

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

Proposal Title: Learmonth Bundle Site

Proposal Location: Lots 233 and 1586, Learmonth and Exmouth Gulf

Case Number: CMS 17321

Date referral received: 23-10-2017 **Date more information received:**

Referrer: Subsea 7 Australia Contracting Pty Ltd

Proponent: Subsea 7 Australia Contracting Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of up to 170 ha native vegetation and fauna habitat, loss of stygofauna, dewatering and discharge of process water to stygofauna habitat, impacts to Aboriginal heritage values. Loss of benthic communities and habitat, and impacts to coastal processes, marine environmental quality, and marine fauna.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Benthic Communities and Habitat, Coastal Processes, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna, Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Hydrological Processes, Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Social Surroundings

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	14
Assess: a) Referral information	3
b) Environmental review - no public review	8
c) Public environmental review	114
<i>Total submissions:</i>	139

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public environmental review

Other details

EPA-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (8 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed. This decision precludes any subsequent decisions about the implementation of the proposal until the assessment process is completed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 17 Nov 2017