

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

**Proposal Title:** Tonkin Highway Grade separated Interchanges (Hale Road and Welshpool Road)

**Proposal Location:** Tonkin Highway/ Hale Road intersection, Forrestfield and Tonkin Highway/ Welshpool Road intersection, Wattle Grove.

**Case Number:** CMS 17724

**Date referral received:** 29-10-2019

**Date more information received:** 18-03-2021  
and 07-05-21

**Referrer:** Commissioner of Main Roads

**Proponent:** Commissioner of Main Roads

**Potential significant effects:**

The proposal will result in impacts to **Flora and Vegetation** from the clearing of 20.4 ha of native vegetation (including impacts to one threatened ecological community, three threatened flora species, five priority flora species and Bush Forever sites); **Terrestrial Fauna** from the clearing of 22.2 ha habitat for conservation significant species; **Inland Waters** from clearing of Conservation Category Wetlands and a Nationally Important Wetland and changes to surface water levels, regimes and quality; and **Social Surroundings** from construction and operational noise, vibration, artificial light spill, dust and reduced amenity, and impacts to Aboriginal heritage.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters 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	13
<i>Total submissions:</i>	13

**Decision:** s. 39A – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

Referral Information with additional information required under section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (6 weeks public review)

**Other details**

The updated referral information and additional assessment information will be published on the EPA website for six weeks public review. The additional information will include, but is not limited to:

- environmental management plan/s to avoid and minimise impacts to threatened fauna, threatened flora, a Threatened Ecological Community and wetlands
- an offsets strategy for significant residual impacts
- a cumulative environmental impact assessment

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.



**Professor Mathew Tonts**

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:19.5.2021**