



Australian Government

**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**

**Application form for a permit under the
Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981
for dumping of carbon dioxide streams by carbon
capture sequestration at sea**

Background

Purpose

As a party to the international [1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972](#) (the London Protocol), Australia has obligations to protect the marine environment from human activities. The [Environment Protection \(Sea Dumping\) Act 1981](#) (the Sea Dumping Act) was developed to fulfil Australia's obligations under the London Protocol. The Australian Government's objectives under the Sea Dumping Act are to protect and preserve the marine environment and take all practical steps to prevent pollution of the sea by the dumping of wastes and other matter.

Section 10A of the Sea Dumping Act allows for the dumping of 'controlled material' if undertaken in accordance with a Sea Dumping permit. 'Controlled material' means:

- (a) wastes or other matter (within the meaning of the London Protocol); and
- (b) a vessel, aircraft or platform.

In accordance with the Sea Dumping Act, and Article 1 and Annex 1 of the London Protocol, a permit is required for the dumping of carbon dioxide (CO₂) streams from CO₂ capture processes for sequestration (the proposed action).

The details you provide in this application form for your proposed action will be assessed to determine whether the dumping is needed and whether the environmental impacts of the dumping are acceptable. Based on this assessment, the Minister for the Environment and Water (the minister) may grant or refuse a permit under section 19 of the Sea Dumping Act.

Requirements

To determine whether you need to apply for a permit, it is encouraged that you first read the guidance on our website to understand whether your offshore Carbon Capture Sequestration (CCS) project involves dumping under the Sea Dumping Act.

CO₂ streams from CO₂ capture processes may only be considered for dumping if they meet the following requirements per Annex 1 of the London Protocol:

- 1. disposal is into a sub-seabed geological formation**
- 2. they consist overwhelmingly of CO₂. They may contain incidental associated substances derived from the source material and the capture and sequestration processes used**
- 3. no wastes or other matter are added for the purpose of disposing of those wastes or other matter.**

This application form is to be used for the loading of CO₂ in Australia for disposal by offshore sequestration in Australian waters. This includes the loading (capture), transport and disposal offshore of CO₂ stream(s).

This form should not be used for:

- offshore sequestration of imported CO₂ stream(s) from another country
- export of CO₂ for sequestration offshore of another country.

In the planning stages of an offshore CCS project, you should carefully consider whether the site (including sub-seabed geological formations) is suitable and the likely impacts on the environment and the community. You will need to consult with Australian Government departments and agencies, and other government agencies relevant to your state or territory. You will also need to consult with local stakeholders and First Nations peoples.

You should fully answer all the questions in this form and demonstrate that you have completed the investigations necessary to support the granting of a permit. This form should include details and consideration where relevant of all infrastructure used in the capture, transport and disposal.

As part of the application, you are required to provide a Long-Term Management Plan (LTMP) for the proposed offshore CCS project. You should determine whether you and/or your organisation have sufficient resources to carry out an offshore CCS project and are able to monitor the project for the life of any granted permit.

Before completing your application, the department encourages you to carefully consider the following:

- [Annex 2 of the London Protocol](#)
- [2012 Specific Guidelines for the Assessment of Carbon Dioxide for Disposal into Sub-Seabed Geological Formations](#) (the 2012 specific guidelines)
- [2006 Risk assessment and management framework for CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed geological structures](#) (the RAMF)
- [The department's Sea Dumping CCS website](#)
- The interim National Action List (interim NAL), available on the [department's website](#).

These guidance documents provide information about key considerations for each stage of your application, and about the supporting information that is required.

You are advised to arrange a pre-application meeting to discuss your offshore CCS proposals with the Sea Dumping Section of the department early in the project, before submitting a permit application. This may help to identify all the requirements for your permit application.

You are encouraged to engage with all regulators of your activity early to discuss consistency, timing, and regulatory requirements. The department encourages and welcomes you to arrange joint meetings with other regulators to discuss your activities.

Lodgement of application

- This application form must not be modified in any way.
- All sections must be completed, otherwise your application will not be accepted.
- All attachments referenced in your application (and listed in section 11) must be dated/have version control and be provided with the application form.

