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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 December 2024 to 28 February 2025, 4 proposals were identified as requiring further assessment under the EPBC Act.

World Heritage Property:	Great Barrier Reef
EPBC Number:	2024/10044
Title:	Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project
Category:	Energy Generation and Supply (non-renewable)

The proposed action is to construct and operate a new transmission line located between the Calvale Substation and the Calliope River Substation, Queensland. The proposed action extends from 10 kilometres east of Biloela, Queensland, to 2 kilometres north of Clinton, near Gladstone, Queensland.

The proposed action seeks to construct and operate an 87-kilometre, 275-kilovolt transmission line and ancillary infrastructure to be constructed between the Calvale Substation and the Calliope River Substation near Gladstone. The operational area covers approximately 14,293 hectares. The proposed action will allow for up to 1,800 megawatts of renewable hosting capacity in the region and increase network capacity and reliability to service the growing renewable energy industry in this area. The eastern end of the operational area around Calliope River Island intersects the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage property.

On 4 February 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=ced9e269-939d-ef11-8a69-0022489368cf.

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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 proposed action is to build and operate a multi-purpose marine complex that will service a variety of vessels, excluding livestock and iron ore, located 10 kilometres south of Exmouth, Western Australia. The original application was reported in September 2021, however a request to vary the proposed action was submitted on 30 January 2025.

The 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 total operational area is 1351.61 hectares and is approximately 35 kilometres south of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage property.

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. 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:	Greater Blue Mountains
EPBC Number:	2022/9143
Title:	Western Sydney International Airport airspace and flight path design
Category:	Transport

The development for the new Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport was approved in 2016. The site of the airport covers approximately 1,780 hectares at Badgerys Creek in the Western Sydney region and is approximately 8 kilometres from the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage property at its closest point. The flight paths were only conceptual at the time the airport was approved. Since then, the proposed flight paths have been refined and are currently under assessment following an Environment Impact Statement released on 7 November 2024. The proposed flight paths require authorisation by the Minister for Infrastructure. Further information on the Environmental Impact Statement is available at: https://www.wsiflightpaths.gov.au/download-the-eis/. Further information on the Department's decisions on this matter is available at: https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=35d33a74-c671-ec11-80d0-00505684c137.

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World Heritage Property:	Tasmanian Wilderness
NOPSEMA Number:	OPP
Title:	East Coast Supply Project
Category:	Offshore Oil and Gas

The proposed action comprises up to 8 incremental gas development opportunities with associated wells, flowlines and manifolds, which will tie-in to the existing Otway Casino-Henry-Netherby Development. Hydrocarbons from these fields would be transported to shore via the existing pipeline and processed at the existing Athena Gas Plant situated about 6 kilometres inland from Port Campbell, Victoria.

The proposed action is within the offshore Commonwealth waters of the Otway Basin and will occur approximately 8 to 35 kilometres south-west from Peterborough and Port Campbell, Victoria. The offshore activities are projected to end in 2050. The environment that may be affected by the proposed action is approximately 270 metres from the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area at its closest point.

NOPSEMA will not accept an environmental plan that proposes activities that will contravene a plan of management for a World Heritage property or proposes unacceptable impacts to the World Heritage values of a World Heritage property.

Further information on this proposal is available on the NOPSEMA website: https://www.nopsema.gov.au/offshore-industry/environmental-management/assessment-process/public-comment.