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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Attachment A

Report on new proposals referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for Australia's World Heritage properties

For the period 1 March to 31 May 2025, three proposals were identified as requiring further assessment under the EPBC Act.

World Heritage Property:	Great Barrier Reef
EPBC Number:	2025/10157
Title:	Discovery Drive, Agnes Water Residential Development
Category:	Residential development

The proposed action is a multi-precinct residential development, with provision of supporting services and functions, covering an area of 88.19 hectares located approximately 75 kilometres south-east of Gladstone, Queensland. It will consist of residential precincts and storm water management area.

The site is in relative proximity to the coastline, with the Coral Sea less than 1 kilometre to the north-east and estuaries to the north and east. The eastern boundary of the site is 55 metres inland of the boundary of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, at its closest point.

On 26 May 2025, the proposed action was determined to be a Controlled Action to be assessed under the EPBC Act, due to the potential impacts on nationally protected matters, including the Great Barrier Reef. The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department) will assess potential impacts of the action on this World Heritage property.

The decision notice is available at: https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=8f9f79b3-cd0a-f011-bae3-7c1e5289daa9.

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World Heritage Property:	Ningaloo Coast
EPBC Number:	2021/8942
Title:	Gascoyne Gateway Marine Complex, WA (formerly known as Single Jetty Deep Water Port Renewable Hub, WA)
Category:	Transport - Water

The original proposed action was to build and operate a single jetty deep-water port and renewable energy hub 10 kilometre south of Exmouth township in Western Australia. On 17 August 2021, the proposed action was determined to be a Controlled Action to be assessed under the EPBC Act, due to the potential impacts on nationally protected matters, including the Ningaloo Coast. This was previously reported on in September 2021.

A request to vary the proposed action was submitted on 30 January 2025. The varied proposed action seeks to build and operate a multi-purpose marine complex that will service a variety of vessels, excluding livestock and iron ore in the same site. The total project area is 1351.61 hectares. The variations include a larger operational area, an offshore development envelop (anchorage area), an onsite sewage treatment and disposal facility while reducing some capacity and removing the windfarm component. The variation was accepted on 11 March 2025.

The varied proposed action includes a land-based component to support the marine infrastructure which includes a combination rock groin (breakwater) and pylon steel construction to a berth-face. Marine construction includes piling and dredging, with dredge spoil used in the causeway construction.

The operational area is approximately 35 kilometres south of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. The Department will assess potential impacts of the action, including the varied elements, on this World Heritage property.

The decision notice is available at: https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=b43f7118-33ac-eb11-80c4-00505684c137

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World Heritage Property:	Shark Bay
EPBC Number:	2022/09217
Title:	Murchison Hydrogen Renewables Project
Category:	Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)

The original proposed action was to construct and operate a combined onshore wind and solar farm including associated infrastructure and access tracks in Kalbarri, Western Australia. On 24 June 2022, the proposed action was determined to be a Controlled Action to be assessed under the EPBC Act, due to the potential impacts on nationally protected matters, including the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. This was previously reported on in September 2022.

A request to vary the proposed action was submitted on 5 February 2025. The varied proposed action seeks to use a combined onshore wind and solar farm to produce green hydrogen for conversion to green ammonia for export to emerging green energy markets. The added component is a Power-to-Ammonia facility that will use the produced green energy to create green ammonia and an ammonia export facility including pipelines, a single point mooring and a support craft facility. The varied proposed action was accepted on 17 March 2025.

The operational area is approximately 3 kilometres south of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. The Department will assess potential impacts of the action, including the varied elements, on this World Heritage property.

The decision notice is available at: https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=edb77a57-cebb-ec11-983f-00224818ab04.