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Appendix 1: The approvals matrix

1 Background and context

1.1 Background

The former Department of Conservation and Land Management established and maintained an approvals matrix from the early 1990's to provide guidance to operations managers. The *Forest Management Plan 2004-2013* (FMP) necessitated the review of the approvals matrix for State forests and Timber Reserves in 2006. An Advisory Note was prepared by the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) Sustainable Forest Management Division to provide guidance for that matrix. The Regional Services Division developed the matrix for reserves created under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) and other DEC-managed lands and waters to complement and extend the approvals process beyond State forests and Timber Reserves. This document reflects the contemporary approvals processes at February 2010.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on approvals required for operations on reserves on DEC-managed lands and waters.

1.3 Scope

The approvals matrix is to be used as part of the planning process for disturbance operations on CALM Act reserves and other lands and waters managed by DEC and freehold land held in the name of DEC's Chief Executive Officer.

1.4 Structure of the approvals matrix

The approvals matrix is structured as a table with the type of disturbance operations or activities in the columns and the type of management area in the rows. The designation in the cell is the level or organisational position (e.g. Regional Manager, Director General) that is authorised to provide approval for the listed operation in the particular management area. In many instances the authorisation to carry out an operation will also involve approval or advice from other organisations.

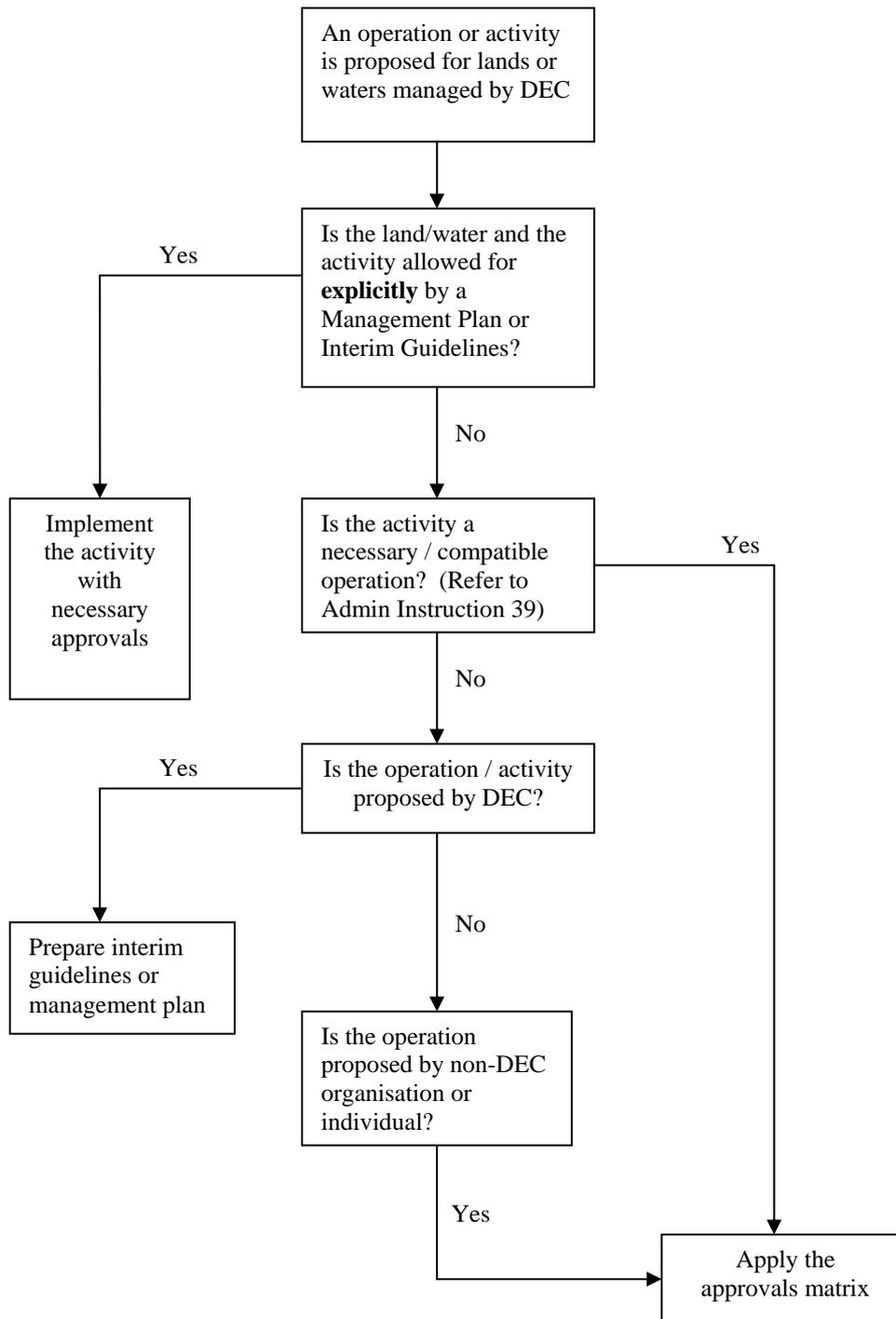
1.5 Custodianship and management of this document

