



Office of the Environmental Protection Authority

S38 Referrals, S16 and/or S46 Advice

Title: Maintenance Dredging of Garden Island Wharves

Location: City of Rockingham

Ref ID: CMS15182

Date Received: 18-11-2015

Date More Information Received: 30-12-2015

Referrer: Department of Defence

Proponent: Department of Defence

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Preliminary

Environmental Factors: Benthic Communities and Habitat, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna

Potential Significant Effects: Implementation of the proposal may result in indirect impacts (shading or smothering) to seagrass and potential impacts to marine fauna and marine environmental quality as a result of dredging and disturbance of contaminated sediment.

Public Comments On Referral Information:
Assess-API-A: 0
Assess-API B: 0
Assess – PER: 0
Do Not Assess: 0
TOTAL COMMENTS: 0

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. The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment.

Explanation of Decision: The EPA considers that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant impact on the environment and does not warrant formal assessment because of the relatively small footprint, no direct impacts on seagrass, and the limited duration of the proposal. Therefore the proposal can be adequately managed to meet the EPA's objectives through the implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation and the EPA's advice. In addition, the proponent will implement an Environmental Management Program which consolidates its management measures, monitoring and reporting commitments.

Determination Appealable. Appeals administered by Office of Appeals Convenor. Appeals close: 04-07-2016

Chairman's Initials:

Date:

15/16/16