

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

Proposal Title: Lake Wells Potash Project

Proposal Location: 160km north-northeast of Laverton

Case Number: CMS 16262

Date referral received: 21-12-17 **Date more information received:** N/A

Referrer: Australian Potash Limited **Proponent:** Australian Potash Limited

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of 746 ha native vegetation and disturbance of up to 2466 ha on-playa terrain, loss of condition in vegetation through changes to soil water retention following dewatering, dewatering of stygofauna habitat, impacts to fauna habitat including potential suitable Night Parrot habitat, changes to surface water and groundwater hydrological processes. Potential impacts to surface water quality, and potential impacts to Traditional owner customary usage of the project area.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Hydrological Processes.

Other factors

Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Social Surroundings.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	1
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	1
<i>Total submissions:</i>	2

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Environmental review - no public review

Other details

Proponent prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex or require additional information. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



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CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 30 Jan 2018