

# 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)

Chris Binstead

Signature:



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25/09/2025

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

**Proposed Wind Farm –  
Archaeological and Ethnographic  
Heritage Survey – Draft Report**

Does the referrer confirm that they consent to receive correspondence electronically?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative:

I, Chris Binstead declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of **Synergy Renewable Energy Developments Pty Ltd** and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.

Date: 25/09/2025

#### Proponent information

Name of the proponent/s

*Include Trading Name if relevant*

Synergy Renewable Energy Developments  
Pty Ltd (SynergyRED)

Australian Company Number(s)

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58 673 830 106

**OR**

Australian Business Number(s)

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<b>Pre-referral discussions</b>	
<b>Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?</b>  <i>If so, provide name, date, and overview of discussions.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  The Proposal was introduced to EPA Services in February 2024. A pre-referral meeting was held on 14 July 2025.  SynergyRED and EPA Services discussed the Proposal details, preliminary key environmental factors and referral documentation requirements.  Attendees included EPA Services, SynergyRED and Eco Logical Australia.
<b>Proposal information</b>	
<b>Proposal name</b>	Wind Farm in Scott River
<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>The Wind Farm in Scott River Project is for the development of an onshore wind farm in the Scott River region, approximately 15 km north-east of the town of Augusta, in the South West of Western Australia.</p> <p>The Proposal will involve the construction and operation of up to 20 wind turbines, generating up to 100 MW, with associated infrastructure including monitoring and communication towers, operation and maintenance building, substation and transmission infrastructure and other supporting infrastructure. It is located across numerous freehold properties primarily cleared for agricultural purposes and Blue Gum plantation.</p> <p>The wind farm substation will connect the Proposal to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) via the existing 132 kV Beenup to Manjimup transmission line.</p>
<b>Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?</b>	<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,</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

provide the scheme number and name	
<b>Proposal content:</b> Complete the corresponding template (Proposal Content Document) from the <a href="#">Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal</a> for the type of proposal identified above. The completed form <b>must be</b> submitted with the referral.	
<b>Alternatives</b>	Please refer to Section 2.4 of the Referral Supporting Document

## 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	Refer to the Referral Supporting Document: Terrestrial Environmental Quality (Section 6), Inland Waters (Section 7), Flora and Vegetation (Section 8), Terrestrial Fauna (Section 9) and Social Surroundings (Section 10).
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	

### Holistic impact assessment

Refer to Section 11 of the Referral Supporting Document.

### Cumulative environmental impact assessment

Refer to Section 12 of the Referral Supporting Document.

### Consultation

Refer to Section 4 of the Referral Supporting Document.

## Supporting documents

Provide a list of the supporting documents

- Proposal Content Document
- Wind Farm in Scott River Referral Supporting Document (ELA 2025)
- Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River: Surface Water and Hydrogeological Assessment (Stantec 2025)
- Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River Preliminary Acid Sulfate Soils and Dewatering Management Plan (PTG 2025)
- Wind Farm in Scott River Draft Decommissioning Plan (SynergyRED 2025)
- Beenup Wind Farm: OSOM Route Study (ARES 2024)
- Desktop Assessment of Subterranean Fauna for a proposed wind farm in Scott River, Western Australia (Invertebrate Solutions 2024)
- Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River, Western Australia Greenhouse Gas Assessment Summary Report (Greenbase 2024)
- Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River: Preliminary Geotechnical and Baseline Contamination Report (Stantec 2024)
- Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan (ELA 2025)\*
- Detailed flora and vegetation survey for a Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River (Pheonix 2025)\*
- Wind Farm in Scott River - Ecological Gap Survey (ELA 2025)\*
- Basic and Targeted vertebrate fauna survey for a Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River (Pheonix 2025)
- Bird and Bat Risk Assessment for a Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River – Level Two investigation (Pheonix 2025)
- Desktop Assessment of Short Range Endemic Fauna for a Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River – Western Australia (Invertebrate Solutions 2024)
- Proposed Wind Farm in Scott River Preliminary Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan (ELA 2025)
- Beenup Wind Farm Shadow Flicker and Blade Glint Assessment (DNV 2025)
- Beenup Wind Farm EMI Assessment (DNV 2025)
- Aviation Impact Assessment: Beenup Wind Farm (Aviation Projects 2025)
- SynergyRED Scott River Wind Farm Feasibility: Social Values Assessment Report (Place ID 2025)
- Proposed Wind Farm at Scott River: Noise Impact Assessment (GHD 2025)
- Proposed Wind Farm – Archaeological and Ethnographic Heritage Survey – Draft Report (AHA Logic 2024) [Confidential/Not for Publication]
- Proposed Wind Farm - Scott River: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (GHD 2025)

*\* Redacted version of these reports has also been provided for publication which remove location information for Threatened Flora and Threatened Ecological Communities on EPA Request*

Has the referrer provided survey information according to the [Instructions and Form: IBSA Data Packages](#) and/or the [Instructions and form: IMSA Data Packages](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Conclusion
<p>Do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment?</p> <p><i>The Proposal will not have a significant residual impact on the environment.</i></p>

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)	Refer to Table 3.1, Section 3.3 of the Referral 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 Table 3.1, Section 3.3 of the Referral Supporting Document
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>The Proposal is located approximately 15 km north-east of the town of Augusta, in the South West of Western Australia. The Proposal occurs over multiple lots within the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River.</p> <p>The nearest key roads include Brockman Highway, Scott River Road, Governor Broome Road and Dennis Road.</p>
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	The Proposal is located within the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River.
<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>The Development Envelope is situated almost entirely on Freehold land with some minor extent within Crown Reserves managed by state and local government. These lots are generally zoned "General Agriculture" and "Local Roads" within the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River Local Planning Scheme No.1.</p> <p>The extent of the Development Envelope is approximately 3,597 ha.</p>
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p><b><i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i></b></p>	<p>The Proponent has access to freehold land through agreements with the landowners and consent from crown reserve land managers to submit this application. The appropriate approvals will be sought for access to reserves managed by state and local government once approval is obtained.</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Government approvals</b></p>	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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  Date: Referral planned October 2025  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  <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action  <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited</p>
<p>Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal?  <i>If yes, describe.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  Approval:</p>
<p><b>Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u></b></p>	
<p>What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>