Application to stop reporting on a sequestration offsets project

under section 80A of theCarbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Rule 2015

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# Purpose of this form

Use this form to apply to stop offsets reporting requirements for eligible sequestration offsets projects.

Under section 80A(1) of the [Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Rule 2015](https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2015L00156)[[1]](#footnote-2) (the CFI Rule), the Clean Energy Regulator may declare that the offsets reporting requirements under section 76(2) of the [*Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2011A00101/latest/text)[[2]](#footnote-3) (the CFI Act) do not apply to a project if all the following conditions are met:

* we have received an application from the project proponent in the approved form
* the project is a sequestration offsets project
* we are satisfied the project has reached its maximum carbon sequestration capacity
* if the project is a savanna sequestration project or soil carbon project, the permanence period for the project has ended.

If the Clean Energy Regulator declares that the offsets reporting requirements under section 76(2) of the CFI Act do not apply to your project, you will no longer be required to submit offsets reports in relation to the project.

Other monitoring, record keeping and notification requirements may continue to apply.

Eligibility

To be eligible to stop reporting on your project, you must explain:

* how the project has reached its maximum carbon sequestration capacity
* how any risk of reversal of sequestration during the remainder of the project’s permanence period will be managed. This does not apply to savanna sequestration projects or soil carbon projects.

We require you to provide the following evidence to show your project has reached maximum carbon sequestration capacity:

* how the maximum carbon sequestration capacity is informed by the project’s current carbon stock calculation following the method requirements
* the project’s modelled growth curve (if relevant)
* a supporting statement by an independent expert advising how the project has reached maximum carbon sequestration capacity
* the independent expert’s on-ground assessment of the project.

# Instructions for completing this form

Please read each part of the application carefully, fully answer all the questions, sign where indicated and attach the required documentation.

You must complete and submit:

* **Part A: Applicant details**
* **Part B: Project details**
* **Part C: Declaration**

You can choose to complete this form by:

* printing the form and filling it in by hand
* saving the form and filling in an electronic copy.

If you choose the second option, you will need to print Part C: Declaration to sign. You then need to scan the signed page and submit electronically with the rest of the form.

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| Pen colours | Please use a **black** or **blue** pen to write on the form. |
| Check boxes | Mark boxes like this □ with a ✔ or ✘. When an instruction asks you to ‘tick’ the box, you can still use either ✔ or ✘. |
| Go to | Where you see an instruction like this - **□** Go to **question 5** - mark the relevant box with a ✔ or ✘and then skip to the question number shown. You do not need to answer the question(s) in between.  Where an instruction has a black double arrow (⏩), go to the next indicated part/section. Where an instruction has a black single arrow (⏵), go to the next question. Where an instruction has a black single arrow pointing down (⏷), fill in the field(s) directly below. |
| Mandatory questions | If all fields in a question are mandatory and must be completed, **(required)** is added to the end of the question label text. If a field in a question is mandatory only IF a condition is met, **(required if any)** is added to the end of the question label text. |
| ⏵ | This symbol indicates an instruction on what to do next. |
| 🛈 | This symbol indicates additional useful guidance to filling in the adjacent field or section. |
| 🗐 | This symbol advises that more than one entry may be required for the section and so you may need to photocopy or print the section or fill in a duplicate section. |
| 🖈 | This symbol advises that additional documentation to support a claim may need to be attached to the application. |

Help filling in this form

If you require assistance or have any questions regarding this application process, please contact the Clean Energy Regulator general enquiries line on **1300 553 542** or email [enquiries@cer.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cer.gov.au).

Submitting this form

A signed copy of this form should be kept for your records.

Email your completed application to the Clean Energy Regulator via:

* the Land and Forest assessment team at [landforest@cer.gov.au](mailto:landforest@cer.gov.au)
* the Plantings and Plantation assessment team at [plantingsplantations@cer.gov.au](mailto:plantingsplantations@cer.gov.au)
* the Soil, Savanna and Agriculture assessment team at [soilsavannaagriculture@cer.gov.au](mailto:soilsavannaagriculture@cer.gov.au).

