

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

Proposal Title: Establishment of a 40 ha Pivot Irrigation System (Meelon)

Proposal Location: Shire of Murray

Case Number: CMS17864

Date referral received: 10-07-2020 **Date more information received:** 08-09-2020

Referrer: Shire of Murray **Proponent:** Kelliher Bros. Pty Ltd.

Potential significant effects:

There are potential indirect impacts on water quality from the export of nutrients into the Peel-Harvey Estuary System due to the fertilising regimes of the proposal.

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	1
<i>Total submissions:</i>	1

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess No Advice

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment because the extent and consequence of the predicted impacts from the proposal are predicted to be small and localised, and unlikely to compromise the achievement and maintenance of the environmental quality objectives in the *Environmental (Peel Inlet-Harvey Estuary) Policy 1992*. This is based on the separation distance of the proposal to the Peel-Harvey Estuary and the underlying soil type.

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 EPA also notes that there are other relevant statutory processes relevant to this proposal including development approval under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* which is able to require the preparation and implementation of a Nutrient and Irrigation Management Plan on advice of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, as part of any development approval; and a licence to draw groundwater under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*.

Appeals: This decision is appealable. Appeals close 5-10-2020. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.



Dr Tom Hatton
CHAIRMAN

Delegated of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 16 September 2020