

# 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

Signature

Position

Organisation

Conservation Council of  
WA; Greenpeace Australia  
Pacific

Email

Phone

Address

Date

7 May 2025

Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential?

☐ Yes

☒ No

*Provide confidential information in a separate attachment.*

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative:

I, [REDACTED] declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of the Conservation Council of WA and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.

Date: 15 April 2025

#### Proponent information

Name of the proponent/s

Woodside Energy Ltd

*Include Trading Name if relevant*

Australian Company Number(s)

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63 005 482 986

OR

Australian Business Number(s)

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#### Pre-referral discussions

<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Proposal information</b>		
<b>Proposal name</b>		Browse Carbon Dumping Project
<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>		Attempt to transport, inject and sequester up to ~14,200 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) per day into the Calliance Storage Formation as part of the Browse Carbon Dumping Project.
<b>Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NA
<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> 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>		

## PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

### Environmental factors

What are the likely significant environmental factors for this proposal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Benthic Communities and Habitat</li> <li>✓ Coastal Processes</li> <li>✓ Marine Environmental Quality</li> <li>✓ Marine Fauna</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flora and Vegetation</li> <li>✓ Landforms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Fauna</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Human Health</li> </ul>	
For <b>each</b> of the environmental factors identified above, complete the following table, or provide the information in a supplementary report		
<b>Potential environmental impacts – for each environmental factor</b>		
1	EPA policy and guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Marine fauna</a></li> <li><a href="#">Marine environmental quality</a></li> <li><a href="#">Coastal processes</a></li> <li><a href="#">Landforms</a></li> <li><a href="#">Benthic communities and habitats</a></li> <li><a href="#">Technical Guidance - Protection of Benthic Communities and Habitats</a></li> <li><a href="#">Technical Guidance - Protecting the Quality of Western Australia's Marine Environment</a></li> </ul>
2	<b>Receiving environment</b>	Scott Reef, Scott Reef state waters, Scott Reef Sandy Islet.
3	<b>Likely environmental impacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> toxicity.</li> <li>Induced seismicity.</li> <li>Risks of leakage.</li> <li>Marine impacts of ongoing seismic blasting required for monitoring.</li> <li>Additional drilling impacts.</li> <li>Additional pollution impacts.</li> <li>Ocean acidification.</li> <li>Hydrocarbon release (oil spill).</li> </ul> <p>See attached referral for more detail.</p>

4	<b>Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes</b>	
5	<b>Assessment and significance of residual impacts</b>	See attached referral for more detail.
6	<b>Likely environmental outcomes</b>	See attached referral for more detail.
<b>Holistic impact assessment</b>		
Outline the holistic impact assessment for the Proposal.		
<b>Cumulative environmental impact assessment</b>		
Outline the relevant cumulative environmental impacts of the Proposal (based on scoping).		
<b>Consultation</b>		
Outline the stakeholder identification and consultation process, and outcomes of consultation on the Proposal and its likely environmental effects.		
<b>Supporting documents</b>		
Provide a list of the supporting documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral submission attached (Browse Carbon Dumping s38 Referral 250507)</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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NA
<b>Conclusion</b>		
Do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment? Yes.		

## **PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS ONLY**

<b>Type of significant amendment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to the approved proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to the implementation conditions <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to both the proposal and the implementation conditions
<b>Information of the approved proposal</b>	
<b>Combined effects of the approved proposal and significant amendment</b>	
<b>Analysis of existing implementation conditions</b>	



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 FOR DERIVED PROPOSALS ONLY**

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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>;</li> <li>• A title and relevant permits from NOPTA under the <i>Offshore Petroleum Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006</i> (OPGGs Act);</li> <li>• A permit under the <i>Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981</i>; and</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance of various environment plans by NOPSEMA under the OPGGS Act.</li> <li>• <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas (Environment) Regulations 2023</i></li> <li>• <i>Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Injection and Storage) Regulations 2023</i></li> <li>• <i>Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration Regulations) 2011</i></li> <li>• <i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Safeguard Mechanism) Rule 2015</i></li> <li>• Has not been assessed under part IV of EP Act.</li> </ul>
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)	
<b>Tenure and Local Government approvals</b>	
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.	Proposal is offshore. Approximately 5km from Scott Reef. Sharing a border with Scott Reef State Waters. Approximately 270km off Western Australia's north west coast.
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	NA
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented? If yes, please provide details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	Marine wilderness area.
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal? <i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i> <i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Unknown.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No In part, yes. Date: Valid date: 2 January 2025 Referral started 22 October 2024 EPBC No.: 2024/10028
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 Referral decision pending.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Approval: Due to significant impacts to listed threatened species and ecological communities; significant impact to listed migratory species; significant impacts to marine environment.
<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>	

**Example Table: Other approvals**

Decision-making authority	Legislation or Agreement regulating the activity	Approval required (and specify which proposal element the approval is related to)

**Example table: Other statutory decision-making process which can mitigate potential impacts on the environment**

Environmental impact	How is the impact regulated by other decision- making process(es)?	Limit(s) of the decision-making process(es) to regulate the impact eg time limits, excluded operations	Likely environmental outcome of decision-making process(es), and consistency with EPA objective	Conditions, enforcement, and review process required by decision-making process(es)	Stakeholder engagement in decision-making process(es)