You may lodge your application to the department via one of the options below.

Email

You can email your application and supporting documents to seadumping@dcceew.gov.au. If you are submitting your application by email, the email size limit is **10 MB**. If your application and supporting documents are larger than the limit, you may wish to split your attached documents across multiple emails.

SIGBOX

Due to Australian Government cyber security policies, most filesharing sites are blocked by the department's IT system.

SIGBOX is the department's preferred file sharing site for the secure upload, download and sharing of multiple and large files. When you are ready to submit your application, please contact us at seadumping@dcceew.gov.au to arrange the creation of your SIGBOX account. Please allow up to 5 business days for this process.

Mail

Hard copies of applications can be sent to:

Director
Sea Dumping Section
Environmental Permitting and Compliance Division
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
GPO Box 3090
Canberra ACT 2601

Payment

Under the Sea Dumping Act and the [Environment Protection \(Sea Dumping\) Regulations 1983](#), an application fee of **\$5,000** must be forwarded before a permit can be issued. The application fee must be received within 30 days of the application being forwarded, and assessment of the application will not start until fees are received. The minister may waive the requirement for payment of all or part of the fee if it is considered necessary or desirable.

When your application is received, you will receive a confirmation email containing a Sea Dumping Permit Application Number (an 'SD' number) and the amount of the fee payable.

To make a payment, the department's preferred methods of payment are by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or by credit card via the online services portal.

EFT payments

BSB: 092 009
Bank account number: 115 859
Account name: Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Bank: Reserve Bank of Australia
Reference: Application description, applicant name and SD number

Credit card via online services

Visit onlineservices.environment.gov.au to create an account. Use the SD number sent to you as the 'reference number' and pay the fee amount listed in the confirmation email.

Invoice

If you require an invoice to be issued, please send the request in an email to seadumping@dcceew.gov.au. The request should include the applicant's name and contact details.

Cheques or money orders

The department can accept payment by cheque or money order. The cheque or money order should be made out to Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and mailed to:

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Details of the relevant application should be enclosed with the cheque or money order, including an application description, applicant name and SD number.

What happens next?

Your application will be considered once this form (and any other relevant documents comprising your application) and payment have been received by the department. You may be asked to provide additional information to enable a decision to be made.

Further information

If you require further information or assistance with the application form or process, contact the Sea Dumping Section at seadumping@dcceew.gov.au.

Form to be completed

Please complete all sections of the form. Insert further rows as required. In some sections you may be required to attach additional material, please list these attachments in section 10.

If you have any queries about how to complete the application, contact the Sea Dumping Section at seadumping@dcceew.gov.au.

1 Permit summary

Please provide a brief summary of the application by completing sections 1.1 – 1.7.

- 1.1 Name of applicant(s)** (legal name of the business, organisation, or company). Please note that multiple applicants may apply for a permit and this section may be duplicated as required:
- 1.2 Date of proposed disposal** (the date in which you plan to commence sequestering CO₂ into offshore geological formations):
- 1.3 Date the permit is requested by.** The applicant(s) should factor in sufficient time for the department to undertake an assessment, well in advance of the proposed commencement of CO₂ sequestration into offshore geological formations. The department also encourages applicant(s) not to lock in project contracts based on the assumption that a permit will be granted.
- 1.4 Proposed length of permit.** The applicant(s) is required to propose the length of the permit and provide justification as to why the proposed duration is acceptable. The duration of the permit must also consider appropriate timeframes to undertake sufficient long-term monitoring during and after the disposal of CO₂ has ceased.
- 1.5 Project specific locations and direction(s) where the CO₂ stream(s) will be loaded (captured), transported, and sequestered offshore:**

Attach a suitably scaled map of the proposed offshore CCS project (e.g., the relevant sector from an AusMap) which includes:

- a clear grid reference (WGS84 decimal degrees [e.g., -DD.DDDD°, DDD.DDDD°] coordinate system must be used)
- bathymetric contours
- other key project components including onshore infrastructure.

Please provide a separate table which includes:

- the injection well and disposal site location (WGS84 decimal degrees [e.g., -DD.DDDD°, DDD.DDDD°] coordinate system must be used)
- the boundaries of the disposal site and its distance from land (WGS84 decimal degrees [e.g., -DD.DDDD°, DDD.DDDD°] coordinate system must be used).

