

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

Proposal Title: Lake Way SOP Demonstration Plant

Proposal Location: Lake Way, 25 kilometres south of Wiluna

Case Number: CMS 17578

Date referral received: 08-03-2019

Date more information received: 11-06-2019

Referrer: Salt Lake Potash Limited

Proponent: Salt Lake Potash Limited

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of native vegetation and indirect impacts on *Tecticornia* vegetation that fringes the lake, including potential conservation significant species. Inland Waters from changes to the lake's hydrology due to construction of ponds and trenches and the abstraction of groundwater. Social Surroundings due the potential for disturbance of Registered Aboriginal heritage sites.

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

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	3
<i>Total submissions:</i>	3

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the 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 of the relatively short duration of the proposal and the measures taken to avoid and minimise impacts through the use of existing infrastructure. 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.

Appeals: This decision is appealable. Appeals close 08-07-2019. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.



Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 19 June 2019