

Referral form

Refer proposed action or strategic proposal under the *Environment Protection Act 2019*

Before you fill in the form

Guiding notes

- This form must be read in conjunction with environmental impact assessment guidance for proponents on the [NT EPA website](#) including Referring a proposal to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA).
- This form contains five (5) parts:
 - Part A – Proponent details
 - Part B – Proposal details
 - Part C – Referral details
 - Part D – Referrer declaration
 - Part E – Nominated contact.
- This form contains two checklists:
 - Cross reference of matters addressed in the referral report
 - Proponent’s general duty.
- This form will be published.
- Further guidance or example responses are provided below in light grey text.

These guiding notes may be deleted before submitting the referral form and report.

PART A – Proponent details	
Name of the proponent (<i>legal entity</i>)	INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd
Proponent details	<i>Name:</i> Christopher Justin Wilson <i>Position/responsibility:</i> Director <i>Physical address:</i> Level 22, 100 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000 <i>Postal address:</i> As above <i>Phone:</i> 08 6213 6000 <i>Email:</i> enquiries@inpex.com.au
Proponent Trading Name if relevant	Not relevant
Australian Business Number/s Australian Company Number/s	ACN: 150 217 262 ABN: 48 150 217 262

Provide a description of the organisational structure with respect to responsibility of the proposed action, environmental approvals and implementation.	INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd (INPEX), is the proponent and operator of the Ichthys LNG facility on behalf of Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd (an incorporated joint venture).
Joint-venture partners (if applicable)	<p><i>Name:</i> Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>Physical address:</i> Level 22, 100 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000</p> <p><i>Postal address:</i> As above.</p> <p><i>Phone:</i> 08 6213 6000</p> <p><i>Email:</i> enquiries@inpex.com.au</p>
PART B - Outline of the proposal and location	
Outline of the proposed action or strategic proposal (proposal)	
Name of proposal	Ichthys Carbon Capture and Storage Project
Provide a brief summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.	<p>The proposed Ichthys Carbon Capture and Storage Project (ICCS Project) seeks to install a CO₂ export pipeline on Middle Arm in the Northern Territory (NT), connecting the existing Ichthys LNG facility to an onshore inlet station (the ICCS pipeline tie-in station) for proposed offshore CO₂ transport and long-term storage.</p> <p>The ICCS Project includes an additional tie-in station at the Darwin LNG facility boundary and a pipeline designed to allow for the flow of CO₂ in either direction between the two pipeline tie in stations. In total, the Project includes the construction and operation of about 12 kilometres (km) of interlinking CO₂ pipelines and associated utilities infrastructures.</p> <p>The indicative timeline of the proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commencement of site works in 2028 • ready for start-up (RFSU) / ready for injection and commencement of operations to occur in 2031 • project facilities proposed to be designed for an operational lifespan of approximately 30 years.
Location	
Provide location details as:	The Project is wholly located on Middle Arm peninsula in Darwin Harbour. The area encompasses locations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> street address, suburb 	<p>within the existing Ichthys LNG facility (144 Wickam Point Road) located on Bladin Point on the northern side of Middle Arm peninsula, and on the western side of Middle Arm Peninsula.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tenement, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable 	<p>INPEX will be required to obtain a pipeline licence under the <i>Energy Pipelines Act 1981 and Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1981</i>.</p> <p>The Project area is proposed to be located within the following tenure and land sections:</p> <p>Freehold land – NT Portion 7002, Section 1908, Section 1958, Section 1896 and Section 1860</p> <p>Crown land – Section 1888 and road reserves</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nearest town, recognisable feature, and distance and direction from that town/feature to the site of the proposed action. <p>If the proposal includes several locations, provide location details for each location. For example, a mine at location 1 and a processing site at location 2.</p>	<p>The Project at it is closest point is located approximately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4km south-west of Palmerston (the nearest residential zone) 4km south of East Arm Wharf 7km south-east of the Darwin central business district (CBD), across Darwin Harbour waters the Santos operated Darwin LNG processing and export facility is directly adjacent to the Project development area.
<p>Name of the Local Government Area/s in which the proposal is located.</p>	<p>Litchfield Council.</p>
<p>What is the land tenure type, and proposed land tenure type?</p>	<p>NT freehold and NT crown land</p>
<p>Does the proponent have the legal (land) access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?</p>	<p>✓ No</p> <p>If no, provide details of legal access authorisations /agreements / tenure is required and from whom.</p> <p>To implement all aspects of the proposal, INPEX will need to acquire the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipeline licences from Department of Mines and Energy Access licences / easement from Land Development Corporation


