

**Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986***

**Proposal Title:** Port of Broome Channel Optimisation Project

**Proposal Location:** Shire of Broome

**Case Number:** CMS 17328

**Date referral received:** 13 February 2018 **Date more information received:** 1 May 2018

**Referrer and Proponent:** Kimberley Ports Authority

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts from dredging to benthic communities and habitats, marine environmental quality and marine fauna from increased turbidity and disposal of material, spills from equipment, increased noise and the introduction of marine pests from construction vessels.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:**

Benthic Communities and Habitat, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna and Social Surroundings.

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	4
<i>Total submissions:</i>	4

**Decision:** s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act – Advice given.

**Explanation of decision:**

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment because the proposal activities are for a short duration (2 to 4 weeks) and small in scale. The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal can be adequately managed through the implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation and the proponent's monitoring and management measures outlined in the Dredging Environmental Management Plan (May 2018).

**Appeals:** This decision is appealable. Appeals close 28-05-2018.



**Dr Tom Hatton**  
CHAIRMAN  
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 9 May 2018