

## Information for purpose permit holders

*Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Purpose permit holders implement complex programs of works for specific purposes (e.g. clearing of a number of areas of native vegetation for purposes such as road widening or installing new infrastructure). The following documents have been developed to assist purpose permit holders to understand the conditions of their purpose permit in order to comply:

- **Getting to know your purpose permit**
- **Guide to developing an offset proposal**
- **Fact Sheet 11 Direct and contributing Offsets**

### Getting to know your purpose permit

This A3 document 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.

Purpose permit holders are provided with this guide with their permit or it can be accessed at: [www.dec.wa.gov.au/nvc](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/nvc)

### Guide to developing an offset proposal

Developing an offset proposal is a common condition of both purpose permits and area permits where the clearing maybe or is at variance to one of the clearing principles (this information will be outlined in the permit decision report). The offset condition often applies in areas where levels of native vegetation are very low.

Offset proposals must be approved by the CEO of DEC prior to the commencement of clearing.

The guide is an example of how to develop an offset proposal in order to comply with an offset condition and contains explanatory notes. It will assist the permit holder to exhibit exactly how they intend to offset the loss of native vegetation that they have been permitted to clear.

This guide is provided to all native vegetation clearing permit holders who are required to develop an offset proposal as a condition of their permit.

### Fact Sheet 11 Direct and contributing offsets

This fact sheet provides information on two types of offsets and is an extract from the Environmental Protection Authority's "Position Statement No. 9 – Environmental Offsets (January 2006) and adapted for applicants of permits to clear native vegetation.

### Legislation

This document is provided for guidance only. It should not be relied upon to address every aspect of the relevant legislation. Please refer to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004, available from the State Law Publisher. Free electronic copies are available from [www.slp.wa.gov.au](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au)

### Compliance assistance documents

Additional publications relating to clearing laws, clearing permits and application forms are available online from [www.dec.wa.gov.au/nvc](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/nvc) or can be requested by phoning 9219 8744.

### Compliance advice

For advice on complying with your permit, or any other related matter, please contact DEC's Native Vegetation Conservation Branch on 9219 8744

For permits related to mineral and petroleum activities contact Department of Mines and petroleum on 9222 3570.

