

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

**Proposal Title:** Learmonth Pipeline Fabrication Facility

**Proposal Location:** Lots 233 and 1586, Learmonth and Exmouth Gulf

**Case Number:** CMS 17617

**Date referral received:** 16-05-2019 **Date more information received:**

**Referrer:** Subsea 7 Australia Contracting Pty Ltd

**Proponent:** Subsea 7 Australia Contracting Pty Ltd

**Potential significant effects:**

Clearing of up to 176 ha native vegetation and fauna habitat, loss of stygofauna, dewatering and discharge of process water to stygofauna habitat, impacts to Aboriginal heritage values. Loss of benthic communities and habitat, and impacts to coastal processes, marine environmental quality, and marine fauna.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:**

Benthic Communities and Habitat, Coastal Processes, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna, Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, Social Surroundings

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:

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| Assess: a) Referral information            | 12   |
| b) Environmental review - no public review | 35   |
| c) Public environmental review             | 2359 |
| d) Do not assess                           | 92   |

*Total submissions:* 2498

**Decision:** s. 39A – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

Public environmental review

***Other details***

EPA-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (8 weeks)

**Explanation of decision:**

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed. This decision precludes any subsequent decisions about the implementation of the proposal until the assessment process is completed.

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.



**Dr Tom Hatton**

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 29 May 2019