

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

**Proposal Title:** Underwater Training Ranges

**Proposal Location:** Offshore of Swanbourne, Perth and Lancelin, Shire of Gingin

**Case Number:** CMS 17806

**Date referral received:** 06-04-2020

**Date more information received:** 18-06-2020

**Referrer:** Department of Defence

**Proponent:** Department of Defence

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts on Benthic Communities and Habitat (BCH) from the removal or damage of BCH from the detonation of small explosive charges; Marine Environmental Quality from elevated turbidity from benthic disturbance caused by the detonation of small explosive charges and the introduction of contaminants from the explosives; and Marine Fauna from the impacts of sound and pressure from the detonation of small explosive charges.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** Benthic Communities and Habitat, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna.

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:	1
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	1
c) Public environmental review	3
<i>Total submissions:</i>	5

**Decision:** s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act – No 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 of the small training exercise footprint, short duration and infrequent occurrence of the training exercises, and extent and consequence of the predicted impacts.

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 management and mitigation measures.

**Appeals:** This decision is appealable. Appeals close 27-07-2020. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.

**Dr Tom Hatton**  
CHAIRMAN



Delegated of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 8 July 2020