

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

**Proposal Title:** Shark Bay Resources Maintenance Dredging

**Proposal Location:** Useless Loop, Shark Bay, approximately 25 kilometres west southwest of Denham

**Case Number:** CMS 17852

**Date referral received:** 30-06-2020      **Dates more information received:** 20-08-2020 & 25-09-2020

**Referrer:** Shark Bay Resources Pty Ltd      **Proponent:** Shark Bay Resources Pty Ltd

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts to: Benthic Communities and Habitats from the loss of 2 ha of seagrass, Marine Environmental Quality from dredging and dredge disposal activities, Marine Fauna from temporary impacts due to underwater noise, dredge equipment entrainment and vessel strike and short term impacts to Social Surroundings, including World Heritage Area and Marine Park values.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** Benthic Communities and Habitat, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna 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	0
<i>Total submissions:</i>	0

**Decision:** s. 39A – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

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

**Explanation of decision:**

The EPA considers that it has enough information so that it can undertake the assessment on Referral Information, however the EPA has requested some additional information. This includes further sediment analysis, additional information regarding the selection of the spoil disposal location and targeted consultation with key stakeholders.

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.



**Ms Lee McIntosh**

DEPUTY CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 18 December 2020