



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Environmental Protection Authority

S38 Referrals, S16 and/or S46 Advice

Title: Sand Quarries within the Gnangara Pine Plantation

Location: City of Wanneroo and Shire of Gingin

Ref ID: CMS141520

Date Received: 04/02/2013

Date More Information Received: 02/11/2016

Referror: Hanson Australia Pty Ltd

Proponent: Hanson Australia Pty Ltd

Contact: Mr Vern Newton

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Preliminary Environmental Factors: Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Rehabilitation and Decommissioning

Potential Significant Effects: There would be some clearing of native vegetation that has regrown since the harvesting of pines and this regrowth could have some value as Carnaby's Cockatoo foraging habitat. Unsuccessful rehabilitation practice could delay the reestablishment of foraging habitat. Hydrocarbon spills have the potential to impact groundwater quality.

Public Assess-API-A: 0

Comments Assess-API B: 28

On Referral Assess – PER: 7

Information: Do Not Assess: 0

TOTAL COMMENTS: 35


Determination: Referral Examined, Preliminary Investigations and Inquiries Conducted. Proposal Not to be Assessed Under Part IV of EP Act. Advice Given (Appealable)

The EPA has carried out some investigations and inquiries before deciding not to assess this proposal. In deciding not to formally assess proposals, the EPA has determined that no further assessment is required by the EPA.

Explanation of decision: The EPA considers that likely environmental impacts of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment. The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal are not significant since the proposal would only occur on cleared land following the harvesting of the pine plantations by the Forrest Products Commission. The proponent's proposed management and mitigation measures are adequate to manage potential impact to groundwater, and undertake appropriate rehabilitation.

In addition, the EPA notes that the proposal can be assessed and regulated under the *Mining Act 1978* (Mining Proposal), Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (works approval).

Determination Appealable. Appeals administered by Office of Appeals Convenor. Appeals close: 19-12-16

Chairman's Initials: 

Date: 30/11/16