



Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Proposal Title: Square Kilometre Array Radio Telescope - SKA1 Low Frequency Aperture Array

Proposal Location: Boolardy Station Approximately 315 km north east of Geraldton.

Case Number: CMS 17015

Date referral received: 30-01-2017 Date more information received: 07-03-2017

Referrer: Aecom Australia Pty Ltd

Proponent: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

Potential significant effects:

The proposal will result in the clearing of 463 hectares of native vegetation which potentially includes habitat for conservation significant fauna species.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	0
<i>Total submissions:</i>	0

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act – Dealt with Under Part V Division 2 of the Act (Clearing).

Explanation of decision:

The central core of arrays and infrastructure are located on vegetation communities that are common in the region. The balance of the arrays will be constructed along a 6 metre wide access track. Due to the linear nature of the tracks, impacts on locally significant riparian vegetation and Priority flora species will be minimised. The majority of the fauna species are common to the region. The access tracks will be constructed to avoid the habitat of conservation significant fauna species.

The EPA considers that the potential impacts of the proposal from native vegetation clearing can be dealt with under Part V Division 2 of the Act (Clearing). The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal can be adequately managed through the implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation and the proponent's management and mitigation measures. There is limited concern about the likely effects of the proposal, if implemented, on the environment.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.

Robert Harvey
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 16/3/2017