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown land estate licences from Department of Lands, Planning and Environment • Agreement for private services and road agency approval from Department of Logistics and Infrastructure • Agreements and easement access is required where the proposal enters landowner property. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, provide an indication of legal access authorisations / agreement / tenure.
Is the land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, what is/are the zoning/s? The Project Development Area (PDA) encompasses land zoned under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 as either Development, Future Development, Utilities, Main Road and Proposed Main Road. Surrounding land is mostly zoned as Conservation. Development – NT Portion 7002, Section 1888 and Section 1908 Utilities – Section 1958 and Section 1896 Main road – road reserve Proposed main road – road reserve Future development – Section 1860
What is the current land use of the proposal site/s?	The Project area is located within the Middle Arm Precinct, which provides an area for processing and transmission of utilities, particularly gas. This includes most notably the Ichthys LNG and Darwin LNG facilities and their associated infrastructure. Wickham Point Road and Channel Island Road are public access roads providing entry to the industrial premises, with associated parallel utility corridors. The land zoned utilities (1896 and 1958) are currently being utilised by the Ichthys LNG gas export pipeline.
What is the approximate distance (direct line) and direction to the closest human sensitive receptor?	The Project at it is closest point is located approximately:

For example, residence, accommodation, hospital, school, homeland from the proposal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4km south-west of Palmerston (the nearest residential zone) • 4km south of East Arm Wharf • 7km south-east of the Darwin central business district (CBD), across Darwin Harbour waters • the Santos operated Darwin LNG processing and export facility is directly adjacent to the Project development area.
What is the proposed end land use of the proposal site/s	The end land use would be a pipeline transporting CO ₂ from the existing Ichthys LNG facility to the onshore pipeline tie-in station for proposed offshore transport and long-term storage at a multi-user carbon, capture and storage (CCS) facility.
Consultation	
Provide an overview of consultation undertaken specific to the proposal and potential environmental impacts.	<p>Stakeholder consultation for the proposed action was undertaken to inform the development of the Referral Report.</p> <p>An overview of the stakeholder consultation process is presented in Section 5.1 of the Referral Report, with further detail provided in the stakeholder engagement plan provided in Appendix C of the Referral Report.</p> <p>The complete stakeholder register, outlining stakeholders who were consulted during the pre-referral stage and relevant information that was provided to them is presented in Appendix D of the Referral Report.</p> <p>A summary of the matters raised during pre-referral consultation that were considered further within the Referral Report is presented in Section 5.2 of the Referral Report.</p>
List the matters raised in consultation and identify how the proposal has been modified to respond to stakeholder feedback.	A summary of the matters raised during pre-referral consultation that were considered further within the Referral Report is presented in Section 5.2 of the Referral Report.
PART C – Referral type	
What type of proposal is being referred?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> proposed action <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal

	<input type="checkbox"/> proponent initiated EIS referral
<p>Provide a brief justification including the reasons why you consider the action may have a significant impact on the environment and is referred to the NT EPA.</p> <p>Refer to section 11 of the EP Act and the NT EPA's environmental factors and objectives.</p>	<p>INPEX does not believe the proposed action will result in significant impacts on the environment; however, the proposal has the potential to directly and/or indirectly impact on the following environmental factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land – Terrestrial environmental quality • Land – Terrestrial ecosystems • Water – Hydrological processes • Water – Inland water environmental quality • Sea – Coastal processes • Sea – Marine environmental quality • Sea – Marine ecosystems • Air – Air quality • People – Culture and heritage • People – Human Health. <p>Refer to Section 7 - NT EPA Environmental Factors and Values Assessment of the Referral Report.</p>
<p>Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>INPEX has assessed the proposed action as not likely to have a significant impact on listed threatened/migratory species or ecological communities under the EPBC Act. INPEX acknowledges that further studies will be undertaken to confirm the initial assessment, however INPEX does not consider the Project to be a controlled action.</p>
<p>Has the proposed action been referred?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide the date referred and reference number (EPBC number)?</p> <p>Date: TBA EPBC number: TBA</p>
<p>If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, check the appropriate decision outcome and provide the decision in an attachment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action</p>

PART D – Proponent referrer details and declaration

*The referral form must include the declaration signed by the proponent, or where the proponent is an organisation or business, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or duly authorised delegate within the proponent company.

