

Environmental Protection Authority

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

Proposal title: South Thomson Development Barge Landing Project

Proposal location: Thomson Bay, Rottnest Island

EO number: APP-0025268

Date referral received: 23-08-2024

Date more information received: NA

Referrer: Rottnest Island Authority

Proponent: Rottnest Island Authority

Potential significant effects: There are potential impacts on: benthic communities and habitats and marine environmental quality from dredging and reclamation activities in the Thomson Bay area within the Rottnest Island Reserve, a Class A nature reserve; coastal processes from the presence of permanent coastal infrastructure; marine fauna from noise, vessel movement and loss of habitat; flora and vegetation and terrestrial fauna from clearing; social surroundings associated with construction and operation.

Preliminary key environmental factors: benthic communities and habitat, coastal processes, marine environmental quality, marine fauna, flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, 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>	2

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Assess

Level of assessment: Referral Information with additional information (required under s.40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*) with public review (s.40(5)).

Other details Public review period (3 weeks)

Explanation of decision: Several preliminary key environmental factors may be complex and further assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's impacts and whether the environmental factor objectives can be met. The EPA notes the studies and investigations undertaken to-date and considers that an assessment primarily on referral information is appropriate. However, additional information is required to fully inform the assessment. The EPA considers a public review is required given the nature and location of the proposal in the Thomson Bay area within the Rottnest Island Reserve, a Class A nature reserve, and considers 3 weeks is appropriate based on the number of factors and complexity of the information.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable.



Ms Lee McIntosh

DEPUTY CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 13 September 2024