



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

Proposal Title: Pilbara Transmission Project

Proposal Location: The Project follows existing Fortescue rail corridors from Port Hedland to Cloudbreak and Solomon mine sites and is approximately 375 km in length, in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Case Number: CMS17515

Date referral received: 26-11-2018 Date more information received: 30-01-2019

Proponent: Pilbara Energy Company Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts to: Flora and Vegetation from clearing of 305 ha native vegetation causing fragmentation and edge effects; Terrestrial Fauna from clearing of habitat and collision risk for avian fauna from conductors; and Social Surroundings from potential disturbance of Aboriginal heritage sites from clearing.

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	1
<i>Total submissions:</i>	1

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Dealt with under Part V, Division 2 of the Act (Clearing).

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant a formal assessment. The predicted extent and consequences of the impacts on flora and vegetation and terrestrial fauna are minor. The EPA is of the view that the proposal is of limited scale at site where there is limited environmental values at risk, including biodiversity. The EPA considers 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 mitigation and management measures. In addition, the proposal will require a clearing permit under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

Appeals: This decision is not appealable.

Dr Tom Hatton
CHAIRMAN
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 28 Feb 2019