

# 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

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Signature



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Date

16/09/2025

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, Michael Parker declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of the Public Transport Authority and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.

Date: 16/09/2025

#### Proponent information

Name of the proponent/s

*Include Trading Name if relevant*

Public Transport Authority of Western Australia  
(PTA)

Australian Company Number(s)

✓

61 850 109 576

OR

Australian Business Number(s)

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Pre-referral discussions	
<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 overview of discussions.</i></p>	<p>✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>PTA commenced engagement and pre-referral discussions with DWER's EPA Services Unit on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.</p> <p>PTA met again with DWER's EPA Services Unit on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.</p> <p>During the meetings, the scope of the Proposal and its' potential environmental impacts were discussed. EPA services provided feedback regarding referral recommendations and options.</p> <p>To support the referral of METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion: Perth to Applecross PTA prepared a report of supporting information referred to as an Environmental Review Document (ERD).</p>
Proposal information	
<b>Proposal name</b>	METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion: Perth to Applecross
<p><b>What is the proposal? (Include general description in the <a href="#">Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal</a>)</b></p>	<p>The PTA is proposing the expansion of ferry services within the Swan River, from Elizabeth Quay to new terminals at Matilda Bay and Applecross.</p> <p>The Proposal involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of a floating pontoon at the existing Elizabeth Quay ferry terminal.</li> <li>• Construction of a new jetty and ferry terminal at Matilda Bay with onshore electric charging infrastructure, public ablution facilities, bus embayment and roundabout.</li> <li>• Operation of ferry services between Elizabeth Quay, Matilda Bay and Applecross terminals.</li> <li>• Construction of a new jetty and ferry terminal at Applecross with associated pedestrian access.</li> </ul> <p>The proposal has an Indicative Disturbance Footprint of 1.65 hectares (ha) and is located within an 8.66 ha Development Envelope across the three (3) proposal sites.</p>

Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>What type of proposal is being referred?</b>  <i>For significant amendment or derived proposal, provide the associated existing Ministerial statement number/s</i>  <i>For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme, provide the scheme number and name</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant proposal. <i>Choose which type of significant proposal</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> new proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (conditions only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal and conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal <input type="checkbox"/> derived proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class <input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme	
<b>Proposal content:</b> Please refer to Attachment 2. Proposal Content Document.		
<b>Alternatives</b>	Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 1.5.2.	

## 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 – Benthic Communities and Habitats		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 6.0.
2	Receiving environment	
3	Likely environmental impacts	
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	
6	Likely environmental outcomes	
Potential environmental impacts – Marine Environmental Quality		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 7.0.
2	Receiving environment	
3	Likely environmental impacts	
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	
6	Likely environmental outcomes	
Potential environmental impacts – Marine Fauna		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 8.0.
2	Receiving environment	
3	Likely environmental impacts	
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	
6	Likely environmental outcomes	

Potential environmental impacts – Social Surroundings		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 9.0.
2	Receiving environment	
3	Likely environmental impacts	
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	
6	Likely environmental outcomes	
<b>Holistic impact assessment</b>		
<p><i>Outline the holistic impact assessment for the Proposal.</i></p> <p>Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 13.0.</p>		
<b>Cumulative environmental impact assessment</b>		
<p><i>Outline the relevant cumulative environmental impacts of the Proposal (based on scoping).</i></p> <p>Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 14.0.</p>		
<b>Consultation</b>		
<p><i>Outline the stakeholder identification and consultation process, and outcomes of consultation on the Proposal and its likely environmental effects.</i></p> <p>Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 3.0.</p>		
<b>Supporting documents</b>		
<p>Supporting documents provided with this s38 EP Act form include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attachment 1. DMA Tables 1 and 2 (PTA REF A15216992)</li> <li>• Attachment 2. Proposal Content Document (PCD) (PTA REF A15263052)</li> <li>• Attachment 3. METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion: Perth to Applecross, Environmental Review Document (AECOM, 2025) (PTA REF A15250045) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appendix A - Sediment Sampling Report (BMT, 2025a)</li> <li>○ Appendix B - Biological Survey Report (GHD, 2025a)</li> <li>○ Appendix C - Black Cockatoo Habitat Assessment (AECOM, 2025a)</li> <li>○ Appendix D – Preliminary Site Investigation – Applecross (GHD, 2025b)</li> <li>○ Appendix E – Preliminary Site Investigation – Elizabeth Quay (GHD, 2025c)</li> <li>○ Appendix F – Preliminary Site Investigation – Matilda Bay (GHD, 2025d)</li> <li>○ Appendix G - Benthic Communities and Habitat Mapping Report (BMT, 2025b)</li> <li>○ Appendix H – Assessment of Dredging Requirement (BMT, 2025c)</li> <li>○ Appendix I - Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (AECOM, 2025b)</li> <li>○ Appendix J - Aquatic Noise Assessment (SLR, 2025)</li> <li>○ Appendix K – Photomontages (Element, 2025)</li> <li>○ Appendix L - Preliminary Coastal Process Impact Assessment Coastal Engineering Report (Seashore, 2025)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

Has the referrer provided survey information according to the <a href="#">Instructions and Form: IBSA Data Packages</a> and/or the <a href="#">Instructions and form: IMSA Data Packages</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Conclusion</b>	
<p><i>Do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment?</i></p> <p>No. The Proposal's residual impacts are not considered to have a significant effect on the environment. All impacts can be fully mitigated and effectively managed through other Decision Making Authorities approval processes and management measures.</p> <p>DMA approvals and processes;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development Approvals (DA) under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme (MRS) from the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), on the advice of the Swan River Trust. This process includes 3 week public comment period for each DA at Matilda Bay Applecross and Elizabeth Quay.</li> <li>2. Development Approval under <i>Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006</i> from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (including River reserve lease under Part 4A, Section 29 and Development approval under Part 5, Section 70). This process includes a 3 week public comment period for each DA at Matilda Bay Applecross and Elizabeth Quay.</li> <li>3. Clearing permit under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> from Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for impacts to 0.63 ha of marine vegetation at Matilda Bay (i.e. seagrass and macroalgae). This process includes a 1 week public comment period.</li> </ol> <p>Management Measures;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site Specific Construction Environmental Management Plans</li> <li>2. Water Quality Monitoring Program</li> <li>3. Foreshore Management Plan</li> <li>4. Benthic Communities and Habitat Monitoring Program</li> <li>5. Operational Environmental Management Plan</li> </ol>	

<b>PART C: OTHER APPROVALS AND REGULATION</b>	
<b>Decision-making authorities and their approvals</b>	
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)	Please refer to Attachment 1, Table 1, Statutory Processes and Decision Making Authorities (Other than EPA under s38 EP Act) and Attachment 3 ERD Section 2.2.
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)	Please refer to Attachment 1, Table 2, Statutory Processes and Decision Making Authorities (Other than EPA under s38 EP Act) and Attachment 3 ERD Section 2.2.



Tenure and Local Government approvals	
<p>Location of proposal:</p> <p>a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or</p> <p>b) if remote, the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.</p>	<p><u>Matilda Bay:</u> University of Western Australia, No. 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley.</p> <p>Multiple lots including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. 26 Riverside Road</li> <li>• No.4 Australia Drive, Crawley</li> <li>• Lot 10605 Hackett Drive, Crawley</li> <li>• Hacket Drive Road Reserve</li> </ul> <p><u>Applecross:</u> Road Isolation 3159415, in front of Canning Beach Road (Raffles Waterfront), Applecross.</p> <p><u>Elizabeth Quay:</u> EQ Land ID 4404187 - Reserve, Perth.</p>
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	City of Perth and City of Melville.
<p>Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	<p>Mixed use zoning, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterways</li> <li>• Primary Regional Roads</li> <li>• Parks and Recreation</li> <li>• Central City Area</li> <li>• Public Purposes – University</li> </ul> <p>Please refer to Attachment 3 ERD Section 1.6.10 for further information on existing land uses.</p> <p>The extend of the property includes 8.66 ha Development Envelope across the three (3) proposal sites.</p> <p>Please refer Attachment 3 ERD Section 1.6.10 Table 4.</p>
<p>Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?</p> <p><i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i></p> <p><i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion: Perth to Applecross is defined as public works under Schedule 1 of the <i>Public Works Act 1902</i> (PWA) and PTA is defined as a public authority under Section 6 of the PWA. All of affected land parcels associated with the</p>

	Proposal are owned by the State Government and authorisation to enter land under the PWA, will be arranged by PTA's Land Tenure team as required. Any authorisations required to enter the land that are yet to be obtained will be secured prior to commencing works
<b>Commonwealth Government approvals</b>	
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The Proposal is unlikely to have a significant impact on any Matters of National Environmental Significance. Please refer to Section 12 of the ERD.
Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: _____ EPBC No.: _____
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Bilateral <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited
Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal? <i>If yes, describe.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Approval:
<b>Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u></b>	
What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i>	Not applicable.

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This Proposal has been entered into Environment Online and has been entered as follows:

- Project title: METRONET on Swan River Ferry Expansion: Perth to Applecross
- Project: PRJ-0017814
- Referral: PRO-0025696