

**Title:** Mid West Aquaculture Zone, waters adjacent to the Shire of Northampton

**Referral ID:** A621857      **Date Received:** 18/04/2013      **Date Final Info:**

**Referror:** Department of Fisheries

**Proponent:** Department of Fisheries

**Contact:** Attn: John Eyres

**Telephone:**

**LGA:**

**Environmental Factors:** Marine environmental quality; marine benthic habitat; marine fauna.

**Potential Significant Impacts:** Impacts to water quality through fish feed/faeces and changes to hydrodynamics; potential direct and indirect disturbance of benthic habitat and impacts to marine fauna (including seabirds) from physical barriers, entanglement, biosecurity risk, noise, lighting, vessel strike.

<b>Public comments on referral information:</b>	Not Assess	0
	Assess (no public review)	0
	Assess (with public review)	0
	<b>TOTAL COMMENTS</b>	<b>0</b>

**Explanation of Decision:** Public Environmental Review is warranted due to the potential of the impacts to be significant and the likely high interest of the public due to the sensitive location of the proposal near the Abrothos Islands.

**Officer:** Kathryn Schell

**Determination:**

Assess: Public Environmental Review

PER Public Review Period: 4 weeks

Assessment No: 1972

**Procedure:**

Strategic Proposal: EPA-prepared  
Environmental Scoping Document

**Chairman's initials:** 

**Date Signed:** 8.5.13