The custodian of this document is the Director of Regional Services of the Regional Services Division in DEC.

1.6 Decision flow chart

A flow chart to assist with the decision making process for the use of the approvals matrix is depicted below:

Decision Flow Chart



1.7 Clearing of Native Vegetation

Part V Division 2 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) regulates the clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia.

Sections 3 and 51A of the EP Act, and Regulation 4 of the Clearing Regulations, define ‘native vegetation’ as indigenous aquatic and terrestrial vegetation, including dead vegetation, and intentionally planted vegetation where established as a requirement of this or any other law, and intentionally planted vegetation established (wholly or partly) with funding by a third party for the purpose of biodiversity or land conservation, and intentionally planted vegetation protected by a covenant or other binding agreement to establish and/or maintain the vegetation, but does not include intentionally planted vegetation established as a plantation for commercial harvest.

Section 51A of the EP Act defines ‘clearing’ to mean the killing or destruction of, the removal of, the severing or ringbarking of trunks or stems of, or the doing of any other substantial damage to, some or all of the native vegetation in an area, and includes the draining or flooding of land, the burning of vegetation, the grazing of stock, or any other act or activity, that causes substantial damage to some or all of the native vegetation in an area.

Section 51C of the EP Act states that a person who causes or allows clearing commits an offence unless the clearing:

- a. is done in accordance with a clearing permit;
- b. is of an exempt kind described in Schedule 6 of the EP Act; or
- c. is of a kind prescribed in the Clearing Regulations but not within environmentally sensitive areas (as defined in the *Environmental Protection (Environmentally Sensitive Areas) Notice 2005*).

For the purpose of this document, there are several exemptions that are relevant for operations that require clearing of native vegetation on CALM Act reserves and other lands and waters managed by DEC. Perhaps the most relevant exemption for DEC’s purposes is that provided by Schedule 6(3):

Clearing by the Department, within the meaning of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, in the performance of its function under section 33(1)(a) of that Act of managing land, but, in the case of land referred to in section 33(1)(a)(i), only if the management is carried out in accordance with section 33(3).

There are also a number of exemptions that may apply to clearing, for example clearing under the *Bushfire Act 1954*, *Sandalwood Act 1929*, *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and the *Forest Products Act 2000* as provided for in Schedule 6 of the EP Act, and clearing for specific purposes defined in the Clearing Regulations. Please contact DEC’s Native Vegetation Conservation Branch if you have queries regarding exemptions for clearing of native vegetation.

2 Explanatory notes for use of the approvals matrix

2.1 Land category changes

Type of land category change	Explanatory notes
Land Alienation	Relates to all decisions to alienate reserves or lands listed in the management categories.
Intra-government land transfers (major >0.5 ha)	Relates to all decisions to transfer the vesting of CALM Act reserves from the Conservation Commission to another Government department or agency. This will most commonly be used for the transfer of large parcels of land for public utility corridors or infrastructure (such as new highway corridors, powerlines, power-stations etc).
Intra-government land transfers (minor <0.5 ha)	Relates to all decisions to transfer the vesting of CALM Act reserves from the Conservation Commission to another Government department or agency. This will commonly be used for the transfer of small parcels of land for public utility corridors or infrastructure (such as minor road alignment changes).
Boundary Variations	Relates to all decisions to vary the boundary of CALM Act reserves.

