

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

Proposal Title: Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline

Proposal Location: Shires of Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Sandstone, Leonora and City of Greater Geraldton

Case Number: CMS17949

Date referral received: 25-01-2021

Date more information received:

Referrer: APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd

Proponent: APA Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impact on: **Flora and Vegetation** from the clearing of 1,934 ha, **Terrestrial Fauna** from the clearing and fragmentation of habitat, impact on conservation significant fauna, **Social Surroundings** from the intersection of the proposed pipeline through registered Aboriginal Heritage sites and culturally significant areas, **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** from the implementation of the proposal.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Social Surroundings, Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	1
Assess: a) Referral information	1
b) Environmental review - no public review	3
c) Public environmental review	150
<i>Total submissions:</i>	155

Decision: s. 39A – Assess Referral Information (Additional Information Required)

Level of assessment:

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

Other details

Public review period (2 weeks) for referral documentation and additional assessment information.

Explanation of decision:

Assessment is required to determine how the environmental impacts to Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Social Surroundings and Greenhouse Gas Emissions as a result of the implementation of the proposal would be managed and regulated. The proponent has provided adequate referral information about the proposal and the EPA considers that the assessment can be undertaken on Referral Information. However, the EPA has requested some additional information to assist the assessment of the proposal regarding impacts for flora and vegetation, Carnaby's cockatoo, Aboriginal heritage and likely greenhouse gas emissions.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MAT TONTS', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Professor Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 25 February 2021