**APPLICATION TO VARY A**

**PASTORAL LAND CLEARING PERMIT**

**Section 38(1)(h) Pastoral Land Act 1992**

**1. APPLICANT’S DETAILS**

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| Full Name: |  |
| Position (e.g. lessee / consultant) |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Mobile |  |
| Email |  |
| Postal Address |  |

**2. DETAILS OF LEASE**

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| Station Name |  |
| Pastoral Lease Number |  |
| NT Portion Number |  |
| Location / Pastoral District |  |
| Total Area of Lease (km2) |  |

**3. DETAILS OF PASTORAL LAND CLEARING PERMIT**

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| Permit Number: |  |
| Date of permit issue:  |  |
| Date of permit expiry:  |  |
| Area of permitted clearing (ha): |  |
| Extent cleared to date (ha): |  |

[ ]  Attach copy of Pastoral Land Clearing Permit.

[ ]  Attach copy of Clearing Plan Endorsed Drawing (i.e. map of permitted clearing area)

[ ]  Attach map showing extent of permitted clearing area that has been cleared to date.

**4. TYPE OF PROPOSED VARIATION**

What aspects of the permit are you proposing to vary?

[ ]  Term of Permit – i.e. extend the Commencement Period and / or the Expiry date.

[ ]  Permit Condition/s

[ ]  Clearing Plan – i.e. the spatial extent of the permitted clearing area.

[ ]  Establishment Plan – i.e. the method and timing of works as prescribed by the permit.

[ ]  Staging Plan – i.e. the clearing schedule as prescribed by the permit.

[ ]  Land use within the permitted clearing area.

**Note:** Variation of one aspect may have implications for other aspects (e.g. if applying to vary the Term of Permit, it may also be necessary to vary the Establishment and / or Staging Plans).

**5. VARIATION TO TERM OF PERMIT**

The *Permit Holder* may apply for an extension of the *Term of Permit* provided that (i) the *Permit Holder* has *Substantially Commenced* the *Clearing Activities* within the *Commencement Period*; and (ii) the application for extension is submitted at least one year before the *Expiry Date* (Note: italicized terms are defined on the permit).

**5.1** If applying to vary the Term of Permit, complete table below.

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| **Date of Permit:**(i.e. the date the permit was signed) |  |
| **Length of Commencement Period as defined on the permit:**(e.g. two years of the Date of Permit) |  |
| **Expiry Date as defined on the permit:**(e.g. ten years from the Date of Permit) |  |
| **Proposed change to Commencement Period** (e.g. extend by one year; or end on dd/mm/yyyy) |  |
| **Proposed change to Expiry Date:** (e.g. extend by one year; or end on dd/mm/yyyy) |  |

**5.2** What is the reason for the proposed changes to the Term of Permit?

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**6. VARIATION TO PERMIT CONDITION/S**

If applying to vary Permit Condition/s, complete table below.

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| **Condition No:** (e.g. Conditions Precedent No. 2) |  |
| **Condition Requirement:**(i.e. insert condition wording as is appears on the permit) |  |
| **Proposed Variation:** (i.e. describe the proposed change) |  |
| **Reason for Variation\*:** (i.e. describe reason/s for proposed change) |  |

[ ]  \*Attach supporting evidence (if applicable).

**7. VARIATION TO CLEARING PLAN**

**7.1** If applying to vary the permitted Clearing Plan, complete table below.

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| **Endorsed Drawing No:** (e.g. ABC-001) |  |
| **Total area of clearing as permitted (ha):**(e.g. 100.50 ha) |  |
| **Total area of clearing as proposed (ha):**(e.g. 90.30 ha) |  |
| **Total area of clearing variation (ha):** (e.g. decrease of 10.20 ha ) |  |

[ ]  Attach the variation Clearing Plan (i.e. a map that clearly shows the new proposed clearing extent and how this differs to the permitted clearing area).

**7.2** If applying to vary the permitted Clearing Plan, in table below provide a description of the proposed changes and the rationale.

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| **Polygon ID\*** | **Permitted clearing area (ha)** | **Proposed clearing area (ha)** | **Variation (ha)** | **Description of variation**  | **Reason for variation** |
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\*Use polygon number on Clearing Plan Endorsed Drawing (if present).

**7.3** Will the proposed changes result in any areas of native vegetation being cleared that were not assessed as part of the original application (i.e. proposed variation entails clearing outside of permitted clearing as shown on the Clearing Plan Endorsed Drawing)?

[ ]  Yes – Attach a Land Type map and descriptions (see Appendix A) for the new area.

[ ]  No

**Note**: If the proposed variation will result in a substantial area of additional clearing, a new Pastoral Land Clearing Application will be required instead. (For further information, contact the Land Development Coordination Branch on 8999 4454).

**7.4** If applying to vary the permitted Clearing Plan, you will need to demonstrate how the proposed changes address the recommendations outlined in the NT Pastoral Land Clearing Guidelines and the NT Planning Scheme Land Clearing Guidelines (LCG);for example, but not limited to: exclusion of sensitive environmental or cultural features and retention of appropriate buffers and wildlife corridors, etc.

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| **LCG Section** | **Consideration** | **Applicable**(tick) |
| 3.1 | Land resources and land capability/suitability  |  |
| 3.2 | Land management and erosion and sediment control |  |
| 3.3 | Biodiversity and threatened species |  |
| 3.4 | Water resources and water use  |  |
| 3.5 | Weed management |  |
| 3.6  | Cultural heritage |  |

**Note**: Changing from a non-irrigated to an irrigated land use may require submission of a Land Suitability Assessment (contact the Land Development Coordination Branch on 8999 4454).

