

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 (legal entity)	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 is the delegated operator of the Ichthys LNG facility as agent for and on behalf of Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd.
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 LNG AGRU Upgrades and CCS Preparedness Project
Provide a brief summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.	<p>Key to the planned decarbonisation of the INPEX-operated Ichthys liquid natural gas (LNG) facility is the development of a carbon dioxide (CO₂) compression and export system at Bladin Point, near Darwin.</p> <p>To support this, upgrades are required to the existing acid gas removal units (AGRUs) to improve their capability to separate CO₂ from reservoir feed gas. In addition, a new CO₂ compression and export system (CCES) and CO₂ export pipeline are proposed to be integrated into the existing Ichthys LNG facility processing systems (located in LNG Train 1 and Train 2 areas). This would enable CO₂ extracted during processing to be compressed and transported to an offshore storage location (the subject of separate referrals).</p> <p>The proposal includes the construction, installation, pre-and cold commissioning, and preservation of new and upgraded infrastructure. Operations of any in plant equipment would be subject to separate approvals.</p>
Location	
Provide location details as: a) street address, suburb	144 Wickham Point Road Wickham NT 0830

b) tenement, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable	NT Portion 7002.
<p>c) the nearest town, recognisable feature, and distance and direction from that town/feature to the site of the proposed action.</p> <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 proposed action would occur wholly within the existing fence line of the Ichthys LNG facility. The Ichthys LNG facility is located on Bladin Point, on the northern side of Middle Arm Peninsula in Darwin Harbour, approximately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 km east of Palmerston (the nearest residential zone) • 10 km south-east of the Darwin central business district (CBD), across Darwin Harbour waters; and • 4 km south of East Arm Wharf.
Name of the Local Government Area/s in which the proposal is located.	Litchfield Council.
What is the land tenure type, and proposed land tenure type ?	NT Freehold.
Does the proponent have the legal (land) access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, provide details of legal access authorisations /agreements / tenure is required and from whom.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, provide an indication of legal access authorisations / agreement / tenure.</p> <p>Freehold land – privately owned</p>
Is the land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme ?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, what is/are the zoning/s?</p> <p>Development</p>
What is the current land use of the proposal site/s?	The land is currently utilised by the Ichthys LNG facility for natural gas processing.

<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>The proposed action would occur wholly within the existing fence line of the Ichthys LNG facility. The Ichthys LNG facility is located on Bladin Point, on the northern side of Middle Arm Peninsula in Darwin Harbour, approximately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 km east of Palmerston (the nearest residential zone) • 10 km south-east of the Darwin central business district (CBD), across Darwin Harbour waters; and • 4 km south of East Arm Wharf.
<p>What is the proposed end land use of the proposal site/s</p>	<p>The land would continue to be utilised by the Ichthys LNG facility for natural gas processing, with the addition of carbon dioxide compression export system (CCES). The CCES would allow for the export of captured CO₂ to be exported to a suitable offshore storage formation, once identified.</p>
Consultation	
<p>Provide an overview of consultation undertaken specific to the proposal and potential environmental impacts.</p>	<p>Stakeholder consultation for the proposed action was undertaken to inform the development of the Referral Report and the Draft Construction, Commissioning Environmental Management Plan (CCEMP; Appendix E of the Referral Report).</p> <p>An overview of the stakeholder consultation process is presented in Section 6 of the Referral Report, with further detail provided in the stakeholder engagement plan provided in Appendix D 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 or CCEMP is presented in Section 6.2 of the Referral Report.</p>
<p>List the matters raised in consultation and identify how the proposal has been modified to respond to stakeholder feedback.</p>	<p>A summary of the matters raised during pre-referral consultation that were considered further within the Referral Report or CCEMP is presented in Section 6.2 of the Referral Report.</p>

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 indirectly impact on the following environmental factors:</p> <p>d) Land – terrestrial environmental quality e) Land – terrestrial ecosystems f) Sea – marine environmental quality g) People – culture and heritage. h) People – community and economy</p> <p>Refer to Section 7 - NT EPA environmental factors and values assessment and Section 8 - Potential impacts and management of the Referral Report.</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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <p>Whilst INPEX does not believe the action is a controlled action under the EPBC Act, it will be referred to the Commonwealth in parallel for this application for transparency reasons.</p>
Has the proposed action been referred?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>If yes, provide the date referred and reference number (EPBC number)?</p> <p>Date: 11/09/25 EPBC number: TBA</p>
If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <p>If yes, check the appropriate decision outcome and provide the decision in an attachment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action <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

Referral declaration by proponent:

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:

- 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 *Criminal Code Act 1983*; 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.

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

Name: Christopher Justin Wilson

Signature:



Date: 11 September 2025

Position: Director

Organisation (if a business or organisation): INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd		
Email: enquiries@inpex.com.au		
Address: Level 22, 100 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000		
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> INPEX Australia <i>Name of primary contact:</i> Obelia Akerman <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> obelia.akerman@inpex.com.au	
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 1.3, pages 20-21
<i>Executive summary</i>	Overview of the proposal, its potential for significant impact and key conclusions.	Pages xii-xvii
<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 1-24
<i>Proposal description - Key components</i>	Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposal, referencing maps and spatial information. Provide a key components summary table.	Section 1.1, pages 18-19. Section 2, pages 25-69

	<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>	
<i>Proposal description - Location and regional context</i>	Location and regional context.	Section 2.2, pages 25-30
<i>Proposal description - Alternatives (options)</i>	<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 2.3.3, pages 44-52</p> <p>Section 2.4.9, pages 65-66</p>
<p><i>Proposal description - Application of the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Principles of environment protection and management (Part 2)</i> - <i>General duty of proponents (s43)</i> 	<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 2.3.2 (AGRU design efficiencies), page 34</p> <p>Section 2.3.2 (Supplementary power), page 44</p> <p>Section 3.3.3 pages 46-47</p> <p>Section 2.4.4 (Hydrostatic pressure testing) page 63</p> <p>Section 2.5, pages 66-69</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 • any changes made as a result of consultation • the ongoing consultation, and options for feedback 	<p>Section 6, pages 106-108</p> <p>Appendix D pages 176-183</p> <p>Appendix C - Stakeholder Engagement Plan (<i>provided as separate</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	<i>document to NT EPA)</i>
<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 70-72
<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 5, pages 77-106
<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 7, page 110 Appendix A, pages 136 - 143 Section 8, pages 111-128
<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 whether the NT EPA's objective for the environmental factor is likely to be met. 	Section 8, pages 111 - 128 Appendix E Draft CCEMP (Provided as a separate document)

Environmental Factors and objectives Cumulative impacts	<i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i> Describe potential cumulative impacts.	Section 8, pages 111 – 128
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

For further information, contact Environmental Assessments, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (DEPWS) at eia.ntepa@nt.gov.au or phone 08 8924 4218.

Collection notice

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