



Environmental Protection Authority

Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Bonney Downs Wind Farm

Proposal location: The Proposal is located approximately 9 km southwest of Nullagine in the Shire of East Pilbara within the Palyku Part A and the Nyiyaparli and Nyiyaparli #3 native title determination areas.

APP number: APP-0032733

Date referral received: 20-02-2026

Referrer: Pilbara Energy (Generation) Pty Ltd **Proponent:** Pilbara Energy (Generation) Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the clearing of up to 910.26 ha, including impacts to significant flora, groundwater dependant vegetation, and a priority ecological community; terrestrial fauna from the clearing of critical and supporting habitat for conservation significant fauna and Short Range Endemic invertebrates and from ongoing impacts from turbine collision; and social surroundings from construction and operational impacts to noise, dust, vibration, visual amenity, Aboriginal Heritage and cultural values.

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, and social surroundings

Public comment on referral information:

Does the proposal need further assessment due to its potential significant impacts?

Yes 3 No 0

If the proposal requires further assessment, should the EPA include further opportunities for public review?

Yes 3 No 0

Total submissions: 3

Decision: s. 38G(1) Assess

Level of assessment:

Assess by environmental review with public review (s. 40(2)(b), s. 40(4) and s. 40(5))

Other details:

- (1) Additional information required by s. 40(2)(a)
- (2) Public review for the Environmental Review Document (4 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 whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met. Additional information will be required to inform the EPA's assessment of preliminary key environmental factors.

Appeals: There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.

Darren Walsh

Chair

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 16 May 2026