

Environmental Protection Authority

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

Proposal title: Baru-Marnda Renewable Energy Project

Proposal location: The Proposal is located approximately 50 km south of Karratha in the Shire of Ashburton, on Yindjibarndi Ngurra country where Yindjibarndi People hold exclusive possession native title rights and interests.

APP number: 0029720

Date referral received: 1 July 2025

Date more information received: None

Referrer: Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation Pty Ltd

Proponent: Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects: there are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from clearing of up to 4,986.4 ha of native vegetation; terrestrial fauna from clearing of habitat and from ongoing collision risk to birds and bats; inland waters from groundwater abstraction; subterranean fauna from groundwater abstraction and drilling/piling; and social surroundings from construction and operational impacts to amenity and Aboriginal heritage and cultural values.

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, 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	3
Total submissions:	3

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*) and public review.

Other details:

Public review period for additional assessment information (4 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable.



Mr. Darren Walsh

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

29 July 2025