2.2 Mining and petroleum operations

Type of resource operation	Explanatory notes
State Agreement Act Mining Leases	Relates to all ongoing exploration, mining, processing and infrastructure development operations that are covered by current State Agreement Acts.
Mineral or Petroleum Operations	Relates to all mineral and petroleum operations and infrastructure (including exploration) on mining tenements or petroleum tenure that are covered by the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> or the <i>Petroleum, Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967</i> respectively and the <i>Petroleum (Submerged Land) Act 1982</i> .
Prospecting and Fossicking	Relates to prospectors' rights and obligations under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> and <i>Mining Regulations 1981</i> .
Salvage from Mine Clearing	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of approved works for mine-site and mine infrastructure clearing.

2.3 Basic Raw Materials (BRM)

Type of BRM operation	Explanatory notes
Non-DEC BRM	Refer also to the State BRM Policy, DEC's Policy 2 and Guidelines for the Management and Rehabilitation of BRM Pits.
DEC BRM	Relates to all operations to locate, mine and supply BRM for use by Government agencies and Local Government Authorities where leases etc are not covered by the Mining Act.
Continued use of existing BRM sites	All activities associated with the location, mining and rehabilitation of BRM resources used directly by DEC.
Salvage from BRM clearing or rehabilitation	Relates to the approval for the continued use of existing reserves of BRM that are located in informal reserves, and for which special approval and conditions are required.
Salvage from BRM clearing or rehabilitation	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of approved works for the construction or rehabilitation of BRM pits.

2.4 Public utilities

Type of public utilities	Explanatory notes
New public utilities	Relates to activities located within the clearing corridor for new public utilities such as major arterial roads, railways, powerlines or pipelines.
Maintenance outside of existing utility corridor	Relates to periodic maintenance operations such as profile falling along powerlines.
Salvage from utility clearing	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of approved works for the construction and maintenance of corridors used for public utilities.
Maintenance within existing utility corridor	Includes operations such as mechanical scrub control along corridors, use of chemicals for vegetation control, maintenance of access roads and tracks, maintenance of drainage infrastructure and stacking and removal of limbs and debris along the corridor.

2.5 Management of roads and tracks

Type of management of roads and tracks	Explanatory notes Refer also to Policy 40
Road construction (excluding BRM)	Selection clearing, forming, surfacing of roads and construction of bridges, culverts, and off- shoot drains to a defined road standard. Associated work includes hazardous tree removal, debris stacking, sign installation and scrub removal for safety and visibility.
Road upgrading	Resurfacing and / or widening of existing roads, including limited removal of trees, the installation of additional pipes and off-shoot drains.
Major maintenance of roads	Removal of tree and understorey regrowth from the road surface and batters, grading and or patching of the road surface, minor realignment of corners (without tree removal), maintenance of pipes and sumps, additional construction / maintenance of cross drains or offshoot drains.
Single tree removal for safety	Removal of individual trees for safety reasons along roads, around recreation sites or adjacent to work sites.
Scrub removal	Work to modify scrub height or structure off the access corridor including scrub modification or slashing from the inside of corners or on batters for safety and visibility, scrub modification or slashing of roadside vegetation for burn preparation or strategic fire management in accordance with an approved burn prescription, and scrub modification or slashing for recreation amenity.
General road maintenance	Work within the high point of the batters on an established road alignment. Types of work to include removal of tree and understorey regrowth from the road surface and batters, grading of the road, patching of the road surface, and resurfacing and maintenance of car-parks. There is to be no additional clearing of surrounding overstorey trees or understorey vegetation or machine movement outside the high point of the road batter.
Temporary roads	<p>A road of any standard that is constructed for use in a particular operation, but that is not required to be retained for DEC use at the completion of the operation. These roads will be rehabilitated following use.</p> <p>This classification may be applied to some roads used for harvesting or other planned activities, but the approvals for these will be determined according to the type of work. Topsoil may need to be removed and stockpiled for use in rehabilitation.</p>

Clearing operations and debris removal	All work associated with parkland clearing or debris removal operations along road corridors for the purposes of safety or amenity.
Salvage from road clearing	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of approved works for the construction or maintenance of access roads and tracks.

2.6 Plantations

Type of plantation operation	Explanatory notes
Plantation re-establishment (2R+)	All activities associated with the re-establishment of tree plantations according to an approved Plantation Management Plan.
Plantation harvesting	All plantation harvesting operations, including the approval of an annual Plantation Harvesting Plan.
Silvicultural treatment	All plantation silvicultural or tending operations that require the use of herbicides / pesticides / fertilizers, and all operations that have the potential for off site effects.
Disturbance to areas of native vegetation within a Plantation Management Area	Relates to any plantation management or tending operation that is likely to disturb or modify areas of native vegetation identified on the Plantation Management Plan e.g. hardwood islands.
Rehabilitation of plantation sites	Relates to work associated with the rehabilitation of areas of plantation that are not to be replanted to plantation. Also includes the rehabilitation of riparian areas, roads, firebreaks and areas used for plantation infrastructure.