Please attach the files used to create the map (as a compressed ZIP folder containing the shapefile, or a KML file) to the application and list the attachments in section 10.

1.6 Quantity of CO₂ to be disposed offshore (tonnes/year):

1.7 How many sources of CO₂ make up the CO₂ stream(s):

2 Applicant(s)

Please provide details of the applicant(s), owner(s) of the material (if required), contact people and permit application history (if applicable).

2.1 Identity of applicant(s) (intended permit holder(s) who will be undertaking the loading and dumping of the CO₂ stream(s) by CCS at sea).

Legal name of the business, organisation, or company:

Registered business name or trading name under which you operate (if different from the legal name):

Australian Business Number (ABN):

Australian Company Number (ACN) (if applicable):

Street address:

Postal address (if different to the street address):

Contact person for formal correspondence (e.g., permit decision outcomes):

Name:

Position title:

Phone/mobile:

Email:

Contact person for general correspondence (if different from above):

Name:

Position title:

Phone/mobile:

Email:

2.2 Permit application history (if applicable, noting that permit application history is not limited to Sea Dumping permits for disposal of CO₂ by CCS at sea and should include all Sea Dumping permits).

Please provide details of every Sea Dumping permit the applicant(s) have applied for to undertake any activity under the Sea Dumping Act:

Sea Dumping reference number (if known)	Permit name	Date granted / withdrawn / refused	Length of permit	Quantity and type of material approved for disposal

Insert further rows to the table as required.

2.3 Owner of the CO₂ stream(s) to be disposed by CCS at sea (if different from the applicant(s)).

Legal name of the business, organisation, or company:

Registered business name or trading name under which you operate (if different from the legal name):

Australian Business Number (ABN):

Australian Company Number (ACN) (if applicable):

Street address:

Postal address (if different from the street address):

Contact person

Name:

Position title:

Phone/mobile:

Email:

3 CO₂ stream(s) chemical and physical properties

Please provide a detailed description and characterisation of the CO₂ stream(s) including any incidental associated substances. The detailed description must specify each CO₂ source which comprises the CO₂ stream(s).

You must also take into consideration levels in the interim NAL of incidental associated substances in the CO₂ stream(s) proposed for disposal.

Please include references to all data sources used and provide copies of those documents as attachments to the application (where possible), listing them in section 10.

3.1 Does the stream(s) consist overwhelmingly of CO₂? Please refer to paragraphs 4.1-4.2 and 5.4, 2012 specific guidelines, the interim NAL and the department's Sea Dumping CCS website for further information.

☐ Yes ☐ No

3.2 Origin of CO₂, captured from a single source or from multiple sources and amount (per year and total) and capture plans: e.g., CO₂ captured from a brown coal power station and/or a fertiliser manufacturing facility.

3.3 CO₂ stream(s) composition(s) including any incidental associated substances:

You must illustrate these in a table which includes the composition of all constituents, including any incidental associated substances, and their values. Values should be expressed in max/min vol % or ppm volume units.

N.B. If there are multiple CO₂ streams to be sequestered offshore, please provide multiple tables.

Please use the following table to express the CO₂ stream(s) specification(s) and consider the interim NAL which contains a list of substances and their upper limit thresholds.

Incidental associated substances in accordance with the interim NAL	Upper limit	Interim NAL upper limit	Comment and justification (if applicable)

Insert further rows to the table as required.

3.4 Other added substances:

Provide detail of, and justification for, the addition of any other substances to the CO₂ stream(s) for the purpose of loading and dumping (or any other activity) of the CO₂ stream(s).

3.6 Further information on the incidental substances, associated or added to the CO₂ stream(s):

Provide further information regarding the quality of the CO₂ stream(s) based on where the stream(s) has been captured from and justification why incidental substances, associated or added to the CO₂ stream(s) have not been removed from the CO₂ stream(s) including:

- source and quantification
- properties – chemical and physical
- toxicity, including, where appropriate, additive, synergistic or antagonistic
- potential for bioaccumulation
- potential for biotransformation in biological materials
- chemical persistence in the environment
- any plans for management and if necessary, options for treatment to reduce or remove incidental associated substances
- potential interaction with the other CO₂ stream(s) components.

