processes such as due to reduced occurrence size or increased fragmentation or boundary-to-area ratio of the occurrence.**
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**SECTION 6: Mitigation**

An authorisation to modify an occurrence of a threatened ecological community may include conditions to mitigate or offset residual impacts.

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| 1. **Demonstrate the application of the mitigation hierachy.** 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 action on the threatened ecological community. Mitigation may include amending the design, timing or method of undertaking the action.
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**SECTION 7: Monitoring**

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| 1. **Will the effect of the action on the threatened ecological community be monitored?** If so, provide details on pre and/or post action 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 descibe impacts to surrounding habitat which may cause indirect impacts to the threatened ecological community** (e.g. altered surface water flow, ground water extraction, soil contamination):
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| Further Information attached: NO [ ]  YES [ ]  |
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**SECTON 9: Presence of other conservation significant species or communities**

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| 1. **Are there any known other conservation significant species or communities:**
2. Are there any known priority ecological communities within the impacted locations?

NO [ ]  YES [ ]  Please list communities\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Are there any known populations of **threatened flora** within the impacted locations?

NO [ ]  YES [ ]  Please list species: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_If yes, you may require a threatened flora authorisation. Please refer to [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) 1. Are there any known records **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 | Attached [ ]   |
| An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow clearly identifying the areas of the occurrence of the threatened ecological community proposed to be modified, and shapefile where | Attached map [ ]   Attached shapefile [ ]  |
| Environmental surveys, reports and/or evidence to support assessment of expected level of impact to the occurrence of the threatened ecological community | Attached [ ]   |
| Monitoring program | Attached [ ]   |
| Photos of application area | Attached [ ]  |
| Other (please describe below): | Attached [ ]  |
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