



# Environmental Protection Authority

## GENERAL GUIDE FOR REFERRAL OF PROPOSALS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 38(1) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986

### INTRODUCTION

In Western Australia, the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the Act) provides that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) may require development proposals to undergo environmental impact assessment under the Act before they can be implemented.

The EPA is an independent Authority and one of its primary functions is to conduct environmental impact assessments (EIA).

The EPA has prepared the *Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Division 1) Administrative Procedures 2002* to outline the process of environmental impact assessment undertaken in Western Australia. These also indicate requirements on proponents and decision-making authorities in relation to referrals and on proponents once the EPA has determined that the proposal will be subject to assessment under Part IV Division 1 of the Act.

### GUIDES FOR REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT

A number of documents have been prepared by the EPA to assist proponents and decision-making authorities to comply with the requirements of *Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Division 1) Administrative Procedures 2002*. These are:

- EPA Referral Guide (DMA) – General Guide to State Government Departments and Local Authorities (as 'Decision-Making Authorities')
- EPA Referral Form (DMA) – Referral by the Decision-Making Authority
- EPA Referral Form (Proponent) – Referral by the Proponent
- EIA Scoping Document – Guide to Preparing an Environmental Scoping Document
- EIA Principles, Factors & Objectives – Guide to EIA Environmental Principles, Factors and Objectives
- PER/ERMP Guidelines – Guidelines for Preparing a Public Environmental Review/ Environmental Review and Management Programme

Each of these guides is available on the EPA's website ([www.epa.wa.gov.au](http://www.epa.wa.gov.au)). The guides can also be obtained from the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority by phoning 6467 5419 or writing to Locked Bag 33, CLOISTERS SQUARE WA 6850.