

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

Proposal title: Beharra Silica Sand Project

Proposal location: 300 km north of Perth and 25 km southeast of Dongara in the Shire of Irwin

CMS number: APP-0000068

Date referral received: 6/09/2022

Date more information received: 24/03/2023

Referrer: Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Proponent: Perpetual Resources Limited

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the clearing of 590 ha of native vegetation and groundwater abstraction; terrestrial fauna from the clearing and degradation of habitat; and inland waters from groundwater abstraction

Preliminary key environmental factors:, flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, and inland waters

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	9
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	2
c) Public environmental review	397
<i>Total submissions:</i>	408

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with additional information (required under s. 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*) and public review

Other details

Public review period for other additional assessment information (4 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex due to the specific vegetation within the proposal area and the extent of potential impacts associated with the proposal. However, it is considered that sufficient baseline information is available for the EPA to undertake an assessment on the information provided by the proponent with additional information required to inform cumulative and holistic assessment of the proposal. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct, cumulative, holistic and indirect impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable.

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Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

7 June 2023