If the email and its attachments (the application and supporting documents) are larger than 10MB, they must be sent using multiple emails that are clearly marked by including an identifier in the subject line (for example, '1 of 3', '2 of 3', '3 of 3'). The signed application form must be saved as a single scanned file and not split into parts. Files may be zipped to reduce their size.

If you submit your application by email, you do not need to send the original hardcopy of the application by post.

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Part A: Applicant details

Complete this part to identify the project proponent or appointed nominee of an existing eligible offsets project.

1. Applicant details (required)

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| Applicant name |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Nature of applicant | Project proponent | |  | | | Nominee | | |  | |
| Date of birth (individual only) | Day (dd) | | | Month (mm) | | | | Year (yyyy) | | |
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| Organisation identifier | ABN |  | ACN | |  | ARBN |  | | ICN |  |
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| Email address |  | | | | | | | | | |
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Part B: Project details

1. Project details (required)

* Provide the project identification number (for example, ERFxxxxxx).

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| Project identification number |  |
| Project name |  |

1. Is your project a sequestration offsets project? (required)

* Tick the appropriate response.
* Sequestration offsets project involves activities that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by sequestering or storing the carbon in vegetation or soil.

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|  | Yes | Go to **question 4**8 |
|  | No | This application is not suitable for your project. |

1. Is your project a savanna sequestration project or a soil carbon project? (required)

* Tick the appropriate response and answer the sub question, if relevant.

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|  | Yes, a savanna sequestration project | Answer **a)**8 |
|  | Yes, a soil carbon project | Answer **a)**8 |
|  | No | Go to **question 5**8 |

1. Has your project’s permanence obligation period ended? (required)

* Tick the appropriate response.
* Your project’s permanence obligation period begins when your project is first issued ACCUs, or when land was last added to your project area. It can be either 25 or 100 years.

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|  | Yes | Go to **question 5**8 |
|  | No | This application is not suitable for your project. |

1. Has your project reached its maximum carbon sequestration capacity? (required)

* Tick the appropriate response and answer the sub question.
* Your project has reached its maximum carbon sequestration capacity if it has reached the maximum level of carbon sequestration in the relevant carbon pool (as defined in the CFI Act) that can be achieved by conducting the project activities.

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|  | Yes | Answer **a)** and **b)**8 |
|  | No | This application is not suitable for your project. |

1. How has your project reached its maximum carbon sequestration capacity? (required)

* Provide an explanation of how the project has reached its maximum carbon sequestration capacity.
* Attach documentation to support your explanation. The evidence should be informed by the project’s current carbon stock calculation in accordance with the method requirements and if relevant, the project’s modelled growth curve.
* The evidence should be supported by a statement by independent expert advising how the project has reached maximum carbon sequestration capacity and include their on-ground assessment of the project.

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1. Managing risk of reversal during the remainder of permanence period (required)

* Provide an explanation of how any risk of reversal of sequestration during the remainder of the permanence period are to be managed.
* If the permanence period has already ended, provide the end date of the permanence period, and how this date has been calculated, in the field below.
* Attach documentation to support your explanation, including an updated permanence plan. If the permanence period has already ended, you do not need to provide this documentation.

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Part C: Declaration

This part must be signed by the project proponent or appointed nominee of an existing project.

This part may also be signed **on behalf** of the project proponent/appointed nominee by a person duly authorised to bind them.

* Where a signatory is signing on behalf of a proposed project proponent, project proponent or appointed nominee, evidence of an authority of the signatory to sign the declaration on their behalf must be attached to the form at the time of submission.

By signing below, the signatory:

* declares that all the information supplied in this application (including in any accompanying documents) is accurate and meets the requirements set out in section 80A(2) of the CFI Rule
* declares that they have the legal capacity and authority to make this application on behalf of the applicant named in the form
* acknowledges that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and carries penalties under the *Criminal* *Code* *Act* *1995* and may have consequences under the *Carbon Credit (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* and other laws.

**Signed by or on behalf of:**

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| Project proponent/ appointed nominee name |  |

**By:**

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| Full name of signatory |  |
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# Application checklist

* Have you completed the following? Tick the box when you've completed the task beside it.

