

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

**Proposal Title:** Single Jetty Deep Water Port & Renewable Hub

**Proposal Location:** Minilya-Exmouth Road, approximately 10 kilometres south of Exmouth townsite

**Case Number:** CMS 17997

**Date referral received:** 04-05-2021

**Date more information received:** 24-05-2021

**Referrer:** Gascoyne Gateway Ltd

**Proponent:** Gascoyne Gateway Ltd

**Potential significant effects:**

Clearing of up to 259 ha native vegetation and fauna habitat, potential impacts to subterranean fauna, impacts to social surroundings from noise, visual, amenity and to heritage values. Loss of benthic communities and habitat, and impacts to coastal processes, marine environmental quality, and marine fauna.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** Marine Environmental Quality, Benthic Communities and Habitat, Coastal Processes, Marine Fauna, Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, and Social Surroundings

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:	33
Assess: a) Referral information	5
b) Environmental review - no public review	12
c) Public environmental review	290
<i>Total submissions:</i>	339

**Decision:** s. 39A – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

Public Environmental Review

**Other details**

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document (4 weeks public review)

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (12 weeks)

**Explanation of decision:**

Several preliminary key environmental factors require assessment due to the high biological and social significance of the area. Further information and detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed. Further information is required regarding the cumulative impacts of this proposal with the values of the Exmouth Gulf region and the consideration of alternatives at both the regional and local scales. Consultation and engagement with Traditional Owners is also required.

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.



**Professor Mathew Tonts**

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 30 June 2021