

Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Port Hedland Solar Project

Proposal location: Unallocated Crown Land on Lot 1499 and 1504 on Deposited Plan 404497. Approximately 5 km south-west of South Hedland, adjacent to the Great Northern Highway within the Town of Port Hedland.

CMS number: CMS18186

Date referral received: 05-04-2022 **Date more information received:** 05-04-2022

Referrer: Alinta Energy Development Pty Ltd **Proponent:** Alinta Energy Development Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There may be potential impacts on flora and vegetation from the clearing of 280 ha; terrestrial fauna foraging habitat from the clearing; and social surroundings (visual impact) from construction and operation.

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	0
<i>Total submissions:</i>	0

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) – Dealt with Under Part V Division 2 of the EP Act (Clearing).

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant to warrant formal assessment because of the 160.66 ha avoidance envelope proposed by Alinta Energy Development Pty Ltd . This envelope includes habitat associated with the Greater Bilby and creek line system, mitigation measures and rehabilitation of the disturbance footprint upon completion/decommission of the proposal. A Greater Bilby Management Plan, Soil and Water Management Plan and Construction Dust Management Plan will be implemented during construction and /or operation of the proposal. The EPA also considers the potential impacts of the proposal on Inland waters and Social surroundings can be dealt with under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* and associated *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

Appeals: Decision not appealable



Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 2 June 2022