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|  | Part A: Applicant details |
|  | Part B: Project details |
|  | Part C: Declaration |
|  | Attached all accompanying documents to support this application |

# Additional information

Definitions

For the purposes of this form:

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| CFI Act | [*Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2011A00101/latest/text) |
| CFI Rule | [Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Rule 2015](https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2015L00156) |
| maximum carbon sequestration capacity | The maximum amount of carbon that can be stored in the relevant vegetation under the method by conducting project activities. |
| permanence obligation period | A period (either 25 or 100 years) where a project is required to maintain the carbon sequestered or stored because of the project activities. |
| savanna sequestration project | A sequestration offsets project to:   * remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by sequestering carbon in dead organic matter in savannas * avoid emissions from greenhouse gases from the burning of savannas. |
| sequestration offsets project | A project that involves the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by:   * sequestering or storing the carbon in vegetation and soils, or * sequestering or storing the carbon in, and avoiding emissions of greenhouse gases from, vegetation and soils. |
| soil carbon project | A sequestration offsets project that includes removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by sequestering carbon in soils. |

Assessment of the application

You must provide sufficient evidence to support your application. We may request further information in relation to your application to support decision-making.

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure a decision is made within 90 days of your application being made, or, if we request further information, of date of that request. You will be notified of the outcome via email.

Seeking legal advice

The Clean Energy Regulator provides guidance for general information purposes only. The information in this form and supplied by the Clean Energy Regulator should not be interpreted as independent professional advice. You should not rely solely on this information and should get professional legal advice relevant to your individual circumstances.

Publishing of information

Information about [registered projects](https://cer.gov.au/markets/reports-and-data/accu-project-and-contract-register?view=Projects)[[3]](#footnote-4) is included in the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme Project Register on our website in accordance with Part 12 of the CFI Act.

Protection of information

The Clean Energy Regulator is bound by the secrecy provisions in Part 3 of the *Clean Energy Regulator Act 2011* and by the *Privacy Act 1988*.

Privacy statement

‘Personal information’ is defined in the *Privacy Act 1988* to mean information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:

* whether the information or opinion is true or not
* whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.

The collection of personal information relating to this application is authorised by the *Clean Energy Regulator Act 2011*, the CFI Act, the *Privacy Act 1988* and other relevant Act(s) and legislative instruments made under those Acts.

Personal information collected in relation to this application will be used for the purpose of assessing the application, auditing compliance, enforcement of relevant laws, regulations and statutory instruments, the performance of our statutory functions and for related purposes. We will also use the personal information which you provide for our administrative purposes and for improving our service delivery to you.

The Clean Energy Regulator’s [Privacy Policy](https://cer.gov.au/about-us/our-policies/privacy-policy)[[4]](#footnote-5) contains information about our procedures for handling personal information including how a person can access their personal information held by the agency, and how to seek correction of such information. The Privacy Policy also contains information about how to complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles.

Disclosure of information

The Clean Energy Regulator and authorised staff are only able to disclose information relating to the affairs of a person (including personal information) collected in relation to this application in accordance with the *Clean Energy Regulator Act 2011,* the *Privacy Act 1988* or as otherwise required by law.

Part 3 of the *Clean Energy Regulator Act 2011* prevents disclosure of relevant information except in circumstances set out in that Part. Those circumstances include:

* disclosure for the purposes of a climate change law
* disclosure to the Minister
* disclosure of summaries or statistics if those summaries or statistics are not likely to enable the identification of a person
* disclosure to certain bodies where the Chair of the Clean Energy Regulator is satisfied that disclosure will assist those bodies in the performance of their functions or powers, including the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
* disclosure for the purposes of enforcement of the criminal law, enforcement of a law imposing a pecuniary penalty or for protection of the public revenue, if the Chair of the Clean Energy Regulator is satisfied that disclosure is reasonably necessary for such purpose.

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1. https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2015L00156/latest/text [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2011A00101/latest/text [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. https://cer.gov.au/markets/reports-and-data/accu-project-and-contract-register?view=Projects [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. https://cer.gov.au/about-us/our-policies/privacy-policy [↑](#footnote-ref-5)