

Environmental Protection Authority

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Three weeks left to make a submission on the EPA's greenhouse gas guidelines

The public has three weeks left to make a submission on the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) greenhouse gas assessment guidelines.

EPA Chair Dr Tom Hatton said the EPA wanted to hear from as many interested stakeholders and community members as possible on the development of its greenhouse gas assessment guidance before the public submission period closes on 2 September 2019.

"The EPA is undertaking this consultation to ensure the greenhouse gas guidance we use in our assessments is robust, reasonable and can be practically implemented by proponents," Dr Hatton said.

"We are nearing the conclusion of the public round of input and I encourage anyone who would like to have input into the development of our guidelines to put a submission in.

"The EPA is interested in hearing all views and welcomes all submissions."

The EPA is particularly interested in receiving views and information in the following areas to improve its greenhouse gas guidelines:

- information that should be required by the EPA for its environmental impact assessments;
- how emissions associated with a proposal should be considered by the EPA;
- the constraints on potential emission mitigation conditions the EPA should recognize;
 and
- any other advice related to the assessment of greenhouse gas emissions by the EPA that would further clarify or improve the guidelines.

The EPA gives independent environmental advice to the State Government and has provided advice on greenhouse gas emissions on more than 40 significant projects for more than two decades.

A background paper to inform submissions on the EPA's greenhouse gas assessment guidance is available here.

Anyone can make a submission via the EPA Consultation Hub at: https://consultation.epa.wa.gov.au/

Or email a submission to greenhousegasconsult@epa.wa.gov.au

Or send a hard copy submission to:

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All submissions will be reviewed and published online under the name of the submitter following the consultation period.

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