Who is referring this proposal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input type="checkbox"/> Authorised representative within proponent entity
Does the proponent request that the NT EPA treat any part of the information in the referral as confidential under section 281(2) of the EP Act?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, provide an application in accordance with regulation 271 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 and submit the confidential information as a separate attachment
<p>Referral declaration by proponent:</p> <p>I, Christopher Justin Wilson declare that I am authorised to refer this proposed action/strategic proposal on behalf of INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd, and further declare that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the attached environmental impact assessment documents have been prepared in accordance with the EP Act and EP Regulations; and the attached environmental impact assessment documents (including attachments) are true; and the attached environmental impact assessment documents do not provide false or misleading information and I know it is an offence to provide false and misleading information, noting the penalties under section 260 of the EP Act, and section 119 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1983</i>; and the proponent fully understands that referral under the EP Act does not limit, in any way, the requirements of the proponent to ensure approvals under any other regulatory regime are applied for, and adhered to; and the proponent has fulfilled its general duty in accordance with section 43 of the EP Act. <p><i>Note: if the NT EPA determine that an environmental approval is required, the proponent will be requested to provide supporting documents during the assessment process such as details to support that the person is a fit and proper person to hold an environmental approval in accordance with section 62 of the EP Act</i></p>	
<p>Name: Christopher Justin Wilson</p>	
<p>Signature: </p>	
<p>Date: 20 November 2025</p>	

Position: Director
Organisation (if a business or organisation): INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd
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PART E – Nominated contact

Contact details for proponent contact (provide the details for the person who will be corresponding with the NT EPA on the proposal)	<p><i>Business name:</i> INPEX Australia</p> <p><i>Name of primary contact:</i> Obelia Akerman</p> <p><i>Physical address:</i> Level 22, 100 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA, 6000</p> <p><i>Postal address:</i> As above.</p> <p><i>Phone:</i> 08 6213 6000</p> <p><i>Email:</i> obelia.akerman@inpex.com.au</p>
Contact details of consultant (if relevant, provide the details for the person who will be corresponding with the NT EPA on the proposal on behalf of the proponent)	Not applicable

CHECKLIST 1 - Cross reference of matters addressed in the referral report (for more detail refer to the Referring a proposal to the NT EPA guidance)

Item	See Referral guidance for further detail on information requirements	Report section / page
<i>Publication statement</i>	Provide name and qualifications of relevant contributors to the referral.	Section 1.4, pages 28-30
<i>Executive summary</i>	Overview of the proposal, its potential for significant impact and key conclusions.	Pages xiv - xxv
<i>Introduction</i>	Include a brief introduction to the proposal and the proponent (noting proponent details are also to be included in the referral form / environmental approval application form).	Section 1, pages 26-33

