


# Form

## Referral of a proposal under s. 38 of the EP Act

PART A: Referrer, proponent and proposal information <i>ALL referrals</i>			
<b>A1. Referrer information</b>			
Who is referring this proposal?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input type="checkbox"/> Decision-making authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community member/third party	
Name Scott Nicholas <i>Name of the person or organisation referring</i>		Signature	
Position	Chief Executive Officer	Organisation	Lake MacLeod Pty Ltd
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Date	6/3/2026		
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential? <i>If yes, specify which information is requested to be confidential, e.g. Environmental Review Document (ERD) appendix</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Does the referrer confirm that they consent to receive correspondence electronically?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative: I, Scott Nicholas declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of Lake MacLeod Pty Ltd and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.			
Date:		6/3/2026	
<b>A2. Proponent information</b>			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		Lake MacLeod Pty Ltd	
Australian Company Number(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		94 670 992 060	
OR			
Australian Business Number(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>A3. Proposal information</b>			
Proposal title		Lake MacLeod Solar Salt Expansion Project	
What is the proposal? <i>(Include a brief description of the proposal)</i>		Lake MacLeod Pty Ltd is planning to expand the existing Lake MacLeod Project. The expansion will involve the construction of additional salt crystalliser ponds and	

	<p>will require clearing of up to 381.7 ha. The annual saturated brine abstraction associated with the proposal will nominally double from recent production levels however will be in line with production levels previously achieved by the operation.</p> <p>Lake MacLeod is also seeking to relocate the existing northern flood levee further to the north. This will protect the newly constructed crystalliser cells from flood events as well as future proofing any further expansions of the crystalliser field that may be required in the years to come.</p>
<p><b>Where is the proposal?</b></p>	<p>Lake MacLeod is located 70 km north of Carnarvon in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia.</p>
<p><b>What type of proposal is being referred?</b></p> <p><i>For significant amendment or derived proposal, provide the associated existing Ministerial statement number/s</i></p> <p><i>For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme, provide the scheme number and name</i></p>	<p>significant proposal. <i>Choose which type of significant proposal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> new proposal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal only)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (conditions only)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal and conditions)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> derived proposal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme</li> </ul>
<p><b>A4. Environmental factors</b></p>	
<p><b>What are the relevant environmental factors for this proposal?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Benthic Communities and Habitat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Processes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marine Environmental Quality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marine Fauna</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flora and Vegetation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landforms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Fauna</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Human Health</li> </ul>
<p><b>A5. Basis for referral <i>Third party referrals ONLY</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Outline the potentially significant environmental impacts?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Are you providing supporting information?</b></p> <p><i>If so, provide with the referral</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>A6. Basis for referral <i>Decision-making authorities ONLY</i></b></p>	

What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i>	N/A
<b>PART B: Pre-referral and referral information</b> <i>Proponent referrals ONLY</i>	
<b>B1. Pre-referral discussions</b>	
<p><b>Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?</b></p> <p><i>If so, provide name, date, and any references numbers. Further details on outcomes of discussions should be included in the ERD.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>22 January 2026 with Shelley Hill, Casey Webb, and Dave Abdo.</p> <p>Discussion to clarify requirements of the Request for Information.</p>
<p><b>Have you had pre-referral discussions DMAs regarding parallel processing?</b></p> <p><i>If so, provide details in the ERD</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<b>B2. Minimum information requirements</b>	
<i>Must be provided or a request for information will be issued under s. 38F</i>	
<p><b>Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>Have you provided a Proposal Content Document?</b> (according to <a href="#">Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal</a> for the type of proposal identified above).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>Have you provided an Environmental Review Document?</b> (according to <a href="#">Instructions and template: how to prepare an Environmental Review Document</a>).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<b>B3. Commonwealth Government approvals</b>	
<p>Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>EPBC No.: _____</p>
<p>If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action? If 'yes', check the appropriate box and provide the decision in an attachment.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action</p>
<p>If the proposal is determined to be a controlled action, do you request that this proposal be assessed under a Bilateral Agreement or as an accredited assessment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Bilateral <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited</p>