4 Waste management

The London Protocol requires that you consider reducing the need to dispose of CO₂ by CCS at sea. You must develop and provide a comparative risk assessment involving both sequestration in sub-seabed geological formations and the alternatives which include the practical availability of other means of disposal and/or sequestration. Refer to sections 2 and 3 of the 2012 specific guidelines for more information.

4.1 Waste prevention audit:

To assess alternatives of such disposal, you should undertake and provide a waste prevention audit to evaluate the following:

- volume and form of the CO₂ stream(s) and their associated hazards
- sources of CO₂ stream(s)
- feasibility of CO₂ reduction and prevention techniques.

As outlined in paragraph 2.2, 2012 specific guidelines, if the required audit reveals that opportunities exist for waste prevention at source, you are expected to formulate and implement a waste prevention strategy which includes specific waste reduction targets and provision for further waste prevention audits to ensure that these targets are being met.

4.2 Consideration of waste management options:

You must give consideration to and provide:

- any hazardous incidental associated substances within the CO₂ stream(s) and appropriate destruction or treatment to reduce or remove them
- other disposal and/or sequestration options.

5 CO₂ disposal site selection and proposed injection

To assess whether your selected site is suitable for the disposal of CO₂ at sea, please provide the following minimum parameters to determine the feasibility and integrity of the site:

- physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the water-column and the seabed
- location of amenities, values and other uses of the sea in the area
- assessment of the constituent fluxes associated with dumping in relation to existing fluxes of substances in the marine environment
- economic and operational feasibility.

5.1 Characterisation of the sub-seabed geological formations:

Please provide a geological assessment of the selected site's formation, which must consider the following characteristics:

- history, current status, and age of information available on the geological formation
- water depth
- formation geology and hydrogeology, including overlaying geology, stratigraphy, faults and fractures
- cap rock and seal
- quantity and displacement of the formation water
- storage capacity, injectivity and permeability of the geological formations
- long-term storage integrity of the geological formations
- the surrounding geology, including hydrogeology and the tectonic setting
- potential migration and leakage pathways over time (including transboundary movement)
- potential interactions of the injected CO₂ stream(s) with the geological formations and the impacts on the relevant infrastructures and the surrounding geology, including potential mobilisation of any hazardous substances.

5.2 Injection plans:

- injection and storage depth
- injection temperature and pressure
- type of injection well (e.g., existing, abandoned, or new)
- proposed or existing well design and construction including information on cementing, long-term integrity and consideration of peak pressure, volume and temperature
- long-term injection well integrity considering the CO₂ stream(s) and any incidental substances
- proximity to other wells including injection and former hydrocarbon and investigation wells, including details of those wells
- if an existing well is to be converted for injection, information is needed on well age, its construction details, and its history and maintenance
- potential of the injected fluid to cause plugging of the formation

- compatibility with injected formation chemistry and mineralogy
- long and short term modelling/simulations
- proposed infrastructure and decommissioning plans for the entire project.

5.3 Characterisation of the marine area under consideration:

You are required to provide information regarding the amenities, biological features, and other uses of the sea in the proposed CO₂ disposal area. This should relate to the injection and storage site, transport infrastructure where relevant, and the surrounding area that could potentially be affected.

This information should also address the following characteristics of the water-column and seabed and outline physical, hydrological, hydro-dynamical, chemical, and biological characteristics.

Important amenities, biological features, and uses of the sea in relation to the proposed CO₂ disposal site include:

- coastal and marine areas of environmental, scientific, cultural, or historical importance, such as marine protected areas or vulnerable ecosystems (e.g., coral reefs)
- fishing and mariculture areas
- spawning, nursery, and recruitment areas of animals, including but not limited to migratory birds, turtles, and whales
- migration routes of animals, including but not limited to migratory birds, turtles, and whales
- seasonal and critical habitats
- shipping lanes
- military exclusion zones
- engineering uses of the seafloor, including mining, undersea cables, desalination, or energy conversion sites (e.g., wave energy, tidal energy, salinity gradient energy, and ocean thermal energy conversion sites).

5.4 Evaluation of potential exposure:

You must also consider and provide the degree to which potential leakage from sub-seabed geological formations may result in increased exposures of organisms to substances that may cause adverse effects. The characterisation of the risk of increased exposures should be based on the potential exposure through migration and leakage pathways such as:

- the proposed injection well(s) and any other similar abandoned or active wells in the same geological formation
- areas where permeable rock reaches the surface of the seabed
- transmissive fractures of, or high-permeability zones within the cap rock
- the pore system in low-permeability cap rocks
- areas where the cap rock is locally absent
- lateral migration along the storage formation
- the probabilities of leakage and associated effects of the CO₂ stream(s).

6 Impact and risk assessment

Sea Dumping permit applications must include an assessment of the potential impacts of loading for disposal (including transport of CO₂) and disposal (including all infrastructure used in the capture, transport, and disposal) of CO₂ by CCS at sea. The assessment should demonstrate that any impacts will be minimal with the implementation of best environmental practices. The department recommends the use of the RAMF to assess these impacts.

6.1 Potential impacts:

The assessment of potential effects should consider:

- the characteristics of the CO₂ stream(s)
- the conditions at the proposed formation site
- the proposed injection operations and disposal techniques
- the potential effects on the marine environment, human health, living resources, amenities, and other legitimate uses of the sea with definition of the nature, temporal and spatial scales and duration of potential impacts based on reasonably conservative assumptions. Please refer to paragraph 13, annex 2 of the London Protocol and paragraph 7.6, 2012 specific guidelines for further information regarding this requirement
- any potential induced seismicity
- it may also be helpful to summarise these relationships in the form of a conceptual model as described in figure 2 of the RAMF.

The assessment should address risks posed by a leak from the CO₂ capture, transport and sequestration process. When considering potential effects from a leak, you should begin by considering those that are identified during the site selection process and the main effects that could arise from the dissolution of CO₂ in the overlying water and sediments (the marine environment). Examples of receptors that should be considered are found in paragraph 7.5 of the 2012 specific guidelines.

6.2 Describe the impacts the proposed action may have on any Matters of National Environmental Significance:

(Note: Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) are explained further in section 8).

- Use the department's [Protected Matters Search Tool](#) to generate a Protected Matters Report (PMR) on the project area identified in this application
- Provide an interpretation of the PMR, including an assessment of the likely impact on every protected matter listed in the report (highlighting any likely significant impacts)
- Provide the co-ordinates used (in decimal degrees) to define the project area(s) and indicate the width of any buffers used in the PMR
- Include the PMR as an attachment to the application (listing it in section 10).

6.3 Risk assessment:

The risk assessment must address the following criteria:

- likelihood of CO₂ exposure and associated effects on potential receptors
- capacity in which the applicant(s) can intervene or mitigate risks in the event of a leak
- effect of incidental associated substances within the CO₂ stream(s) in the event of a leak taking into consideration the magnitude and degree to which the release would have on the surrounding environment as outlined in paragraphs 7.8 and 8.3, 2012 specific guidelines.

Please outline:

- the magnitude to which the release increases the concentration of the substance in seawater, sediments, or biota in relation to existing conditions and associated effects
- the degree to which the substance can produce adverse effects on the marine environment or human health.
- the risk assessment should also include an analysis of each disposal option to be considered with a comparative assessment of the following:
 - human health risks
 - environmental costs
 - hazards (including accidents)
 - economics
 - exclusion of future uses.

6.4 Impact hypothesis:

Once you have prepared a risk assessment of the potential effects associated with the proposed CCS project, an impact hypothesis should be prepared. This is a concise statement outlining the expected consequences of the offshore CO₂ disposal options. Refer to paragraphs 12-15, Annex 2 of the London Protocol and paragraph 7.11, 2012 specific guidelines.

7 Long-Term Management Plan

You must develop a Long-Term Management Plan (LTMP) for submission with the permit application as a separate document.

The LTMP is required to ensure that assumptions made during the site selection process were accurate and sufficient to protect the marine environment and human health. The LTMP should be based on the impact hypothesis and designed to be able to determine that changes in and around the receiving environment were anticipated.

