


# Form

## Referral of a proposal under s. 38 of the EP Act

PART A: PROPONENT AND REFERRER INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION			
Referrer information			
Who is referring this proposal?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input type="checkbox"/> Decision-making authority <input type="checkbox"/> Community member/third party	
Name (print) Peter Woronzow		Signature 	
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Date	15/5/2025		
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential? <i>Provide confidential information in a separate attachment.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does the referrer confirm that they consent to receive correspondence electronically?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative: I, Peter Woronzow declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of Department of Transport and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.  Date: 15/5/2025			
Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		Department of Transport	
Australian Company Number(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABN 27 285 643 255	
OR Australian Business Number(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Pre-referral discussions			
Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

<p><i>If so, provide name, date, and overview of discussions.</i></p>	<p><b><u>24/5/2022</u></b></p> <p>Overview: site visit with DoT, EPA Services staff, DWER MEB staff and Dept of AWE (Now DCCEEW). Discussion of facility to align with the National Light Pollution guidelines, noise modelling, dredging methodology to reduce plumes and protection of groundwater</p> <p><b><u>19/9/2024</u></b></p> <p>Overview: meeting with EPA Services. Review KEFs, impacts and mitigation. Sand bypassing area should be included within the development envelope.</p> <p><b><u>11/11/2024</u></b></p> <p>Overview: meeting with EPA Services and DWER MEB staff. Discussion around environmental outcomes, dredge plume modelling and management plans</p>
<p><b>Proposal information</b></p>	
<p><b>Proposal name</b></p>	<p>Tantabiddi Boating Facility</p>
<p><b>What is the proposal? (Include general description in the <a href="#">Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal</a>)</b></p>	<p>The proposal is for the development of the Tantabiddi Boating Facility (the proposal), located approximately 15 km west of Exmouth, in the Shire of Exmouth. The proposal requires a disturbance footprint of up to 22.6 ha within a 58.4 ha Development Envelope.</p> <p>The proposal includes the construction of Rubble-mound breakwaters and revetments (3.5 ha) and dredging of about 153,000 m<sup>3</sup> to form the harbour basin and entrance channel (9.7 ha). Marine facilities will include boat ramps, jetties and boat pens.</p> <p>Land based facilities will include an entrance road, utilities area, parking, amenities and open space (9.0 ha, including 5.6 ha of vegetation clearing)</p> <p>Once the new boat ramps are operational the existing Tantabiddi boat ramp will be decommissioned, and a small area retained for day use to be managed as part of the Jurabi Coastal Park.</p>
<p><b>Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>What type of proposal is being referred?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant proposal. <i>Choose which type of significant proposal</i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> new proposal</p>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (conditions only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal and conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal <input type="checkbox"/> derived proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class <input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme
<p><b>Proposal content:</b> Complete the corresponding template (<i>Proposal Content Document</i>) from the <a href="#">Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal</a> for the type of proposal identified above. The completed form <b>must be</b> submitted with the referral.</p>	
<p><b>Alternatives</b></p>	<p>Four sites spread over 13 km were considered as potential locations via a review of environmental, coastal stability and maritime safety factors. This assessment and consultation with land managers and commercial boating industry concluded that Tantabiddi Creek (existing location) was the preferred area. The location 300 m to the south of the creek was then chosen to further reduce environmental and cultural impacts of the proposal.</p>

**PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

**Environmental factors**

<p>What are the likely significant environmental factors for this proposal?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benthic Communities and Habitat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Processes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Environmental Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Fauna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flora and Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Landforms <input type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health
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For **each** of the environmental factors identified above, complete the following table, or provide the information in a supplementary report

**Potential environmental impacts – for each environmental factor**

1	<b>EPA policy and guidance</b>	Refer to Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 of the Environmental Referral Supporting Document (ERSD)
2	<b>Receiving environment</b>	Refer to Sections 6.1.1, 6.2.1, 6.3.1, 6.4.1, 6.5.1 and 6.6.1 of the ERSD
3	<b>Likely environmental impacts</b>	Refer to Sections 6.1.2, 6.2.2, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.5.2 and 6.6.2 of the ERSD

