

Referral form

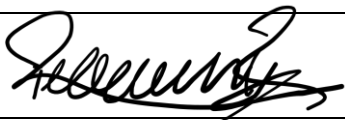
Refer proposed action or strategic proposal under the *Environment Protection Act 2019*

PART A – Proponent details	
Name of the proponent <i>(legal entity)</i>	AAPowerLink Australia Assets Pty Ltd
Proponent details	<i>Name:</i> Ryan Willemsen-Bell <i>Position/responsibility:</i> Chief Executive Officer <i>Physical address:</i> Level 15, Charles Darwin Centre, 19 Smith Street, Darwin NT 0800 <i>Phone:</i> +61 437 838 549 <i>Email:</i> ryan.willemsenbell@suncable.energy
Proponent Trading Name if relevant	SunCable
Australian Business Number/s Australian Company Number/s	99 653 396 948.
Provide a description of the organisational structure with respect to responsibility of the proposed action, environmental approvals and implementation.	AAPowerLink Australia Assets Pty Ltd is responsible for the proposed action, environmental approvals, and proposal implementation.
Joint-venture partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PART B – Outline of the proposal and location	
Outline of the proposed action or strategic proposal (proposal)	
Name of proposal	Muckaty Solar Precinct.
Provide a brief summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.	SunCable proposes to develop a large-scale solar generation and Battery Energy Storage System precinct on Muckaty within the Barkly Regional of the Northern Territory. The Proposal will add to the generation capacity of the Australia-Asia PowerLink Project (AAPowerLink Project), which has already obtained approval for a single solar generation precinct in the Barkly region, on Powell Creek Station (NT EPA Reference: EP2020/002-001, and EPBC Reference: 2020/8818). The Proposal incorporates infrastructure to support construction and operation of the new Muckaty Solar Precinct, and a transmission corridor connecting north to the

	<p>AAPowerLink Project transmission infrastructure on Powell Creek Station.</p> <p>Once complete, the Muckaty Solar Precinct will have an operating life of 70+ years.</p>
Location	
Provide location details as:	12970 Stuart Highway, Pamayu NT.
a) street address, suburb	
b) tenement, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable	NT Portion 5173
c) the nearest town, recognisable feature, and distance and direction from that town/feature to the site of the proposed action.	The nearest towns to the Project Area are Elliott (Kulumindini), located approximately 81 km north, and Tennant Creek, located approximately 121 km south (as the crow flies).
Name of the Local Government Area/s in which the proposal is located.	Barkly Regional Local Government Area.
What is the land tenure type, and proposed land tenure type?	<p>Aboriginal Land (Freehold) under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i> (Cth) (ALRA)</p> <p>Proposed tenure will be in the form of a Section 19 Agreement under the ALRA.</p>
Does the proponent have the legal (land) access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?	Yes. SunCable holds a Section 19 licence under the ALRA that provides legal rights of access to Muckaty to undertake studies for the purpose of assessing the feasibility of solar and wind development. Negotiation of a Section 19 agreement covering construction and operation of a solar and battery energy storage precinct, is planned to commence in 2026.
Is the land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme ?	No
What is the current land use of the proposal site/s?	Cattle grazing and Aboriginal land uses.
<p>What is the approximate distance (direct line) and direction to the closest human sensitive receptor?</p> <p>For example, residence, accommodation, hospital, school, homeland from the proposal.</p>	<p>Namerinni Outstation: 8 km east</p> <p>Kumunu Outstation: 8 km south</p>

<p>What is the proposed end land use of the proposal site/s</p>	<p>Renewable energy generation, storage, and transmission for 70+ years. Post-closure the infrastructure will be removed, and land will be returned to current condition which allows for a broad range of future land uses.</p>
Consultation	
<p>Provide an overview of consultation undertaken specific to the proposal and potential environmental impacts.</p>	<p>An engagement summary is provided in the Referral Report, refer Section 3 Consultation and Engagement. Complete details are attached to the Referral at Appendix D - Engagement Report.</p> <p>Between January 2024 and June 2025, SunCable continued to execute a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to guide regular engagement with key stakeholders. SunCable recorded 645 engagement interactions during the reporting period of which 383 specifically involved discussion and feedback on AAPowerLink and Muckaty Solar Precinct development development impacts. Engagement covered the following five key stakeholder groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government 2. Business and industry 3. Community 4. Aboriginal stakeholders 5. Host landowners and leaseholders.
<p>List the matters raised in consultation and identify how the proposal has been modified to respond to stakeholder feedback.</p>	<p>Key matters raised in consultation that have informed refinement of the proposal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Location of culturally important sites: these have been included in avoidance areas - Workforce and training: SunCable will develop a Territory Benefits Plan that identifies the strategies to maximise local industry participation, including Aboriginal-owned enterprises - Housing: SunCable will accommodate the construction workforce within the Project Area or as part of the neighbouring Powell Creek Solar Precinct Project Area, to reduce potential pressures on regional housing stock. - Community benefits – SunCable has established a Community Sponsorship Program and will continue to consult with the community in relation to benefits during the construction and operational stages of the Proposal.
PART C – Referral type	