Risk management requirements should be illustrated in a flow chart and incorporate reporting requirements in a manner that they can be used to initiate mitigation or remediation plans in the event of a leak.

To achieve monitoring objectives, the LTMP should:

- be able to evaluate operational aspects of the sequestration process during the injection phase
- include monitoring injection rates, injection and formation pressures, temperatures, mechanical integrity, and properties and composition of the CO₂ stream(s)
- consider the strategic design of monitoring programs that use modelling and direct and indirect monitoring tools to enable detection of CO₂ migration and potential leaks over a large area and long-time period where possible
- be tailored to the proposed CO₂ sequestration and adopt different technologies, measurements, and timeframes for different stages of the sequestration, and modify these as new information and technology becomes available
- detail the proposed monitoring during and post injection
- include monitoring comparisons to baseline environmental condition
- confirm the integrity of the sequestration site and contribute to safeguarding human health and the marine environment
- detail the proposed format and reporting frequency to the department
- be designed to minimise the impact of monitoring on the marine environment, and may include monitoring:
 - that correlates to how well the injected CO₂ stream(s) is retained within the intended formation
 - of the surrounding geological layers to detect migration of the CO₂ stream(s) and the substances mobilised as a result of the disposal of the CO₂ stream(s), as appropriate, within and beyond the intended formation
 - of the seafloor and overlaying water to detect leakage of the CO₂ stream(s), or substances mobilised as a result of the disposal of the CO₂ stream(s), into the marine environment (particularly abandoned wells and faults that intersect the formation or to any changes in the security of the cap rock during and after injection such as faults, cracks, and seismicity)
 - of the seafloor and marine communities (benthic and water-column) to detect effects of leaking CO₂ stream(s) and mobilised substances on marine organisms (particularly if it is suspected that migration of CO₂ above the formation could extend to the seafloor and in the event that the storage site is in the proximity of sensitive or endangered habitats and species).

- be reviewed at regular intervals to determine whether to:
 - modify the monitoring programme and operation
 - implement, when necessary, the measures included in the mitigation or remediation plan
 - update risk assessments.

7.1 Mitigation or remediation plan:

The LTMP must also outline plans should mitigation or remediation be required to enable a rapid and effective response to leakage of CO₂ stream(s) and mobilised substances to the marine environment. These plans should be incorporated in the flow chart and be determined based on the potential impact of the migration or leakage on both human health and the marine environment, both in the short-term and long-term.

The flow chart should also demonstrate process controls to ensure that, if leakage poses a significant risk to the marine environment and cannot be controlled by any mitigation or remediation operation, injection should be ceased, or be modified, or the CO₂ may be transferred to a more suitable location depending upon site-specific factors. For further information please refer to paragraph 8.11, 2012 specific guidelines.

8 EPBC Act self-assessment

Under the [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999](#) (EPBC Act), the Australian Government must assess and approve any action that will have, or is likely to have, a significant impact on a MNES, before it can go ahead.

An activity or action will require separate assessment and approval under part 9 of the EPBC Act if it is likely to have a significant impact on one or more of the following MNES:

- World Heritage properties
- Wetlands of international importance (Ramsar)
- listed threatened species and ecological communities
- listed migratory species
- the environment of Commonwealth marine areas
- National Heritage places
- Commonwealth land or actions involving a Commonwealth agency
- the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- the environment, from nuclear actions
- water resources, from coal seam gas development and large coal mining development.

If the proposed action may significantly impact on an MNES, you will need to refer the proposal for separate assessment and approval under the EPBC Act. Please use the [Protected Matters Search Tool](#) to help identify potential MNES impacted by the proposed action.

Further information about referrals is available at <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/advice-for-complying-with-the-epbc-act/referral-applications-and-proposals>. For a detailed discussion of assessment under the EPBC Act and how it interacts with the Sea Dumping Act, see section 2.1.3 of the [National assessment guidelines for dredging \(NAGD\) 2009](#). If you are unsure whether you need to refer your proposal, please contact our Referrals Gateway team at EPBC.Referrals@dcceew.gov.au.