4	<b>Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes</b>	Refer to Sections 6.1.4, 6.2.4, 6.3.4, 6.4.4, 6.5.4 and 6.6.4 of the ERSD
5	<b>Assessment and significance of residual impacts</b>	Refer to Section 6.1.3, 6.2.3, 6.3.3, 6.4.3, 6.5.3 and 6.6.3 of the ERSD
6	<b>Likely environmental outcomes</b>	Refer to Sections 6.1.4, 6.2.4, 6.3.4, 6.4.4, 6.5.4 and 6.6.4 of the ERSD
<b>Holistic impact assessment</b>		
DoT has undertaken a holistic impact assessment for the Proposal. Please refer to Sections 6.8 and 7.2 of the ERSD		
<b>Cumulative environmental impact assessment</b>		
DoT undertook a cumulative environmental impact assessment for the Strategic Proposal and considered the successive, incremental, and interactive impacts on the environment of the Proposal with past, present and reasonably foreseeable future activities. Please refer to Sections 6.7 and 7.1 of the ERSD.		
<b>Consultation</b>		
DoT has undertaken stakeholder consultation in relation to the Proposal since 2018. This has resulted in the selection of the preferred site, the scale of the facility and agreement on the rehabilitation and use of the existing boat launching facility. Please refer to Section 3 and Table 5 of the ERSD for more details		
<b>Supporting documents</b>		
Provide a list of the supporting documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tantabiddi Boating Facility Proposal Content Document</li> <li>• Tantabiddi Boating Facility ERSD and appendices</li> </ul>		
Has the referrer provided survey information according to the <a href="#">Instructions and Form: IBSA Data Packages</a> and/or the <a href="#">Instructions and form: IMSA Data Packages</a>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Conclusion</b>		
Do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment? Yes DoT considers that the relevant environmental factors for the referred proposal are Marine Environmental Quality, Benthic Communities and Habitats, Coastal Processes, Marine Fauna, Flora and Vegetation and Social Surroundings. This assessment, in consideration of the proposed avoidance and management measures, will demonstrate that the Proposal can be implemented to meet the EPA's objectives for all environmental factors.		

## PART C: OTHER APPROVALS AND REGULATION

### Decision-making authorities and their approvals

Provide a table list of the decision-making authorities, associated legislation or agreement regulating the activity and the specific approval required. (Example table at the end of form)

See table 1 (below)

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Provide a summary of the statutory decision-making processes you consider can mitigate the potential impacts of the proposal on the environment. (Note: this should be a summary of the information provided in Part B section 2.4). (Example table at the end of form)	See table 2 (below)
<b>Tenure and Local Government approvals</b>	
Location of proposal: a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or b) if remote, the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.	The land-side of the TBF will be located on Lot 156 within Reserve 40729 (Jurabi Coastal Park)  The proposal is located about 15 km west of the town of Exmouth
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	Shire of Exmouth
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented? If yes, please provide details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	The 1,200 ha Jurabi Coastal Park is gazetted for the purpose of Recreation and Coastal Management and jointly managed by the Shire of Exmouth and DBCA.  The 290,000 ha Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area is managed by DBCA
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal? <i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i> <i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  Marine: DBCA, <i>Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 (CALM Act)</i> , Licence Agreement Project footprint  Terrestrial: DPLH, <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> , Project footprint Development Approval
<b>Commonwealth Government approvals</b>	
Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Date: 14 April 2025  EPBC No.: 2025/10180
If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action? If 'yes',	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action

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<p>check the appropriate box and provide the decision in an attachment.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action</p>
<p>If the proposal is determined to be a controlled action, do you request that this proposal be assessed under a Bilateral Agreement or as an accredited assessment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Bilateral      <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited</p>
<p>Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal?  <i>If yes, describe.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No          Approval:</p>
<p><b>Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u></b></p>	
<p>What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i></p>	<p><i>Jetties Act 1926 for licencing of jetties</i></p>

**Example Table:** Other approvals

Decision-making authority	Legislation or Agreement regulating the activity	Approval required (and specify which proposal element the approval is related to)
DBCA	<i>Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 (CALM Act)</i>	Licence Agreement Project footprint and moorings
DPLH	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>	Project footprint Section 18 Consent Project footprint Development Approval
SoE	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> <i>Building Act 2011 and Regulations</i>	Project footprint Development Approval Demolition Approval of Tantabiddi Boat Ramp marine structures
DWER	<i>EP Act Part V</i>	Native Vegetation Clearing Permit <sup>1</sup>
DoT	<i>Jetties Act 1926</i>	Jetty Licence
Main Roads Western Australia	<i>Main Roads Act 1930</i>	Application to undertake works within road reserve

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Not required if project formally assessed under Part IV of EP Act

**Example table:** Other statutory decision-making process which can mitigate potential impacts on the environment

Environmental impact	How is the impact regulated by other decision-making process(es)?	Limit(s) of the decision-making process(es) to regulate the impact eg time limits, excluded operations	Likely environmental outcome of decision-making process(es), and consistency with EPA objective	Conditions, enforcement, and review process required by decision-making process(es)	Stakeholder engagement in decision-making process(es)
Marine Fauna, and Benthic Communities and Habitats	DBCA licensing of commercial operators	Control of ongoing commercial tour operations	Sustainable commercial tourism operations		Public consultation on changes to management plans. Consultation with industry groups on licence policies

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Marine Fauna	<i>Fish Resources Management Act 1994</i>	Control of ongoing fishing effort (recreational and commercial)	Sustainable fish stocks		Public consultation on changes to fishing regulations
Social surrounds (heritage)	Section 18 consent, <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i>	Limit area of impact  Record, protect/salvage and report on, any artefacts found  Halt works if human remains are found	Limited impact to the overall midden site	Require heritage monitors to be present during ground disturbance work.  Report on extent of impact and remediation to the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites	NTGAC Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee