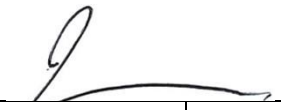
Form

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

PART A: PROPONENT AND REFERRER INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION			
Referrer information			
Who is referring this proposal?		✓ Proponent ☐ Decision-making authority ☐ Community member/third party	
Name (print) Jason Banks			
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Date	22 August 2024		
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential? *Provide confidential information in a separate attachment.*		☐ Yes	✓ No
Does the referrer confirm that they consent to receive correspondence electronically?		✓ Yes	☐ No
Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative: I, Jason Banks declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of Rottnest Island Authority and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading. Date: 22 August 2024			
Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s *Include Trading Name if relevant*		Rottnest Island Authority	
Australian Company Number(s) ☐ **OR** Australian Business Number(s) ✓		38836160172	
Pre-referral discussions			
Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?		✓ Yes	☐ No

If so, provide name, date, and overview of discussions.	Please refer to Section 4 of the Environmental Supporting Document.
Proposal information	
Proposal name	South Thomson Development Barge Landing Project
What is the proposal? (Include general description in the *Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal)*	Ferry berthing and barge operations currently occur at the Main Jetty on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island. The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) is proposing to relocate the existing barge operations from the Main Jetty at central Thomson Bay to the existing Army Groyne in South Thomson Bay. This will separate barge operations from public passenger transfer activities and ease congestion at the ferry terminal at the Main Jetty. This proposal includes the relocation of the barge operations and associated extension and redevelopment of the existing Army Groyne. The proposal will include both onshore and offshore components as summarised below: - Extension of the existing Army Groyne - Construction of maritime infrastructure including a barge landing ramp, ferry berth and small craft landing facility - The establishment of new fuelling facilities as back up vessel refuelling facilities - Construction of a storage facility - Construction of hardstand and roads.
Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?	✓ Yes ☐ No
What type of proposal is being referred? *For significant amendment or derived proposal, provide the associated existing Ministerial statement number/s* *For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme, provide the scheme number and name*	ü significant proposal. *Choose which type of significant proposal* ü new proposal ☐ significant amendment (proposal only) ☐ significant amendment (conditions only) ☐ significant amendment (proposal and conditions) ☐ strategic proposal ☐ derived proposal ☐ proposals of a prescribed class ☐ proposal under an assessed planning scheme

Proposal content: *Complete the corresponding template (Proposal Content Document) from the Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal for the type of proposal identified above. The completed form **must be** submitted with the referral.*	
Alternatives	Alternatives to the proposal are discussed in Section 2.3.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document and include: - Not implementing the proposal - Alternative locations - An options analysis for the consideration of alternative project designs. In considering the above alternatives, the location and design included in this proposal were determined to be the most beneficial and have the least potential environmental impacts due to: - There is limited coastline available within Thomson Bay to construct a new barge landing and it was considered that implementing the proposal at a greenfield site would result in an increased risk of environmental impacts, when compared to the proposed already disturbed location. As such, the current Army Groyne location, which includes an already disturbed area was considered the best location. - Redeveloping the Army Groyne and relocating the current barge operations provides a solution to the following issues. o Due to the anticipated growth in visitors to the island, not upgrading the barge facilities is not an option. o As the structural integrity of the Army Groyne in its current form is at risk in the event of a severe storm, likely requiring significant repair, or demolition. - A number of different design options were considered during the project development phase. Overall, the assessment did not identify a clear preferred option and a design which combined the attributes of a number of options was adopted.

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Environmental factors

What are the likely significant environmental factors for this proposal?	✓ Benthic Communities and Habitat ✓ Coastal Processes ✓ Marine Environmental Quality ✓ Marine Fauna ✓ Flora and Vegetation ☐ Landforms ☐ Subterranean Fauna ✓ Terrestrial Environmental Quality ✓ Terrestrial Fauna ☐ Inland Waters ☐ Air Quality ☐ Greenhouse Gas Emissions ✓ Social Surroundings ☐ Human Health
*For **each** of the environmental factors identified above, complete the following table, or provide the information in a supplementary report*	
Potential environmental impacts – for each environmental factor	

1	**EPA policy and guidance**	**Benthic communities and habitats** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 7.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document. **Coastal processes** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 8.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document. **Marine environmental quality** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 9.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document. **Marine fauna** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 10.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document. **Flora and vegetation** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 11.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document. **Terrestrial environmental quality** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 12.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document. **Social surroundings** The object and principles of the EP Act are discussed in Section 5 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Policy and guidance relevant to this factor are discussed in Section 13.2 of the Supporting Environmental Document.

2	**Receiving environment**	**Benthic communities and habitats** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 7.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix B - South Thomson Barge Landing Development; Marine fauna and benthic habitat assessment (RPS, 2024a). - Appendix C - South Thomson Barge Landing; Benthic habitat assessment: Plume Extension Survey Area (RPS, 2023b). **Coastal processes** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 8.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix D - South Thomson Barge Landing Development; Coastal processes assessment (Baird, 2024a). - Appendix E - RIA Peer Review of Dredge Plume Modelling and Coastal Processes Reports (RPS, 2024c). **Marine environmental quality** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 9.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix F - South Thomson Barge Landing Development; Dredge Plume Modelling Assessment (Baird, 2024b). - Appendix E - RIA Peer Review of Dredge Plume Modelling and Coastal Processes Reports (RPS, 2024c) - Appendix G – Baseline water quality monitoring undertaken by RIA. - Appendix H - Rottnest Island Army Jetty Dredging; SAP Implementation report (RPS, 2020). **Marine fauna** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 10.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix B - South Thomson Barge Landing Development; Marine fauna and benthic habitat assessment **Invalid source specified.**. - Appendix S - South Thomson Barge Landing Development; Underwater Acoustic Assessment **Invalid source specified.**. **Flora and vegetation** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 11.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document.

		Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix I - Flora and vegetation survey; South Thomson and Kingstown, Rottnest Island **Invalid source specified.** - Appendix J - South Thomson Barge Redevelopment Flora and Vegetation Survey **Invalid source specified.**. **Terrestrial environmental quality** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 12.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix K - Rottnest Island Basic Fauna Survey **Invalid source specified.**. **Social surroundings** The receiving environment relevant to this environmental factor is discussed in Section 13.4 of the Supporting Environmental Document. Supporting technical investigations and reports are appended to the Supporting Environmental Document as: - Appendix M - Report of an Ethnographic Aboriginal Heritage Survey of the Army Jetty, Rottnest Island, Western Australia **Invalid source specified.** - Appendix T: o Marine magnetic survey at proposed barge landing site, South Thomson Bay **Invalid source specified.** o Rottnest Island Authority - Geological Investigation - Thomson Bay South and UXO investigation / anomaly recovery **Invalid source specified.**. - Appendix U - Acoustic assessment Rottnest Barge Facility Rottnest Island **Invalid source specified.**.

3	**Likely environmental impacts**	**Benthic communities and habitats** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 7.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Coastal processes** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 8.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Marine environmental quality** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 9.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Marine fauna** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 10.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Flora and vegetation** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 11.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Terrestrial environmental quality** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 12.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Social surroundings** Potential environmental impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 13.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report.

4	**Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes**	**Benthic communities and habitats** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 7.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Coastal processes** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 8.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Marine environmental quality** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 9.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Marine fauna** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 10.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Flora and vegetation** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 11.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Terrestrial environmental quality** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 12.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Social surroundings** Application of the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to this environmental factor are discussed in Section 13.5 of the Environmental Supporting Report.

5	**Assessment and significance of residual impacts**	**Benthic communities and habitats** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 7.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Coastal processes** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 8.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Marine environmental quality** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 9.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Marine fauna** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 10.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Flora and vegetation** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 11.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Terrestrial environmental quality** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 12.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report. **Social surroundings** Residual impacts to this environmental factor after application of the mitigation hierarchy are discussed in Section 13.7 of the Environmental Supporting Report.

