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Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Notification of REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH

Banks Strait Tidal Energy Project, Tas (EPBC 2008/4518)

This decision is made under Section 75 and Section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (EPBC Act).

Proposed action	
proposed action	To develop an off-shore tidal energy facility in Banks Strait, Tasmania. The action comprises the installation of 300 tidal energy generators on the seabed of Banks Strait, an associated submarine cable and an onshore powerline linking the facility to the Tasmanian electricity grid, as described in the referral received on 14 October 2008.
Referral decision: Contr	olled action
status of proposed action	The proposed action is a controlled action.
	The project will require assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 before it can proceed.
relevant controlling provisions	The project is likely to have a significant impact on:
	 Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
	Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
	 Commonwealth marine areas (section 23 & 24A)
designated proponent	Tenax Energy Pty Ltd
Decision on assessmen	t approach
assessment approach	The project will be assessed by environmental impact statement.
Person authorised to ma	ake decision
Name and position	Michelle Wicks A/g Assistant Secretary Environment Assessment Branch
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date of decision	// November 2008