

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

Proposal Title: Manuwarra Red Dog Highway (Revised Proposal)

Proposal Location: Shire of Ashburton

Case Number: CMS17910

Date referral received: 13-10-2020

Date more information received: 30-11-2020

Referrer: Main Roads Western Australia

Proponent: Main Roads Western Australia

Potential significant effects:

There are potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on: Flora and Vegetation and Terrestrial Fauna from clearing of an additional 800 ha for the construction of 107 km of new road from Wallyinya Pool to Nanutarra - Munjina Road, Inland Waters from several watercourse crossings, Air Quality from potential contaminated construction dust and Social Surroundings with Aboriginal Heritage Sites occurring within and adjacent to the development envelope and potential effects on conservation reserves.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, Air Quality 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	2
<i>Total submissions:</i>	3

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with additional information required under section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (4 week public review).

Other details

Public review period (4 weeks) for updated referral documentation and additional assessment information. The additional information will include, but is not limited to, finalised ecological survey reports, environmental management plans for each key factor, an offsets strategy and outcomes from further consultation with the Wintawari Garuma Aboriginal Corporation and the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation. The additional information should address direct, indirect and cumulative impacts, address the mitigation hierarchy (including “avoid”) for each preliminary key environmental factor, and include a holistic environmental impact assessment.

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 completion of a number of surveys to better define the extent and severity of the proposal’s potential impacts on preliminary key environmental factors. The EPA will make the referral and additional information publicly available once received to enable public input into the EPA assessment process.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee McIntosh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lee McIntosh

DEPUTY CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 16 December 2020