

EPBC ACT ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS – REFERRAL

Deciding if a proposed action needs to be referred

- Is the proposed action likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance?

The matters of national environmental significance are:

- Nationally threatened species and ecological communities
- Migratory species protected under international agreements
- Ramsar wetlands of international importance
- the Commonwealth marine environment
- World Heritage properties
- National Heritage places
- Nuclear actions.

- Is the proposed action likely to have a significant impact on the environment in general (for actions by Commonwealth agencies or actions on Commonwealth land) or the environment on Commonwealth land (for actions outside Commonwealth land)?
- If you are not certain about whether your proposed action requires approval under the EPBC Act you may refer the proposal for a decision by the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

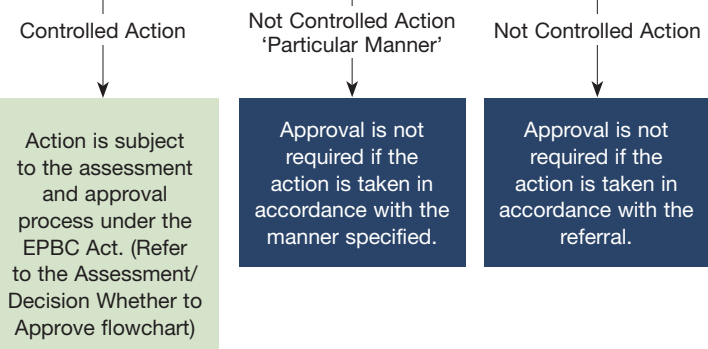
NO

Approval is not required from the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

YES

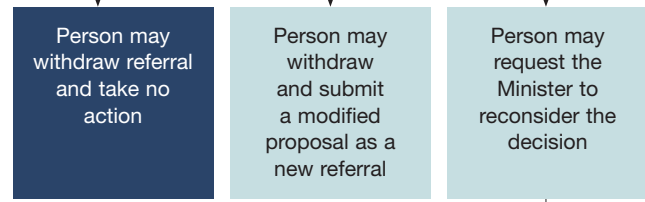
Person proposing to take the action makes a referral to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources via the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

Minister makes a decision within 20 business days on whether approval is required under the EPBC Act and on process of assessment.



Action is clearly unacceptable
Minister makes a decision within 20 business days.

Person informed of decision



10 business day public comment period.

Department of the Environment and Water Resources prepares report on relevant impacts and comments.

Minister makes a reconsideration decision within 20 business days.



Further information about the EPBC Act is available from the Department of the Environment and Water Resources web site www.environment.gov.au/epbc, or by contacting the Department's Community Information Unit, email ciu@environment.gov.au, or freecall 1800 803 772.

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