[ ]  Attach summary outlining how the proposed changes address applicable aspects of the guidelines and relevant supporting information

**8. VARIATION TO ESTABLISHMENT PLAN**

**8.1** If proposing to vary the permitted Establishment Plan, please complete a new version below.

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| **Activity** | **Timing**(month/year) | **Methods & Details** |
| Felling of vegetation |  | *(Describe machinery and techniques).*  |
| Removal of felled vegetation |  | *(Describe machinery and techniques including burning, mulching, temporary location and removal of windrows).*  |
| Site Preparation  |  | *(Describe machinery and techniques).* |
| Planting |  | *(Outlining timing and method for each species).*  |
| Weed & Regrowth Management |  | *(Describe controls methods).*  |
| Grazing Management |  | *(Outline when stock will be introduced; and the stocking regime to be used after establishment).*  |
| Crop Management |  | *(Outline timing, method and rotation of each crop).*  |

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| **8.2** If proposing to vary the permitted Establishment Plan, please explain reasons for the proposed changes.  |
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**9. VARIATION TO STAGING PLAN**

**9.1** If proposing to vary the permitted Staging Plan, please complete a new version below.

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| **Year** | **Polygon ID** |
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| **9.2** If proposing to vary the permitted Staging Plan, please explain reasons for the proposed changes.  |
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**10. VARIATION TO PERMITTED USE**

**10.1** If proposing to vary the permitted land use within the permitted clearing extent, please describe the proposed changes in the table below.

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| **Polygon ID** | **Current permitted use** | **Proposed use** |
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[ ]  Attach map showing delineation of proposed use/s within the permitted clearing area.

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| **10.2** If proposing to vary the permitted land use, please explain reasons for the proposed changes.  |
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[ ]  Attach supporting information (e.g. AgNote).

**11. WATER REQUIREMENTS**

**11.1** Is the permitted land use irrigated?

[ ]  Yes – Attach copy of Water Extraction Licence

[ ]  No

**11.2** Will the proposed land use be irrigated?

[ ]  Yes – Complete questions 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5.

[ ]  No

**Note**: Changing from a non-irrigated to an irrigated land use may require submission of a Land Suitability Assessment (contact the Land Development Coordination Branch on 8999 4454).

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| **13.3** What will be the total annual water requirement for the property following establishment of the proposed use? (Contact Water Resources on 8999 4613 for advice).  |
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| **11.4** Where will water be sourced and is there adequate supply? (e.g. 860ML/yr will be sourced from the Tindall Limestone Aquifer from bore RN32140 at 20L/s).  |
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| **11.5** Will a new Water Extraction Licence be required and if so, what is the status of the licence? (e.g. an application is yet to be lodged; an application was lodged on dd/mm/yyyy and determination is pending; or Licence No. XX was approved on dd/mm/yyyy) |
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[ ]  Yes – Attach copy of (new) Water Extraction Licence

[ ]  No

**Applicant Signature:** **Date**:

[ ]  Attach Owner/s authorisation form

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| **Please forward your application to:**The Land Development Coordination BranchDepartment of Environment & Natural ResourcesPO Box 496PALMERSTON NT 0831Email: PastoralAssessment.DENR@nt.gov.auTelephone: 08 8999 4454 |

**Checklist of Attachments**

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| **Section of Application** | **Required Attachment** | **Tick if applicable** |
|  | Owner/s authorisation form (compulsory) |  |
| 3 | Copy of Pastoral Land Clearing Permit |  |
| 3 | Copy of Clearing Plan Endorsed Drawing  |  |
| 3 | Map showing extent of clearing and development to date |  |
| 5 | Evidence supporting reasons for variation to permit conditions |  |
| 6.1 | Variation Clearing Plan |  |
| 6.3 | Land Type map **and** Land Type descriptions (see template at Appendix A) for areas of new proposed clearing. |  |
| 6.4 | Summary outlining how the proposed changes meet the NT Pastoral Land Clearing Guidelines **and** the NT Planning Scheme Land Clearing Guidelines; **and** relevant supporting information.(e.g. a Land Suitability Assessment may be required if changing from a non-irrigated to an irrigated land use)  |  |
| 9.1 | Map showing delineation of proposed land use/s within the permitted clearing area |  |
| 9.2 | Supporting information regarding the proposed use/s.  |  |
| 10.1 | Copy of Water Extraction Licence (for original permitted use) |  |
| 10.5 | Copy of Water Extraction Licence (new/additional) |  |
|  | Any additional supporting information  |  |

**Appendix A – Land Type description template**

*Complete one template for each land type within the new proposed clearing areas*

**LAND TYPE:**

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| **Landform:** (describe the landform highlighting range of slope [i.e. <1%; 1-3%; >3%], direction of runoff, and extent of surface rock) |
| **Soil:** (describe the dominant soil in this land type highlighting features such as soil texture, depth, colour, surface gravel, surface cracking, and drainage during the wet season) |
| **Vegetation:** (describe the average height and cover of the upper-storey [e.g. individual canopies generally overlapping, partially separated, clearly separated or very sparse] and the dominant trees, shrubs, grasses and weeds) |
| **Soil Conservation:** (describe existing type and occurrence of erosion within the land type; and the likelihood of erosion occurring if this land type is cleared) |
| **Diagrams (Optional):** (Please draw the landscape [e.g. cross section] noting natural and man-made features; and the location of the land type described above) |
| **Photo: (Compulsory):** (insert representative photo of land type) |
| **Photo Coordinates:** | (e.g. x, y) | **Coordinate system:**  | (e.g. GDA94) |
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