2.7 Minor Forest Products and Craftwood

Type of Minor Forest Product or craftwood	Explanatory notes
Minor forest products	Relates to the approval of areas for the collection of Minor Forest Products (excluding wood products) under licence from DEC.
Domestic firewood	Relates to the approval of areas to be gazetted, mapped and approved as Public Firewood Areas for the purposes of issuing licences by DEC.
Craftwood	Relates to the approval of areas for the collection of craftwood under licence from DEC.

2.8 Fire

Type of fire operation	Explanatory notes
Prescribed burning	Refer also to Policy 19 and FMS Branch documents Relates to approval to burn and burn preparation activities associated with prescribed burning for biodiversity, vegetation management, protection or research. Excludes road construction, road maintenance and tree felling.
Silvicultural burning	Relates to approval to burn and burn preparation activities associated with silvicultural burning for regeneration, establishment, regeneration release, debris removal, fuel reduction and research. Excludes road construction, road maintenance and tree felling.
Felling trees for burn security (burn preparation)	Relates to the felling of trees or other destructive removal techniques proposed during the burn preparation work.
Fire suppression	All operations associated with fire suppression, including the construction of firelines for direct attack and indirect attack for suppression of running fire. Where the operation relates to the taking of Declared Rare Flora (DRF), under emergency circumstances the Director of Nature Conservation (DNC) has a delegated authority to issue DRF permits. If DNC is not available the IC may need to take a decision and inform the DNC later.
Construction of new water points	Relates to the establishment of new water points for fire management purposes.
Emergency access	This generally relates to roads required for emergency activities such as access for rescue activities etc. These roads will be rehabilitated following use.
Felling trees for burn security (following ignition)	Relates to the felling of trees or other destructive removal techniques proposed during a prescribed burn or fire suppression.
Salvage from fires	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of tree felling for safety and burn security at wildfires or other emergencies.

2.9 Recreation

Type of recreation operation	Explanatory notes
New recreation site development	Refer also to Policy 18, Policy 62 and Admin Instruction 41 Relates to the approval for the location of new recreation sites, access routes to recreation sites, and the alignment of new trails of all types on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. A recreation site may

	include car parks, toilets, signs and lookouts.
Upgrade or reconstruction of an existing recreation site	Relates to the approval to upgrade or reconstruction of existing recreation sites on all types of CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. A recreation site may include car parks, toilets, signs and lookouts.
Viewshed enhancement	Relates to the approval of enhancement of a viewshed for new recreation sites, access routes to recreation sites, and new trails on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body.
Recreation trail construction	Relates to the operational approval for the selection clearing, forming, and surfacing of walk tracks or trails, including construction of bridges, culverts and drains to a defined standard.
Car-parking area upgrade or construction	Selection clearing, forming, surfacing of car-parks or parking bays off road alignments. Includes removal of trees, clearing of scrub, surfacing of car-park area, and installation of culverts and drains to a defined standard.
Recreation trail upgrading	Resurfacing or extending the surfacing on existing trails, including limited removal of overstorey or mature secondary storey trees, the installation of additional boardwalks and drains.
Major maintenance of recreation trails	New surfacing of the track alignment, installation of boardwalks on the existing alignment, realignment of corners (without tree removal), maintenance of bridges, boardwalks, pipes or sumps requiring the use of earthmoving or lifting equipment, additional construction / maintenance of offshoot drains.
Recreation trail maintenance	Removal of tree and scrub regrowth from the track surface and batters, grading and or patching of the track surface, maintenance of bridges, boardwalks, pipes and sumps, additional construction / maintenance of cross drains.
Recreation site maintenance	Relates to the management and maintenance of all existing facilities and upgrading of facilities within existing recreation sites, where no new clearing of trees or native vegetation, or changes to the viewshed are proposed.
Major recreation events	Relates to the approval for the location of new recreation events, access routes to these events, and approval of any variations to the alignments of existing events of all types on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body.
Commercial operations (leases & licences)	Relates to the issuing of leases and licences for commercial purposes on DEC-managed estate. This requires Ministerial

	approval. This approval is delegated in many circumstances and it is recommended that these be checked with staff at the Licensing Unit, Parks and Visitor Services for advice.
Single tree removal for safety	Removal of individual trees for safety reasons along roads, around recreation sites or adjacent to work sites.
Salvage from recreation sites	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of approved works for the construction or maintenance of DEC recreation sites.
Marine facilities e.g. boat ramp, jetty, dive trail	Relates to the approval of construction of facilities in a marine park or marine management area.

