**Office of Environment and Heritage**

**Application for a Site Approval Licence –
Whole Protected Plants**

Application for a biodiversity conservation licence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) authorising an approved harvester licence holder to pick and possess whole protected plants from a nominated harvest site.

### How to complete the application form

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| **Electronic:** | Download and complete the ‘fillable’ form using Microsoft Word; print the completed form and sign it. |
| **By hand:** | Download and print the application form; complete and sign the printed form by hand with a blue or black pen. |

Please read the information for applicants below and refer to the [Whole Plant Sustainable Management Plan 2018–22](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Research-and-publications/Publications-search/Whole-Plant-Sustainable-Management-Plan-2018-to-2022) (WPMP) for more detailed information about licensing requirements and your responsibilities.

**Ensure you:**

* complete all sections of the application form including the payment section at the back of the form
* review the attachment checklist and include the required information.

**Note: A separate site approval licence application form must be completed and submitted for each harvest site.**

### How to submit the application form

Post or deliver your completed and signed form and required attachments to your [local National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) office](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/contact/locations.htm).

### Enquiries

For licensing and application enquiries contact your [local NPWS office](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/contact/locations.htm).

### Information for applicants

* Site approval licences are granted for either sustainable or salvage harvest:
* Sustainable harvest is restricted to species in Groups 1 and 2 of Part 2, Schedule 6 of the BC Act
* Salvage harvest is restricted to species in Groups 1, 2 and 3 of Part 2, Schedule 6 of the BC Act

(Refer to Appendix A of the WPMP for the Schedule 6 species listing)

* Only holders of an approved harvester licence can apply for a site approval licence and must apply for a separate site approval licence for each harvest site before they can pick at that site.
* NPWS may impose restrictions on the quantities that can be harvested.
* Applicants must provide a current Australian Business Number (ABN).
* A licence includes conditions. It’s important you understand and can meet the conditions of your licence if granted. It is an offence under the BC Act to breach a condition of a licence. View an example of the [site approval licence conditions](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences-and-permits/protected-native-plant-licences/apply-for-a-whole-plant-licence).
* Please allow up to 28 days for a licence application to be assessed. You will be contacted if further information is needed to complete the assessment.
* The property identified in the application may be inspected before and after a licence is granted.
* NPWS tags are required for all species harvested from the wild. The quantity of NPWS tags allocated to a site approval licence will be determined upon assessment of the application.
* It is an offence for a licensee to possess any protected plants other than those described on their licence.
* It is an offence to provide false or misleading information in applications and documents in connection with matters under the BC Act.

### Attachment checklist

As set out in Appendix C of the WPMP, applicants are required to provide additional information to support their application. Please provide the following information for **either** sustainable harvest or salvage harvest with your application.

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| **Section A: Sustainable harvest** |
| [ ]  | Map/s identifying:* access from the nearest town, including geographical information (e.g. latitude and longitude)
* the general and specific location of the harvest
* the harvest blocks to be used on the property
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| [ ]  | A count of species (and size classes where required) present within each harvest block |
| **Section B: Salvage harvest** |
| [ ]  | Map/s identifying:* access from the nearest town, including geographical information (e.g. latitude and longitude)
* identifying the general location and footprint/extent of the land-clearing operation
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| [ ]  | Copy of the final/approved development consent or other approval for the land-clearing operation – a RAMA is not accepted for salvage purposes |
| [ ]  | The total number and size classes of the species targeted by the salvage operation (if different to listing in section 5 of the application form) |

## All details must be filled in correctly and relevant documentation provided before this licence application will be processed.

**Applicant information**

Applicants must be aged 18 years or over. A biodiversity conservation licence may only be granted to an individual, company or incorporated association, but not a partnership, trust or joint venture. Individuals must also provide a current Australian Business Number (ABN).

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| [ ]  **An individual** | Complete Section 1 applicant details – then complete sections 3 to 7 |
| [ ]  **An organisation** | Complete Section 2 applicant details – then complete sections 3 to 7 |

# Applicant details for an individual

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| Title        | First name       | Other names       |
| Surname       | Date of birth Enter date |
| Street address (not a post office box) | Address       |
| Suburb/Town       | State       | Postcode       |
| Postal address (if different from above) | Address       |
| Suburb/Town       | State       | Postcode       |
| Phone (daytime)       | Mobile       | Fax       |
| Email       |
| ABN       | Business/trading name (if applicable)       |

# Applicant details for an organisation

Organisation type

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| [ ]  **Company/Corporation** | [ ]  **Incorporated association** |

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| Legal entity name |       |
| Trading/business name/s (if applicable)  |       |
| ACN/ABN | ACN       | ABN       |
| Street address (not a post office box) | Address       |
| Suburb/Town       | State       | Postcode       |
| Postal address (if different from above) | Address       |
| Suburb/Town       | State       | Postcode       |
| Organisation contact and business details  | Phone       | Fax       |
| Organisation email       |
| Website       |
| Organisation contact person | Title       | First name       |
| Surname       |
| Position held       |
| Phone       | Mobile       |
| Email       |

# Category of harvest

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| I/we propose to undertake (select **one** only):[ ]  Sustainable harvest (must complete section A of checklist above and questions below)[ ]  Salvage harvest (must complete section B of checklist above and questions below) |

# Description of the property to be used as a harvest site

(note: refer to [NSW Land Registry Services](http://www.nswlrs.com.au/land_titles/access_titling_info) about accessing land titling information)

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| 1. Property name and address
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| 1. [ ]  Freehold or [ ]  Leasehold
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| 1. Particulars of the title/s (lot, section, DP) for each portion of the property to be licensed, or Crown Lands holding numbers (e.g. Conditional Lease, Settlement Purchase, etc.)