6	**Likely environmental outcomes**	The environmental outcomes are outlined in the Supporting Environmental Document and include: **Benthic communities and habitats** Environmental outcomes for construction of the proposal - Direct disturbance of benthic communities and habitats from construction activities is confined to the development envelope and ZoHI. - Irreversible impacts to benthic communities and habitats from dredging and construction activities is confined to the development envelope and ZoHI. - No irreversible impacts to benthic communities and habitats from dredging activities within the ZoMI. - No observable impacts to benthic communities and habitats outside the ZoMI. Environmental outcomes for operation of the proposal - Maintain the health and cover of benthic communities and habitats outside the proposal footprint during operations associated with the proposal (excludes other RIA activities associated with other approvals e.g. mooring installation). **Coastal processes** - Changes to coastal processes resulting from the proposal will be limited to the accumulation of sediment and seagrass against the wharf structure **Marine environmental quality** Environmental outcomes for construction of the proposal: - Marine environmental quality will be temporarily reduced to a Moderate Level of Ecological Protection during construction but will return to a High Level of Ecological Protection two weeks after completion of dredging and construction activities. - No reported hydrocarbon spills or release of waste into the marine environment from construction and dredging activities. - Maintain the marine environmental quality outside the predicted zones of influence as defined by dredge modelling (ZoHI, ZoMI and ZoI). Environmental outcomes for operation of the proposal: - Marine environmental quality is maintained at a High Level of Ecological Protection within and adjacent to the project footprint. - No reported hydrocarbon spills or release of waste into the marine environment from operational activities associated with the proposal. **Marine fauna** Environmental outcomes for construction of the proposal

		- No irreversible loss of marine fauna habitat (e.g. benthic communities and habitats) from dredging and construction activities outside the development envelope and ZoHI - No reported introduction or establishment of IMS as a result of construction activities associated with the proposal - No reported impacts to marine fauna as a result of hydrocarbon spill or release of waste associated with construction activities including entanglement or ingestion of waste - No reported death or injury to marine fauna from vessel strike associated with construction activities - No reported death, injury or behavioural change to marine fauna as a result of underwater noise associated with construction activities - No reported negative impacts on marine fauna attributable to the construction lighting requirements of the proposal. Environmental outcomes for operation of the proposal - No reported loss of marine fauna habitat outside of the approved project footprint attributable to the operation of the proposal - No reported introduction or establishment of IMS as a result of operational activities associated with the proposal - No reported impacts to marine fauna as a result of hydrocarbon spill or release of waste associated with operational activities including entanglement or ingestion of waste - No reported death or injury to marine fauna from vessel strike associated with operational activities - No reported negative impacts on marine fauna attributable to the lighting requirements of the proposal associated with operation of the proposal. **Flora and vegetation** - Direct impacts to native vegetation resulting from the proposal will not exceed 0.46 ha. - Direct impacts to native vegetation (MlAp*Td) analogous with the TEC, *Callitris preissii* (or *Melaleuca lanceolata)* forests and woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain does not exceed 0.23 ha. - No introduction of new weed species attributable to the proposal. **Terrestrial fauna** - Direct impacts to potential fauna habitat resulting from the proposal will not exceed 0.46 ha of native vegetation. - No introduction of new weed species attributable to the proposal. - No increase in incidents of terrestrial fauna injury or death during construction associated with the proposal works. **Social surroundings**

		- Noise emissions do not exceed assigned noise levels as prescribed in the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 - Maintain recreational fishing values by ensuring there are no observable impacts to benthic communities and habitats outside the ZoMI. - Minimise risk of disturbance to UXO - No permanent loss or change to the total number of moorings as a result of implementation of the proposal. - No impacts to registered Aboriginal cultural heritage sites. - Maintain amenity values during construction and operation.

Holistic impact assessment

The holistic impact assessment is provided in Section 16 of the Supporting Environmental Document.