2.10 Nature Conservation

Type of nature conservation operation	Explanatory notes
	Refer also to Policies 31, 44 & 50 and Admin Instruction 44
Control of declared or environmental weeds	Relates to the approval for new weed control programs or release of biological control agents on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. Refer also to Policy 14.
Control of feral animals and pests	Relates to the approval for new pest control programs (such as trapping, baiting, shooting or Judas programs) on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. Refer also to Policy 33.
Commercial flora	Relates to the approval for commercial flora harvesting in CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. Refer also to Policy 13.
Proposed translocation site	Relates to the approval for new translocation sites, access routes, and monitoring sites on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. Refer also to Policy 29.

2.11 Other operations

Type of other operation	Explanatory notes
New apiary sites	Relates to the approval for new apiary sites that are the subject of a lease under section 88 of the CALM Act and access routes on CALM Act reserves and land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body. Refer also to Policy 41.
Fence-line clearing	All activities associated with the approval of fence-line clearing work by private landowners or other government or semi-government agencies. Refer to the Good Neighbour

	Policy (2007) for detailed guidance.
Salvage from fence-line clearing	Salvage and sale of log material produced as a result of approved works for fence-line clearing by private landowners or other government or semi-government agencies.
Research (CALM)	Relates to the activities and location of CALM research and monitoring sites.
Research Site Tertiary Institutions/Non-CALM	Relates to the activities and location of non-CALM research and monitoring sites.
Research infrastructure	Relates to the construction or placement of temporary or permanent structures that are necessary for research purposes (e.g. hides, bores, weirs, buildings, power supplies etc) that require clearing of vegetation for vehicle access, a cleared building envelope, security fencing and / or involve ongoing fire protection etc.
Traditional hunting and gathering (includes dugong, turtle and eggs)	Relates to the activities of indigenous persons in relation to flora and fauna on Crown lands. Refer to Section 23 of the <i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i> .
Defence and emergency training	Training activities for Defence Force personnel. Refer also to Policy 54.
Installation of drainage channels or drainage of water	Relates to the construction of a drainage channel on CALM-managed land or the drainage of water onto CALM-managed land from a channel constructed on adjoining land. Refer also to CALM regulations 4 and 30 and CCWA Drainage policy.
Commercial filming	Any filming that is undertaken for a financial consideration, either on consignment or with a view to selling the imagery. Refer also to Policy 55.

2.12 Marine Operations

Type of Marine Operation	Explanatory notes
	Refer also to Policy 59
Marine-based tourism operations	Marine-based recreation and tourism operations. Refer also to Admin Instruction 41.
Marine infrastructure (e.g. moorings)	Installation of minor infrastructure, such as moorings, as outlined in the criteria contained in the Mooring Policy (Policy 59).
Scientific research (non-DEC)	Marine scientific research conducted under permit by other research institutions other than DEC.

2.13 Management Areas

Management Areas	Explanatory notes
National Parks	<p>National parks comprise all lands that -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. by section 7(3) of the CALM Act are vested in the Conservation Commission; b. are reserved under Part III of the <i>Land Act 1933</i>², or Part 4 of the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i>, for the purpose of a national park and vested in the Conservation Commission by section 7(2); or c. under any other Act become reserved for the purpose of a national park and vested in the Conservation Commission. <p>The management objectives of National parks are specified in section 56 of the CALM Act as:</p> <p><i>National Parks:</i> “to fulfil so much of the demand for recreation by members of the public as is consistent with the proper maintenance and restoration of the natural environment, the protection of indigenous flora and fauna and the preservation of any feature of archaeological, historic or scientific interest”.</p>
Nature Reserves	<p>Nature reserves comprise all lands that –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. by section 7(4) of the CALM Act; are vested in the Conservation Commission, either solely or jointly with some other person or persons; b. after the commencement of this Act are reserved under Part III of the <i>Land Act 1933</i>², or Part 4 of the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i>, for the conservation of flora or fauna, or both flora and fauna, and vested in the Conservation Commission; or c. under any other Act become reserved for the conservation of flora or fauna, or both flora and fauna, and vested in the Conservation Commission. <p>The management objectives of Nature reserves are specified in section 56 of the CALM Act as:</p> <p><i>Nature Reserves:</i> “to maintain and restore the natural environment, and to protect, care for, and promote the study of, indigenous flora and fauna, and to preserve any feature of archaeological, historic or scientific interest” (section 56(1)(d)).</p>
Conservation Parks	<p>Conservation parks comprise all lands that are reserved under Part III of the <i>Land Act 1933</i>², or Part 4 of the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i>, or become reserved under any other Act, for the purpose of a conservation park.</p> <p>The management objectives of Conservation parks are specified in section 56 of the CALM Act as:</p>

