

Sample Impact Evaluation Template



This document is a simplified and generic version of the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife Impact Evaluation Checklist and is provided as a sample of the type of template used during the assessment of a mountain bike trail or trail network. Proponents must liaise with Land Managers to confirm that the content of the checklist adequately addresses their impact evaluation requirements.

<i>Section A - Land Details</i>	
Land Manager	
Local Government Area	
Private property/Reserve Name and Location	
Tenure and Primary Management Objective of Lands	

<i>Section B - Proposed Project</i>
Purpose
Type & Extent of Proposed Project
Alternative Options Considered
Implications of Postponement or 'Do Nothing' Option

Section C – Impact evaluation

Indicate with Y/N in **Acceptable** column if proposed work is acceptable or not with respect to the environmental/ management issue listed. If it's not acceptable, consider acceptability of modified proposal in **Modified** column or the **Do nothing** column. The **Comments** column is for detailing action/s required to overcome/minimise adverse impact, or if no information is available to allow a decision.

Issues	Acceptable	Do nothing	Modified	Comments Indicate action required to overcome/minimise adverse impact, or if no information is available to allow a decision.
1. Management Considerations				
1.1 Does the area have a management plan or strategy?				
1.2 Does the proposal conflict with existing policy or management plan?				
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1.3 How will the proposal affect land holders and, community interests				
1.4 How will the proposal affect land management considerations e.g.: » Fire management » Roads » Other recreation or tourism				
1.5 How will the proposal affect or be affected by existing or planned land use e.g.: » Mining and exploration » Basic Raw Material (gravel, rock and borrow pits) » Forestry » Utility lines » Water catchment » Commercial activities (e.g. apiarist)				
1.6 How will the proposal affect or be affected by neighbouring land use?				
1.7 Are there any research plots, scientific study areas and reference sites in the proposed area?				

2. Plant Disease, Feral Animals and Weeds				
2.1	Diseases (e.g. dieback, armillaria, cankers etc.)			
2.2	Will area require baiting buffers?			
2.3	Declared weeds, or other environmental weeds			
3. Flora, Fauna and ecosystems				
3.1	Declared Rare Flora or Priority Species, Threatened Communities or restricted, unusual or poorly reserved vegetation associations			
3.2	Declared Rare or Endangered fauna, translocation programs, release sites or restricted habitats.			
3.3	Diverse Ecosystem Zones including rivers, streams, swamps, lakes, gorges, rock outcrops etc.			
3.4	Fauna Habitat Zones			
3.5	Old Growth Forest			
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4. Cultural heritage				
4.1	Registered Aboriginal sites			
4.2	Is the area subject to a Native Title claim? Has DAA or the Aboriginal Land and Sea Council been advised? Have Working Party members been consulted?			
4.3	Does the area adjoin or contain any places on the following lists: » Register of the National Estate » Register of Heritage Places » Municipal inventory for the local council » Land manager heritage database			
5. Recreation and Access				
5.1	How will the area be accessed?			
5.2	Is there a potential conflict with existing recreation use, events and/or commercial tour operators?			
5.3	How will visitor safety be managed?			
5.4	Landscapes, features, wilderness appreciation.			
5.5	Increased demand for facilities and service (rubbish disposal, toilets etc)			

6. Geology, Landform and Soils				
6.1	Caves, fossils, or dunes			
6.2	Soil erosion (water or wind)			
6.3	Soil mixing or soil compaction			
6.4	Soil compatibility			
7. Hydrology				
7.1	Stream or impoundment sedimentation			
7.2	Altered run-off, impeded drainage or water logging			
8. Monitoring				
8.1	How and when will the effects of the proposed operation be monitored?			
8.2	Who is responsible for completing the monitoring?			
8.3	Have resources been made available for monitoring?			
8.4	Who will be provided with the monitoring results, and what is expected to happen with the results?			

Section D – Level of Approval Required				
The person who prepared the Impact Evaluation should seek guidance from the land manager regarding level of approval.				
Section E - Proposer				
The person who prepared the Impact Evaluation should sign the document.				
Section F – Endorsement/Approval				
The Impact Evaluation Checklist should be signed by the land manager at the appropriate level.				