The residual environmental impacts from the proposal as a whole includes:

- Impacts to benthic communities and habitats and marine fauna habitats:
    - Permanent loss of mixed seagrass of up to 2.06 ha (or 0.52% of mixed seagrass within the LAU)
    - Permanent loss of sand / sand with wrack of up to 1.26 ha (including this as a residual impact is a conservative approach, as sand with wrack is likely to be present post dredging, resulting in only temporary unavailability of sand with wrack)
    - Temporary loss of 2.62 ha of mixed seagrass and 1.09 ha of sand / sand with wrack within the ZoMI. Baird (2024b) predicts that impacts to these benthic communities and habitats will be recoverable within a period of five years following completion of the dredging activities
- Interruption to longshore currents may result in minor sediment accretion and seagrass accumulating on the eastern side of the wharf
- A reduction of wave energy in lee of the wharf
- Temporary suspended sediments within the ZoHI (1.37 ha), ZoMI (4.5 ha) and ZoI (13.44 ha)
- Temporary reduction in light due to suspended sediments in the water column within the ZoMI (4.5 ha). As impacts to benthic communities and habitats within the ZoMI will be recoverable within a period of five years following completion of the dredging activities, these residual impacts are not considered significant
- Underwater noise emissions from construction activities such as piling operations and dredging causing temporary disturbance to marine fauna species
- Removal of 0.46 ha of native vegetation and potential fauna habitat. Of the native vegetation being cleared, 0.23 ha of vegetation that is analogous with the TEC, *Callitris preiss*ii (or *Melaleuca lanceolata*) forests and woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain.
- The permanent relocation of four moorings.

Cumulative environmental impact assessment

The cumulative impact assessment is provided in Section 17 of the Supporting Environmental Document.

Consultation

Stakeholder consultation is provided in Section 4 of the Supporting Environmental Document.

Supporting documents	
Supporting technical investigations and reports have been appended to the Supporting Environmental Document and include: Appendix A : Construction methodology Appendix B : Marine fauna and benthic habitat assessment, South Thomson Barge Landing Development (RPS 2024) Appendix C : Benthic habitat assessment: Plume Extension Survey Area, South Thomson Barge Landing (RPS 2024b) Appendix D : South Thomson Bay Barge Development, Coastal Processes Assessment (Baird 2024) Appendix E : PER349327 – RIA Peer review of dredge plume modelling and coastal processes reports (RPS 2024c) Appendix F : South Thomson Bay Barge Development, Dredge Plume Modelling Assessment (Baird 2024b) Appendix G : Baseline water quality laboratory results Appendix H : SAP implementation report, Rottnest Island Army Jetty dredging (RPS 2020) Appendix I : Flora and vegetation survey; South Thompson and Kingstown, Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) (FVC 2023) Appendix J : South Thomson Barge redevelopment flora and vegetation survey (RPS 2024d) Appendix K : Rottnest Island Basic Fauna Survey (EcoLogical 2024) Appendix L : Greenhouse Gas Emission Assessment, South Thomson Barge Development Landing (Kewan Bond 2024) Appendix M : Report of an Ethnographic Aboriginal Heritage Survey of the Army Jetty, Rottnest Island, Western Australia (Brad Goode and Associates 2019) Appendix N : Assessment of benthic habitats, South Thomson Bay barge and cargo facility Appendix O : Draft Dredging Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan (02 Environment 2024) Appendix P : Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) Rottnest Island Authority – South Thomson Barge Landing Development (Emerge 2024) Appendix Q : Operational Environmental Management Plan Appendix R : Database searches Appendix S : South Thomson Barge Landing Development Project, Draft Underwater Acoustic Assessment (Tetra Tech) Appendix T : South Thomson Bay Magnetic Survey (Surrich 2019) Appendix U : Rottnest Barge Facility, Rottnest Island, Acoustic Assessment (Herring Storer Acoustics 2024)	
Has the referrer provided survey information according to the *Instructions and Form: IBSA Data Packages* and/or the *Instructions and form: IMSA Data Packages*	ü Yes ☐ No
Conclusion	

Appropriate management and mitigation measures have been developed to address potential impacts and ensure that the EPA's identified environmental objectives for each relevant environmental factor can be achieved. The assessment concluded that the proposal is expected to meet EPA's objectives for all environmental factors, subject to the implementation of the management and mitigation measures outlined in the following management plans:

- Dredging Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan (02 Environment, 2024) (Appendix O of the Supporting Environmental Document)
- Construction Environmental Management Plan (Emerge, 2024a) (Appendix P of the Supporting Environmental Document)
- Operational Environmental Management Plan (Emerge, 2024b) (Appendix Q of the Supporting Environmental Document).