Management Areas	Explanatory notes
	<p><i>Conservation Parks</i>: “to fulfil so much of the demand for recreation by members of the public as is consistent with the proper maintenance and restoration of the natural environment, the protection of indigenous flora and fauna and the preservation of any feature of archaeological, historic or scientific interest”. Under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>, there are fewer constraints on mineral exploration and extraction in conservation parks than national parks.</p>
Marine nature reserves, marine parks and marine management areas	<p>All waters vested in the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority under section 7(5) of the CALM Act and defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) all waters reserved under section 13 of the CALM Act b) all land reserved under part III of the <i>Land Act 1933</i>, or part IV of the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i>, for the purpose of marine nature reserve, marine park or marine management area. c) all land and waters that under any other Act become reserved for the purpose of marine nature reserve, marine park or marine management area.
CALM Act Section 5(1)g and 5(1)h Reserves	<p>5. Specification of land to which this Act applies</p> <p>(1) Where in this Act reference is made to “land to which this Act applies”, the reference is to land or land and waters, comprising –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) any other land reserved under the <i>Land Act 1933</i>² and vested by order under that Act in the Conservation Commission or the Marine Authority; and h) any other land, other than excluded waters, reserved under Part 4 of the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> the care, control and management of which are placed by order under that Park with the Conservation Commission or the Marine Authority. <p>The management objectives of CALM Act section 5(1)(g) and 5(1)(h) reserves are specified in section 56 of the CALM Act as:</p> <p><i>CALM Act section 5(1)g and 5(1)h reserves</i>: “to achieve the purpose for which the land was vested in, or for which the care, control and management of the land were placed with, the controlling body” (section 56(1)(e)). These areas are managed for a wide variety of purposes, including recreation, conservation of flora and fauna and historical features.</p>
Former leasehold and CALM Act Section 16, 16A and 33(2) lands	CALM Act Section 16 Agreements for management of private land

Management Areas	Explanatory notes
	<p>The Director General may enter into agreements with the owner, lessee or licensee of any land for the management of the land by the Department as a State forest, timber reserve, national park, conservation park or nature reserve or as part of a marine reserve, or for some other public purpose.</p> <p>CALM Act Section 16A Agreements for management of pastoral leases</p> <p>(1) Section 16(1) extends, notwithstanding the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i>, to an agreement with the lessee of a pastoral lease under that Act but any such agreement is of no effect unless the Minister to whom the administration of that Act is committed has given approval in writing to the agreement.</p> <p>(2) Land that is the subject of an agreement referred to in subsection (1) remains available for use by the lessee for grazing purposes in terms of his lease, except to the extent that the agreement otherwise provides.</p> <p>CALM Act Section 33(2) lands</p> <p>Upon the recommendation of the Minister and the Minister referred to in subsection (1)(g), the Governor may place under the management of the Department any Crown land within the meaning of the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> or land –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) reserved under Part 4 of that Act, but the care, control and management of which are not placed with any person under that Act; or b) reserved, but not vested in any person, under any other Act.
Unallocated Crown land and unmanaged reserves	Crown lands defined in the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> , outside townsites and the Perth metropolitan area, that are subject to an order by the Governor establishing a limited management role by the Department.
Director General land	Freehold land held in the name of the CALM Executive Body.