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| 1. Area in hectares
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| 1. Provide brief road directions from the nearest town to access the lands described in this application. Ensure you include a map identifying the location of the harvest site (see checklist above)

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| 1. Brief description of the facilities at the harvest site (more detail is required in an attachment – see checklist above)
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| 1. **For sustainable harvest only:** List any threatened species that may occur in the harvest area.

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| 1. Written consent of the property owner (if different from the applicant) must be provided in the following declaration:

I, (name in full)      of (address)      Contact number      Email      Being the owner of the lands described above, certify that the protected native plants listed below are growing on my land and I give consent to the applicant to pick those protected native plants.Signature of land owner: Date: Enter date |
| 1. Is the proposed harvest site(s) an area of [area of outstanding biodiversity value](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/about-threatened-species/critical-habitats) or a threatened ecological community (see [Schedule 2](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/63/sch2) of the BC Act). [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes, are you harvesting in a salvage situation? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. **For salvage harvest only:** Where necessary, provide written consent from the consent authority approving the salvage operation:

Name of consenting authority      of (address)      Contact person      Contact number      Email      Development approval number      Ensure you include a copy of the final/approved development consent or other approval for the land-clearing operation – a RAMA is not accepted for salvage purposes (see checklist above) |

# Species to be harvested

1. List the species of protected plants proposed to be harvested and sold (please provide both the scientific and common name for each species) and the proposed harvest quantity for each species (and each size class if applicable). Refer to Appendix K of the WPMP for information about whole plant size classes.
2. I/we confirm my/our ability to identify target material (as listed below) to the species level or will seek identification by a relevant expert or authority [ ]

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| Scientific name | Common name | Schedule 6 Part 2 Group | Size class (if applicable) | Proposed quantity of plants to be sold |
| e.g. *Xanthorrhoea johnsonii* | Grass trees | 2 | 3 | 100 |
| e.g. *Cyathea cooperi* | Tree ferns | 1 | 2 | 50 |
| e.g. *Cyathea cooperi* | Tree ferns | 1 | 3 | 25 |
| e.g. *Asplenium australasicum* | Bird’s nest fern | 1 |  | 40 |
| **Insert your list below** |
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# Declaration of applicant

I/we do hereby apply for a biodiversity conservation licence under Part 2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to pick and possess whole protected plants from a nominated harvest site. I/we declare that all information provided in this application (including any attachments) is true and correct. I/we have read and understand the conditions that may apply to the licence and agree to comply with all conditions if granted.

**For applications made by an individual**

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| Signature | Date Enter date |
| Name       |

**For applications made by an organisation**

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| Signature | Date Enter date |
| Name       |
| Position title      (e.g. director, authorised delegate for a company – Note: if you are the authorised delegate representing a company you need to attach a letter of authority from a company director) |

## Privacy information

This application form contains information that identifies you and is defined as personal information under the NSW *Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998* (PPIP Act). OEH collects and manages the personal information you provide in accordance with the PPIP Act. OEH will not use personal information except for purposes listed as exemptions in the PPIP Act. Information supplied on this form will be used by officers of OEH to assess your application. Information collected by OEH may be disclosed to third parties for the purposes of confirming information provided by you in this application, and for law enforcement purposes. Personal information collected by OEH will be stored securely and disposed according to OEH Records Management Policy. You have a right of access to modify and/or update your personal information. For other inquiries about privacy or access to your information, contact a Right to Information/Privacy Officer on 9995 6080 or 9995 6497 or in writing to Right to Information/Privacy Officer, Office of Environment and Heritage, PO BOX A290, South Sydney NSW 2000.

## Public register

As required by the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, a public register of biodiversity conservation licences will be published on the OEH website. The public register will **not** include personal information of individuals (e.g. name, postal and email address, phone number and date of birth). Information about the location of plants and animals covered by licences will be restricted to post code.

## Suspension or cancellation

The Chief Executive may cancel or suspend this licence:

* on the grounds the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with conditions of the licence
* on the grounds the licensee has been convicted of an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or other relevant legislation
* on the grounds the licensee has made a statement that the licensee knows, or ought reasonably to know, is false or misleading in, or in connection with, the application for the licence
* for any reason the Chief Executive thinks appropriate.

# Payment of application fee

The application fee is **$75** (per site for one year).

Licences will not be granted without payment in full.

**Select one of the following options to pay the application fee in full:**

[ ]  I’ve enclosed a cheque or money order made payable to Office of Environment and Heritage.

[ ]  I’ve provided credit card details below.

**Note:** A merchant fee of 0.4% will be charged to all credit card transactions

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| Card type | [ ]  MasterCard [ ]  Visa |
| Card number  |       |
| Expiry date – month/year (xx/xx) |       | **/** |       |  |
| CCV number  |       (this is located on the back of your credit/debit card next to the signature panel strip) |
| Amount ($) | $       |
| Cardholder’s name (as it appears on the card) |        |
| Cardholder’s signature |  |

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| **For office use only** |
| Date application was received in office       | [ ]  Application details confirmed |
| [ ]  Application fee received: $75 (for 1 year) | [ ]  Receipt number       |
| [ ]  Site map/s attached | [ ]  Site inspection undertaken. Date of inspection       |
| Recommendation based on site inspection. [ ]  Grant [ ]  Refuse licence application |
| [ ]  Licence application refused (provide reason)       |
| [ ]  Licence application granted – licence number       |
| [ ]  Number of NPWS tags approved       | [ ]  Fees for tags collected (forward to Wildlife Team)  |
| Serial numbers       | Date issued       |
| Serial numbers       | Date issued       |
| Serial numbers       | Date issued       |
| [ ]  Information entered into database  | [ ]  All action complete  |
| Name       | Signature |
| Position held       | Date       |

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