

TEMPLATE: Key proposal characteristics

Template for defining the key characteristics of a proposal

Template 1: Key proposal characteristics - new proposal

[provided by proponent with referral or during assessment]

Table 1: Summary of the Proposa

Proposal title	Downstream Processing Chemical Production Facility			
Proponent name	Wesfarmers Chemicals, Energy & Fertilisers			
	(along with Joint Venture partners)			
Short description	The proponents are exploring the feasibility of building a			
	chemical processing plant in Western Australia's Pilbara			
	region.			
	Initial efforts have focused on evaluating the alternatives of			
	constructing and operating of a methanol, ammonia or MEG			
	bulk liquids chemical processing facility. The leading			
	alternative under assessment seeks to establish a circa 5,000			
	tonnes per day methanol plant on the Burrup Peninsula.			
	The proponents are currently at pre-feasibility stage for the			
	project and have recently signed an Option to Lease with			
	LandCorp. The proposed plant location is at 'Site E', which is			
	within the Burrup Strategic Industry Area (SIA). This site is well			
	suited to the development of a globally competitive export			
	facing liquids process, particularly given the presence o			
	purpose-built essential infrastructure already developed. This			
	includes close proximity to; an under-utilised bulk liquids deep			
	water berth, established large-scale cooling water pipelines, a			
	dedicated product pipeline corridor, and access to utilities.			
	The proposed development of Site E includes; process			
	production facilities, product storage, plant utilities and			
	associated infrastructure.			



Figure 1. Site E and Existing Infrastructure (Service Corridor, Water Supply & Return, Gas Infrastructure)

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Element	Location	Proposed Extent
Physical Elements		
Process Plant (including process production facilities, storage, plant utilities and associated infrastructure).	SIA Site E (Figure 1)	Requirement for plant process infrastructure and site preparation not exceeding 75 ha of area within Site E. Site E is relatively flat, sparsely vegetated vacant land, and has been previously cleared and used for recreational and construction lay down activities.
Natural Gas Supply pipeline	Extend existing natural gas pipeline services (Figure 1)	Requirement for pipeline delivered natural gas supply services via the extension of a pre-existing pipeline system (note 1).
Product Export Pipeline	Within the existing service corridor (Figure 1)	Construction of an export pipeline within a pre-existing infrastructure corridor. This element eliminates the need for intensive heavy vehicle traffic otherwise needed to transfer product for export.
Seawater supply and Brine return pipelines	Extend existing seawater supply and brine return pipeline services (Figure 1)	Requirement for pipeline delivered seawater supply and brine return services via the extension of a pre-existing pipeline system (note 1).
Bulk Liquids Jetty	Utilisation of existing Bulk Liquids Jetty within Pilbara Ports facility (Figure 1)	Installation of dedicated pipeline and loading gantry equipment within pre- existing Jetty provisions.
Access to site	SIA Site E (Figure 1)	Extension of existing Village Road to enable appropriate access to site E.

Operational Eleme	nts	
Pumping seawater to	Within the existing	Abstraction of seawater required for
plant	seawater and brine system	evaporative cooling in order to safely
	(Figure 1)	operate plant.
Water discharge	Within the existing	Discharge of brine water required to
	seawater and brine system	complete cooling processes in order to
	(Figure 1)	safely operate plant.
Gaseous Emission	SIA Site E (Figure 1)	Plant emissions are recognised by the
		Proponents as an important threshold
		issue (note 2). Subject to the outcome
		of the pre-feasibility stage being
		favourable, a full feasibility study will
		be undertaken. This includes the
		application of; licensed modern
		process technologies, completion of
		rigorous technical due diligence, and
		ensuring compliant regulatory
		processes are completed (which
		includes all environmental regulatory
		requirements).
Utilities		On-site and off-site consumption and
		supply requirements for electrical
		power and potable water will be
		determined as part of the proposed
		feasibility study cited above.

Note

- 1. Design location for pipeline extension to be fully confirmed.
- 2. Modern plant process technology design will be used to minimise greenhouse and gas emissions. Details of gaseous emissions are to be confirmed.