



Environmental Protection Authority

s.48A Referrals

Title:	Shire of Irwin Local Planning Scheme 6		
Location:	Whole of Local Planning Scheme 6 area		
Description:	The Scheme represents a consolidation and update of existing LPS 5 in a manner and format generally consistent with Model and Deemed provisions of the <i>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</i> , the Shire's <i>Local Planning Strategy</i> , and relevant state policies and legislation.		
Ref ID:	APP-0034284 / REC-0002077		
Date Received:	16/03/2026	Date Sufficient Information Received:	27/05/2026
Responsible Authority:	Shire of Irwin		
Contact:	Murray Connell		
Preliminary Environmental Factors:	Flora and vegetation, Terrestrial fauna, Landform, Terrestrial environmental quality, Coastal Processes, Inland waters, Social surroundings		
Potential Significant Effects:	The scheme area encompasses a diverse range of environmental values, including unique landscapes / coastline, significant waterways (Irwin River), nature reserves, native vegetation (threatened and priority ecological communities (TEC/PEC)), terrestrial fauna habitat, and mapped areas of Aboriginal Heritage.		
Protection:	<p>The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) considered in its assessment proposed mapping and text changes, and potentially significant impacts to environmental values from future development potential afforded under LPS 6.</p> <p>Advice is provided, recommending improvements to LPS 6 scheme text provisions and controls, to ensure future development responds appropriately to significant environmental values and to enhance overall environmental protection outcomes.</p> <p>Detailed information relating to the range of environmental impacts associated with future development permissible is not available to the EPA in considering the scheme. Future significant proposals may require referral under Part IV or V of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> and/or <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>.</p>		
Determination:	Referral Examined, Preliminary Investigations and Inquiries Conducted. Scheme Amendment Not to be Assessed under Part IV of the EP Act. Advice Given (Not Appealable).		

The EPA has carried out some investigations and inquiries before deciding not to assess this scheme. In deciding not to formally assess schemes, the EPA has determined that no further assessment is required by the EPA.

This Determination is not appealable.

Chair's Initials: 

Date: 20 June 2026