

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

**Proposal Title:** Albany Artificial Surf Reef

**Proposal Location:** City of Albany

**Case Number:** CMS17450

**Date referral received:** 28-09-2018      **Date more information received:** 23 May 2019

**Referrer:** City of Albany

**Proponent:** City of Albany

**Potential significant effects:**

Potential impacts to **benthic communities and habitat** from constructed reef structure, potential localised changes to **coastal processes** from altered wave energy, potential introduced marine pests from construction vessels/barges, and temporary impacts to **marine fauna** during construction.

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:	1
Assess: a) Referral information	1
b) Environmental review - no public review	3
c) Public environmental review	3
<i>Total submissions:</i>	8

**Decision:** s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) – Advice Given.

**Explanation of decision:**

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment because the extent and consequence of the predicted impacts to seagrass and beaches as a result of the proposal are predicted to be minor and localised. The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal can be adequately managed through implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation, the proponent's management and mitigation measures, and implementation of the EPA's advice given to other relevant decision making authorities.

It is noted that other statutory processes relevant to this proposal may include the *Waterways Conservation Act 1976* and *Waterways Conservation Regulations 1981* (administered by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation).

**Appeals:** This decision is appealable. Appeals close 24-6-2019. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.



**Dr Tom Hatton**

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 6/6/19