

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

Proposal Title: Yardie Creek Road Realignment Project

Proposal Location: Vlamingh Head, approximately 13.5 km north north-west of Exmouth

Case Number: CMS 18039

Date referral received: 12-07-2021

Date more information received:

Referrer: Main Roads Western Australia

Proponent: Commissioner of Main Roads

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation and Terrestrial Fauna from the clearing of about 12 ha of vegetation, Subterranean Fauna from potential changes to the hydrological regimes, and Social Surroundings from construction and operation, including the potential disturbance of Aboriginal sites.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Social Surroundings

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess: 13

Assess: a) Referral information 1

b) Environmental review - no public review 2

c) Public environmental review 111

Total submissions: 127

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public Environmental Review

Other details

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (3 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, including with the Ningaloo Lighthouse Resort Project. Consultation and engagement with Traditional Owners is also required.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Professor Mathew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 12 August 2021