

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

Proposal Title: Bunbury Outer Ring Road (Northern & Central sections)

Proposal Location: City of Bunbury, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Dardanup and Shire of Capel

Case Number: CMS 17624

Date referral received: 06-06-2019

Date more information received: N/A

Referrer: Main Roads WA

Proponent: Main Roads WA

Potential significant effects:

The proposal is for the northern and central sections and will result in impacts to **Flora and Vegetation** from the clearing of 119.3 ha of native vegetation (including impacts to two threatened ecological communities (TEC), three priority flora species and riparian vegetation; **Terrestrial Fauna** from the clearing of 104.7 ha habitat for conservation significant species, displacement of 49 western ringtail possums, and potential changes to hydrological regimes of habitat for conservation significant aquatic fauna; **Inland Waters** from changes to surface and groundwater levels, regimes and quality **Social Surroundings** from construction and operation noise, vibration, artificial light spill, dust and reduced amenity.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters and Social Surroundings.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	3
Assess: a) Referral information	4
b) Environmental review - no public review	1
c) Public environmental review	90
<i>Total submissions:</i>	98

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with additional information required under section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (4 week public review).

Other details

The additional information, which will be published on the EPA website for a four week public review will include the following:

- additional surveys to confirm impacts to TECs and black-striped minnow
- environmental management plan/s to avoid and minimise impacts to threatened fauna & TECs
- an offsets strategy for significant residual impacts

A public review period is required to enable public input into the EPA assessment process and in order for the assessment to align with the Commonwealth accredited process.

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



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CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 3 July 2019