<p><i>Proposal description - Key components</i></p>	<p>Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposal, referencing maps and spatial information.</p> <p>Provide a key components summary table.</p> <p>Identify uncertainty / likely changes if particular elements of a proposal require further design at the time of referral.</p> <p>Provide an account of past, present and reasonably foreseeable future development, operations, or industries that are related the current proposal.</p>	<p>Section 1.2, pages 26-28</p> <p>Section 2, pages 34-80</p>
<p><i>Proposal description - Location and regional context</i></p>	<p>Location and regional context.</p>	<p>Section 1, page 26</p> <p>Section 2.2, pages 34-43</p>
<p><i>Proposal description - Alternatives (options)</i></p>	<p>Describe any alternatives (location, timeframes, activities) considered or are under consideration in scoping and developing the proposal.</p> <p>Describe how the analysis of alternatives accounted for the <i>principles of environment protection and management</i> (Part 2 of the EP Act).</p> <p>Justification for the preferred/selected option.</p> <p>Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment.</p>	<p>Section 2.6, pages 79-80</p>
<p><i>Proposal description - Application of the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Principles of environment protection and management</i> (Part 2) - <i>General duty of proponents</i> (s43) 	<p>Discuss how the proposal accounts for the <i>principles of environment protection and management</i> (Part 2 of the EP Act) and the general duty of proponents provided for under section 43 of the EP Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of ecologically sustainable development • Environmental decision-making hierarchy • Waste management hierarchy. 	<p>Section 2.5 pages 73-79</p> <p>Section 7.1 pages 140-145</p> <p>Section 7.2 pages 145-153</p> <p>Section 7.6 pages 160-163</p> <p>Section 7.7 pages 163-167</p>
<p><i>Consultation</i></p> <p>Refer to NT EPA Stakeholder Engagement guidance 2020</p>	<p>The EP Act (section 3 and section 43) puts an obligation on the proponent to consult with stakeholders and the community in the development of the proposal.</p> <p>As an example, the referral should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a description of stakeholder engagement and community consultation undertaken • an outline of the method and process of consultation with stakeholders • a summary of the key matters raised during consultation 	<p>Section 5 pages 130-132</p> <p>Appendix C – ICCS project stakeholder engagement plan</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any changes made as a result of consultation the ongoing consultation, and options for feedback whether the consultation has or has not been undertaken in accordance with NT EPA guidance on Stakeholder Engagement whether the consultation has or hasn't been undertaken in accordance with the section 43 (EP Act) general duty of proponents (see Checklist 2). 	Appendix D – Pre-referral consultation
<i>Strategic and statutory context</i>	Table discussing proposal specific legislation, policies, and guidelines that are and may be applicable to the proposal and the sequencing and status of those, is provided.	Section 3, pages 81-83
<i>Environmental Factors</i>	<p>The sections below relate to information that describes the potential impacts of the proposal on the NT EPA's Environmental factors.</p> <p>Information requirements for each environmental factor identified by the pre-referral screening tool are provided (any technical studies and surveys included).</p>	See below
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Presence/absence of environmental values	<p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p> <p>The presence or absence of relevant environmental values and sensitivities are verified.</p> <p>Specify the source and currency of information (e.g. desktop assessments, and/or field surveys, the methods used, dates, sources, and whether the approach is conducted in accordance with relevant regulatory and industry guideline.</p>	Section 4, pages 84-129
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Potential impacts and consistency with relevant policy/guidance	<p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p> <p>Assessment of potential impacts (negative, direct, indirect, cumulative, short and long-term) of the proposal.</p> <p>Relevant policy and guidance described.</p> <p>Residual / remaining impact to the environmental factor described.</p>	Section 6, pages 133-139 Section 7, pages 140-175 Appendix E, pages 199-204
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Environment protection and management	<p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p> <p>Describe in terms of management hierarchies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> measures proposed to avoid, mitigate or offset (if appropriate) effectiveness of proposed measures and the level of confidence of implementation 	Section 7, pages 140-175 Appendix E, pages 199-204

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether the NT EPA's objective for the environmental factor is likely to be met. 	
Environmental Factors and objectives	<i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i>	Section 7.11, page 175
Cumulative impacts	Describe potential cumulative impacts.	
CHECKLIST 2 - Consideration of the Proponent's general duty (in accordance with section 43 of the EP Act)		
Section 43 General duty of proponents	Done	Comment
The following principles of ecologically sustainable development must be taken into consideration in the design of the proposed action.		Provide comment here
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision-making principle 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle of proportionality 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precautionary principle 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle of evidence-based decision-making 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle of intergenerational and intergenerational equity 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle of sustainable use 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle of conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle of improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms 	✓	
The following management hierarchies must be taken into consideration in the design of the proposed action.		Provide comment here
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental decision-making hierarchy 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste management hierarchy 	✓	
Other section 43 considerations		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have communities that may be affected by the proposed action been provided with information and opportunities for consultation? 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has consultation with affected communities, including Aboriginal communities' been undertaken in a culturally appropriate manner? 	✓	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has community knowledge and understanding (including scientific and traditional knowledge and understanding) of the natural and cultural values of areas that may be impacted by the proposed action been sought and documented? 	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Aboriginal values and the rights and interests of Aboriginal communities' been addressed in relation to areas that may be impacted by the proposed action? 	✓	

How to submit

Email your completed form to Environmental Assessments, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security at eia.ntepa@nt.gov.au

Further information

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