

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

Proposal Title: Kimberley Marine Offloading Facility

Proposal Location: Broome

Case Number: CMS17853

Date referral received: 1 July 2020 **Date more information received:** 11 August 2020

Referrer: Kimberley Marine Support Base Pty Ltd **Proponent:** Kimberley Marine Support Base Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: **Marine Environmental Quality** from a temporary and localised increase in suspended sediments and hydrocarbon spills; **Marine Fauna** from underwater noise emissions during construction, increased vessel movements; **Terrestrial Fauna** (Shorebirds) and **Social Surroundings** from construction and operational activities.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	3
Assess: a) Referral information	2
b) Environmental review - no public review	1
c) Public environmental review	52
<i>Total submissions:</i>	58

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act – Advice given.

Explanation of decision:

The EPA recognises the importance of Roebuck Bay to the local community and considers that the design of the facility is sensitive to the ecological, cultural and amenity values of the surrounding area. It is noted that the proposal activities do not involve dredging and temporary construction activities are for a short duration.

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment because of the small extent of and consequence of the predicted impacts. Any impacts to marine fauna, marine environmental quality and benthic communities from construction activities are localised and temporary, and any affected benthic communities have the ability to recover within a reasonable timeframe.

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, the proponent's mitigation and management measures, including proposed ongoing monitoring, and implementation of the EPA's advice.

In addition, it is noted that all construction and operational practices for the proposal will align to the existing, or improved, Kimberley Port Authority standards.

Appeals: This decision is appealable. Appeals close 07-09-2020. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.



Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 19 August 2020