<p>What type of proposal is being referred?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> proposed action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proponent initiated EIS referral</p>
<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>The assessment in the Referral Report did not identify any impacts with a high residual impact rating (i.e. high potential for significant impacts to occur). However, there is potential for a Moderate residual impact on Terrestrial ecosystems, with the primary risk stemming from large-scale land clearing and ground disturbance. These activities could reduce an area of critical habitat for the Greater Bilby (a threatened species) and have potential to have a significant impact on that species. SunCable is committed to refining the footprint for each solar generation site to avoid direct impacts to occupied Greater Bilby habitats (i.e. areas where in use burrows were recorded during field surveys). This commitment is expected to ensure that impacts to the Greater Bilby are avoided and mitigated to the maximum extent reasonably practicable.</p> <p>There is potential for a Moderate residual impact on the Community and economy factor, due to the complex ways in which the Proposal will interact with the local and regional workforce, residents, economic activities, and Aboriginal land uses, as well as the potential for cumulative impacts with the neighbouring AAPowerLink Project (e.g. by extending the construction-stage community impacts already identified for that project). At the same time, the Proposal is expected to generate Beneficial positive impacts for the Community and economy factor.</p> <p>There is potential for a Moderate residual impact on the Culture and heritage factor due to the potential for indirect impacts as a result of the Proposal's impact on the surrounding amenity and the resulting potential effects on the cultural values of Country, as well as through impacts (likely temporary) to ongoing Aboriginal land uses of Country (for example, where activities may have to be paused to enable construction works).</p> <p>Residual impacts for the remaining two environmental factors were assessed as Low: Terrestrial environmental quality; and Hydrological processes. For those two factors, the proposed avoidance and mitigation measures reduce the likelihood of significant impacts occurring.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Has the proposed action been referred?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Signature: 		
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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)	<i>Business name:</i> SunCable <i>Name of primary contact:</i> Kylie Welch <i>Physical address:</i> Level 15, Charles Darwin Centre, 19 Smith Street, Darwin NT 0800 <i>Postal address:</i> As above. <i>Phone:</i> +61 435 606 766 <i>Email:</i> Kylie.Welch@suncable.energy	
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.	'Publication Statement'
<i>Executive summary</i>	Overview of the proposal, its potential for significant impact and key conclusions.	Executive Summary
<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

<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 4
<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>	Section 5 & Appendix A
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Presence/absence of environmental values	<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>	Terrestrial Env Quality Section 6.2 Terrestrial Ecosystems Section 7.2 Hydrological Processes Section 8.2 Community & Economy Section 9.2 Culture & Heritage Section 10.2
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Potential impacts and consistency with relevant policy/guidance	<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>	Terrestrial Env Quality Section 6.3 Terrestrial Ecosystems Section 7.3 Hydrological Processes Section 8.3 Community & Economy Section 9.3 Culture & Heritage Section 10.3
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Environment protection and management	<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 • whether the NT EPA's objective for the environmental factor is likely to be met. 	Terrestrial Env Quality Section 6.4 Terrestrial Ecosystems Section 7.4 Hydrological Processes Section 8.4 Community & Economy Section 9.4 Culture & Heritage Section 10.4

<p><i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i></p> <p>Cumulative impacts</p>	<p>Describe potential cumulative impacts.</p>	<p>Terrestrial Env Quality Section 6.6 Terrestrial Ecosystems Section 7.7 Hydrological Processes Section 8.6 Community & Economy Section 9.6 Culture & Heritage Section 10.6</p>
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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 	✓	Refer Table 2-4 in Referral Report
<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 	✓	Refer Table 2-5 in Referral Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste management hierarchy 	✓	Refer Table 2-6 in Referral Report
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? 	✓	Refer Table 2-7 in Referral Report
<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

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Further information

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