OTHER PROTECTED AREAS

Specially Protected (Threatened) Fauna	Areas that are known to contain species that are specially protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act and included on the latest Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice that is published in the Government Gazette, WA. This category is mostly related to Threatened Fauna which are highly site specific (e.g. swamp containing <i>Geocrinea alba</i>).
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Management Areas	Explanatory notes
Approved Translocation Sites	Release sites and associated buffer areas that have been approved by the Director of Nature Conservation or Director General for the re-introduction or translocation of species in accordance with an approved Species Recovery Plan.
Threatened Ecological Community (TEC)	Ecological communities listed on the Department's Threatened Ecological Community Database.
Declared Rare (Threatened) Flora site	Relates to the location of species that are Declared Rare Flora under the Wildlife Conservation Act and are included in the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice that is published in the Government Gazette, WA. Refer also to Policy 9.

OTHER MANAGEMENT AREAS	
Mining Tenements	Relates to areas for which a Mining Tenement has been issued under the Mining Act 1978. The tenement conditions may affect departmental access to basic raw materials that are necessary for road construction and maintenance.
Apiary Sites	Relates to all apiary sites areas that are the subject of a lease under Section 88 of the CALM Act, and Forest Management Regulation - regs 72-85.
DEC Recreation Site	Relates to the location of DEC recreations sites, trails and facilities and may include "seen area" for management of VLM or other buffers as required.
Research sites	Relates to the location of DEC research and monitoring sites or reference sites or approved research plots or sites for external agencies or tertiary institutions.
National Heritage Site	<p>The National Heritage List records the natural, indigenous and historic places with outstanding heritage value to the nation. These places will have values or characteristics that have special meaning for all Australians. They will show important aspects of the history of the continent on which we live, and will reflect the diverse experience of its human occupation.</p> <p>Documents on the referral process can be obtained by contacting the Community Information Unit of the Department of Environment and Heritage on 1800 803 772, or by accessing the Department's website at: www.deh.gov.au/epbc.</p>
Native Title Area	Relates to areas over which there is a single Native Title claim or areas where there are a number of Native Title claims pending a determination on their validity.
Registered Indigenous Site	Relates to a registered Aboriginal Heritage site. Information

	will be available on the Department of Indigenous Affairs Heritage Site register at www.dia.wa.gov.au/heritage/enquiry , or contact Steve Jones at Information Management Branch for assistance.
State Register of Heritage Places	This Register includes places of aesthetic, historic, scientific, social, rarity, representativeness which are deemed by the Heritage Council of Western Australia as having cultural heritage values as described under the <i>Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990</i> . Entry on the Register provides these places with strong legal protection, and they must not be damaged or altered unless a permit to do so has been granted by Heritage Council of Western Australia. Details of the Register are available on the Internet at www.heritage.wa.gov.au .
Places on Municipal Inventories	Relates to the requirement for the preparation of a Municipal Inventory for the heritage places in a Local Government Area that is included in the <i>Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990</i> . Most of the places recorded on these Inventories have been included in the Heritage Council of Western Australia Places database. However it is recommended to contact the Local Government Area periodically to determine whether its Municipal Inventory sites are up to date.
Public Drinking Water Supply Area (Water Corporation)	Relates to areas which have been gazetted as a Public Drinking Water Supply Area under section 57E of the <i>Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act 1909</i> .
World Heritage area	The World Heritage List contains sites of outstanding universal value which are recognized under the World Heritage Convention, to which the Commonwealth Government is a signatory. World Heritage listing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognizes the significance of the area at an international level as one of the world's best examples of natural or cultural heritage; • creates an obligation on the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments to ensure the World Heritage values of the area are conserved so existing and future generations can enjoy them; and • creates the requirement for development proposals that are likely to <i>significantly</i> affect World Heritage values to be referred to the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act.
Wetlands of international importance/Ramsar wetlands	Wetlands of international importance/Ramsar wetlands are recognized under an international convention, to which the Commonwealth Government is a signatory, and are protected under the EPBC Act. Development proposals that are likely to

	<i>significantly</i> affect Ramsar wetland values are required to be referred to the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act.
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Note in relation to assessment under the EPBC Act: to avoid duplication, a bilateral agreement is in place that allows the Commonwealth Government to accredit the Western Australian Government's environmental impact assessment process undertaken by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

3 Acronyms

BRM	Basic raw material
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (former)
CAR	Comprehensive, adequate and representative
CCWA	Conservation Commission of Western Australia
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DG	Director General
DM	District Manager (DEC)
DRF	Declared Rare (Threatened) Flora
FMP	Forest Management Plan 2004-2013
IC	Incident Controller
PVS	Parks and Visitor Services
RM	Regional Manager (DEC)
SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community

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