

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

Proposal title: Geraldton Port Maximisation Project (significant amendment to Ministerial statement 600).

Proposal location: Geraldton Port, Mid West region

CMS number: APP - 0025634

Date referral received: 29 August 2024

Referrer: Mid West Ports Authority

Proponent: Mid West Ports Authority

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: benthic communities and habitats and coastal processes from permanent infrastructure; marine environmental quality from dredging and marine fauna from noise and vessel movements.

Preliminary key environmental factors: benthic communities and habitat, coastal processes, marine environmental quality and marine fauna.

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	1
<i>Total submissions:</i>	1

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*).

Other details:

Proponent to undertake targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders and groups.

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 considers that an assessment primarily on referral information is appropriate. A number of studies and investigations are being finalised and this additional information is required to fully inform the assessment. The additional information will also include the outcomes of targeted consultation with key stakeholders which is undertaken by the proponent and is focused on potentially significant effects on the marine environment and social surroundings which are directly effected by marine environment changes.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable.



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DEPUTY CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 18 September 2024