

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

Proposal Title: Bunbury Outer Ring Road (Southern Section)

Proposal Location: Shire of Capel; City of Bunbury

Case Number: CMS17691

Date referral received: 16-09-2019

Date more information received: n/a

Referrer: Main Roads WA

Proponent: Main Roads WA

Potential significant effects:

The proposal has potential impacts on: **Flora and Vegetation** from the clearing of 98 ha (including impacts to threatened and priority ecological communities), **Terrestrial Fauna** from clearing and changes to hydrological regimes of habitat for conservation significant species; **Inland Waters** from impacts to waterways, conservation category wetland and groundwater dependant ecosystems; **Social Surroundings** from disturbance to Aboriginal heritage sites, amenity impacts, construction and operational noise, dust and vibration.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters and Social Surroundings.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	13
Assess: a) Referral information	2
b) Environmental review - no public review	6
c) Public environmental review	643
<i>Total submissions:</i>	664

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with 8 weeks public review, with additional information required under section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Other details

The additional information will include the following:

- consideration given to alternative alignments
- additional surveys to confirm impacts to threatened/priority ecological communities and threatened flora/fauna
- environmental management plans to avoid, minimise and manage impacts to threatened/priority ecological communities and threatened fauna
- additional information on the mitigation and management of impacts to social surroundings, including but not limited to, noise and a requirement for noise modelling
- an offsets strategy for significant residual impacts.

A public review period is required to enable public input into the EPA assessment process.

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.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 3 Oct 2019