It is important that the department is aware of any referrals you have made under the EPBC Act because a decision on the application may not be possible until the EPBC referral has been assessed and decided. In some circumstances, section 160 of the EPBC Act requires the minister or their delegate to seek advice under the EPBC Act before making a decision.

Please answer the following questions.

8.1 Has the proposed action been referred to the minister under the EPBC Act?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8.2 If 'Yes' to 8.1, has a decision on this proposed action been reached?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- If 'Yes,' please provide details of the EPBC Act decision, including the project reference number and date of decision.

9 Consultation

As part of the process of planning for any disposal, you should consult with relevant advisory bodies and government authorities as well as local stakeholders and First Nations peoples. These consultations should provide information to the relevant groups about the proposed disposal as well as inform the disposal planning process. Please summarise the consultations and attach the records of consultation to this application.

Please note: any activities that are within an Australian Marine Park or that could have indirect impacts on an Australian Marine Park will require consultation with the Director of National Parks. Please visit the [Marine Parks website](#) for detailed maps and further information. The Marine Parks Authorisations team can be contacted at MarineParksAuthorisations@dcceew.gov.au and will be able to advise whether consultation is required. Early engagement is encouraged to ensure adequate time for consultation and authorisation if required.

9.1 List and describe consultations that have been undertaken with advisory bodies and government authorities:

These may include the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Australian Hydrographic Office, the Director of National Parks, other relevant Australian Government departments and agencies, relevant state or territory government entities, and local government.

Consultation reference	Date consulted	Person or organisation consulted	Summary and outcome of consultation

Insert further rows to the table as required.

9.2 List and describe consultations that have been undertaken with local interest groups, stakeholders and First Nations peoples:

These may include nearby commercial interest groups, fishing groups and community organisations.

Consultation reference	Date consulted	Person or organisation consulted	Summary and outcome of consultation

Insert further rows to the table as required.

10 Attachments

Please list all the attachments to your application. Note that pre-2010 file formats cannot be accessed by the department and therefore cannot be accepted as part of your application.

Attachment number	Name of document	Corresponding section(s) of the application it is relevant to	Number of pages in the attachment	Document type
1				e.g., PDF, JPEG
2				
3				

Insert further rows to the table as required.

11 Information notice

Under the *Privacy Act 1988* (the Privacy Act), 'personal information' means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable. 'Sensitive information' is a subset of personal information and includes any information or opinion about an individual's racial or ethnic origin, political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, trade or professional associations and memberships, union membership, criminal record, health or genetic information and biometric information or templates. This application form requests you provide personal information and may also request sensitive personal health information.

By completing and submitting this application, you consent to the department collecting, using, and disclosing all information, including all personal information and sensitive information, in this permit application form and any attachments to the form (your application) for the purposes set out below and in accordance with the terms of this notice or as agreed in writing with the department. To the extent that this notice relates to personal information, it constitutes a notice for the purposes of the *Australian Privacy Principle 5*.

The department collects and will use and disclose the information, including personal information, in your application for the purpose of administering the Sea Dumping Act its associated regulations and other related purposes.

If you fail to provide some or all of the information, including personal information, requested in the permit application form, the department will be unable to process your application. The department may use and disclose the information in your application, including personal information, to the minister or delegate and other Australian government agencies, persons, or organisations where necessary for the above purposes, provided the disclosure is consistent with relevant laws, in particular, the Privacy Act.

Your application, including personal information, may be published in a notice in the *Gazette* as required by section 25 of the Sea Dumping Act, and on the department's website. As such, your application may be viewed by anyone, including those overseas. The department has not taken steps to ensure that those who view the published material do not breach the Australian Privacy Principles. This means that:

- overseas viewers may not be accountable under the Privacy Act
- you may not be able to seek redress under the Privacy Act
- you may not be able to seek redress in the overseas jurisdiction
- overseas viewers may not be subject to any privacy obligations or to any principles similar to the Australian Privacy Principles.

Your application may also be disclosed to the following organisations, entities, or individuals:

- Individuals who make a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
- The Australian National Audit office and other privately appointed auditors
- Other law enforcement bodies
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12 Declaration

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