

Referral form

Referring a proposed action or strategic proposal to the NT EPA under sections 48 to 50 of the Environment Protection Act 2019

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 NT EPA
- Supporting information must be attached to the referral form in a report format
- Information is not limited to the size of the boxes on this form.
- Further guidance or example responses are provided below in light grey text.

PART A - Proponent details	
Name of the proponent/s (legal entity)	Commonwealth Department of Defence
Proponent trading Name if relevant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Company Number(s) OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Business Number(s)	ACN: _____ ABN: 68 706 814 312
Provide a description of the organisational structure with respect to responsibility of the proposed action, environmental approvals and implementation.	<i>Proponent:</i> Commonwealth Department of Defence <i>Project Manager and Contract Administrator:</i> RPS Australia Asia Pacific Pty Ltd <i>Design Services Subconsultant (Environmental Approvals):</i> Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd
Proponent contact details for the proposed action	<i>Name:</i> Kim Stephenson <i>Position/responsibility:</i> Senior Project Officer Capital Facilities and Infrastructure Branch Defence Estate and Infrastructure Group <i>Physical address:</i> 26 Brindabella Circuit PO Box 7925 Canberra BC ACT 2610 <i>Phone:</i> 0417 151 347 <i>Email:</i> kim.stephenson@defence.gov.au

Joint-venture partners (if applicable) including name, primary contact person, postal address, phone and email	<p><i>Name: N/A</i></p> <p><i>Physical address</i></p> <p><i>Phone</i></p> <p><i>Email</i></p>
Consultant's details (if acting on behalf of the proponent) including business name, primary contact person, postal address, phone and email	<p><i>Business name: Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd</i></p> <p><i>Name of primary contact: Doug Shooter</i></p> <p><i>Physical address: GPO Box 633, Brisbane, QLD 4001</i></p> <p><i>Phone: 07 3721 6555</i></p> <p><i>Email: doug.shooter@kbr.com</i></p>

PART B – Outline of the proposal and location	
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Title of the proposal	NCIS-5 - HMAS Coonawarra – Dredging and Dredged Material Management
Provide a brief summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.	HMAS Coonawarra is an important naval port in Darwin Harbour and accommodates Navy's patrol boats. The Commonwealth Department of Defence (Defence) proposes to upgrade the Royal Australian Navy's wharf facilities and basin navigation area at HMAS Coonawarra to accommodate the new larger Arafura Class Offshore Patrol Vessels (ACOPV). The proposed upgrade will require dredging within the existing harbour basin and dredged material disposal to provide for the deeper draft of the new larger ACOPVs.
Location	
Location: a) street address, suburb, tenement details, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable; or	The base property boundary of HMAS Coonawarra includes two parcels of freehold land owned by the Commonwealth Government. The base property boundary covers parcels 5556 (approximately 79.96 ha) and 5239 (approximately 70 ha). Dredging and dredged material release are to be


b) if remote, the nearest town or recognisable feature and distance and direction from that town/feature to the site of the proposed action.	undertaken within the base property boundary, and also fall within the designated naval waters area.
Name of the Local Government Authority/ies in which the proposal is located.	Darwin
What is the land tenure type?	Freehold land - Commonwealth Government.
Is the land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If so, what is the zoning/s?
What is the current land use of the proposed footprint?	HMAS Coonawarra – Commonwealth Department of Defence Naval Port
What is the approximate distance (as the crow flies) and direction to the closest human sensitive receptor (for example, residence, accommodation, hospital, school) from the proposal	Residences on Steele Street (within the Larrakeyah Barracks) are the nearest sensitive receptors to the site at approximately 190m north west of the proposed works.

PART C – Referral type	
<p>What type of proposal is being referred?</p> <p>*provide the NT EPA reference number of the proposed action that is being varied. The number is located in the top left hand corner of a notice of decision for that proposal being varied e.g. EP2020/001</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> proposed action <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proponent initiated EIS <input type="checkbox"/> significant variation to proposal* NT EPA reference number
<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><i>Refer to section 11 of the EP Act and the NT EPA's environmental factors and objectives.</i></p>	<p>Although the project has been assessed by Defence's Directorate of Environmental Planning, Assessment and Compliance (DEPAC) under the relevant provisions of the EPBC Act, it will necessarily involve the discharge of dredged sediment which will affect areas of Darwin Harbour beyond the limits of the Commonwealth's Base property boundary.</p>

PART D - Fit and proper person to hold environmental approval

Has the proponent contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to environmental matters, including matters relating to pollution, biodiversity, natural resources, planning, development or waste?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Provide details:
Has the proponent contravened a law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that relates to work health and safety?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Provide details:
Has the proponent committed an offence against any law of the Territory or another jurisdiction that involves an element of fraud or dishonesty?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Provide details:
Has the proponent behaved or is likely to behave in a way that is inconsistent with the persons duty as an approval holder, should an approval be issued?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Provide details:

PART E - Referrer details and declaration

Who is referring this proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorised representative of proponent entity
Name (print) Kim Stephenson	Signature  Digitally signed by kim.stephenson Date: 2022.03.22 15:10:24 +11'00'

Position	Senior Project Officer	Organisation	Defence Estate and Infrastructure Group
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Does the referrer request that the NT EPA treat any part of the information in the referral as confidential, as per section (281(2)) of the EP Act? <i>Provide an application under regulation 271 of the EP Regulations and the confidential information in a separate attachment.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Referral declaration by proponent: I,Kim Stephenson....., (<i>full name</i>) declare that I am authorised to refer this proposed action on behalf of...Commonwealth Department of Defence....., and further declare that: <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 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 is a fit and proper person to hold an environmental approval in accordance with section 62 of the EP Act; 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. 			
<i>Provide explicit details in an attachment to this form substantiating the requirements of section 62(a) to (c) [fit and proper person] and section 43(a) to (g) [general duties] of the EP Act have been met.</i>			
Contact for the proposal (if different from Part A) <i>Please include: name, physical address, phone, and email.</i>		<i>Name of primary contact:</i> Doug Shooter <i>Physical address:</i> Level 1, 100 Brookes Street, Fortitude Valley, QLD 4006 <i>Phone:</i> 07 3721 6555 <i>Email:</i> doug.shooter@kbr.com	