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS ONLY	
Type of significant amendment	☐ significant amendment to the approved proposal ☐ significant amendment to the implementation conditions ☐ significant amendment to both the proposal and the implementation conditions
Information of the approved proposal	
Combined effects of the approved proposal and significant amendment	
Analysis of existing implementation conditions	
Previous changes to the Proposal and or implementation conditions	
Compliance	
Environmental Performance	
Control of implementation of significant amendment	

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR A PROPOSAL UNDER AN ASSESSED SCHEME ONLY	
What new environmental issues are raised by the proposal that were not assessed during the assessment of the planning scheme?	

How does the proposal not comply with the assessed scheme and/or the environmental conditions in the assessed planning scheme?	

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS <u>FOR DERIVED PROPOSALS ONLY</u>	
Demonstrate how the proposal will meet the environmental outcomes defined through the assessment of the strategic proposal	
Provide an analysis of the existing implementation conditions of the related strategic proposal in relation to the derived proposal	

PART C: OTHER APPROVALS AND REGULATION	
Decision-making authorities and their approvals	
Provide a table list of the decision-making authorities, associated legislation or agreement regulating the activity and the specific approval required. (Example table at the end of form)	Legislation applicable to the proposal is detailed in Section 3 of the Environmental Supporting Document.
Provide a summary of the statutory decision-making processes you consider can mitigate the potential impacts of the proposal on the environment. (Note: this should be a summary of the information provided in Part B section 2.4). (Example table at the end of form)	Refer to Section 3 of the Environmental Supporting Document. The *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) is the primary legislation that governs environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental protection in WA. EIA in WA is conducted by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) which has prepared administrative procedures for the purposes of establishing the practices of EIA. Proposals likely to have a significant impact on the environment are required to be referred to the EPA under Section 38 of the EP Act. If the EPA decide not to assess this proposal, any clearing of native vegetation and seagrass required for construction of the proposal will need a permit under Part V Division 2 of the EP Act. Any actions that are likely to have a significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) are required to be

	assessed under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The proposal has been referred to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCEEW) to address potential impacts to threatened and migratory species.
Tenure and Local Government approvals	
Location of proposal: a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or b) if remote, the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.	Located on Army Jetty Road on a portion of Lot on Plan P216860 10976.
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	City of Cockburn
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented? If yes, please provide details.	☐ Yes ü No
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	The development envelope comprises 4.6 ha. Current land uses includes the existing Army Groyne, vacant land and moorings.
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal? ***If yes**, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.* ***If no**, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?*	ü Yes ☐ No Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) was established as a statutory body in 1987, under the provisions laid out in the *Rottnest Island Authority Act 1987* (the Act). The Act governs how RIA undertake activities within the island. Section 11 of the Act states that control and management of the island is vested in the RIA, enabling the RIA to: 1. Provide and operate recreational and holiday facilities on the island. 2. Protect the island's flora and fauna. 3. Maintain and protect the natural environment and the man-made resources of the island and, to the extent that our resources allow, repair the island's natural environment.
Commonwealth Government approvals	
Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)?	ü Yes ☐ No

Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?	ü Yes ☐ No Date: __TBC_____ EPBC No.: __TBC_____
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.	☐ Yes ü No ☐ Decision – controlled action ☐ Decision – not a controlled action
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?	ü Yes - Bilateral ☐ No ☐ Yes - Accredited
Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal? *If yes, describe.*	☐ Yes ü No Approval:
Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u>	
What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? *Please provide details.*	N/A