

Submission on referral information

Power and Water Corporation (NT) – Manton Dam Return to Service Project

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

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Government authority: Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Section of referral or terms of reference	Theme / issue	Comment
Main report P. 12	Heritage significance – Demolition of redundant infrastructure	The Heritage Branch have confirmed that the area identified as Manton Dam Pump Station has no nominated, provisionally declared or declared heritage. The conservation management plans & interpretive plans (by others) provided by the Heritage Branch to the proponent and more recent works undertaken by the proponent address the understanding of the heritage significance of the identified infrastructure it is not determined by the Heritage Branch. Please amend report to reflect findings of conservation management plans, etc.
Main report P. 39	Heritage Stakeholders	Replace 'Heritage NT' with 'Northern Territory Heritage Branch'.
Main report Table 5-10 Potential community and economy impacts P. 71	CEMP	The Heritage Branch will comment on the CEMP when it becomes available.
Main report 5.6.1 Environmental values	Aboriginal heritage features	Under the <i>Heritage Act 2011</i> all Aboriginal or Macassan archaeological places and objects are automatically protected - this includes places and objects not previously recorded. Applications to carry out works required if disturbance cannot be avoided. There is an obligation to notify of the discovery of Aboriginal or Macassan archaeological places or objects.
	Manton Dam heritage area	The conservation management plans & interpretive plans (by others) provided by the Heritage Branch to the proponent and more recent works undertaken by the proponent address the understanding of the heritage significance of the Manton Dam heritage area. It is not determined by the Heritage Branch. Please amend report to reflect findings of conservation management plans, etc.
5.6.2 Potential impacts	Loss or damage to known or unknown archaeological sites	Stops works/unexpected finds protocols needs to be developed to address impact.

Environmental impact assessment under the *Environment Protection Act 2019*

5.6.3 Environmental protection and management	Consultation with the NT Heritage Branch	Stop works for 'heritage values' needs to cover Aboriginal archaeological sites and objects as defined by the <i>Heritage Act 2011</i> .
	Consultation with Traditional Owners	Aboriginal and Macassan archaeological places are important to Aboriginal people as part of their continuing culture and identity. In situations where any sort of work is proposed that may impact on an Aboriginal or Macassan archaeological place (including survey work and research) Aboriginal people must be consulted.
	Manton Dam Heritage Management Plan	The Heritage Branch will comment on the management plan when it becomes available.
Appendix L	Stakeholder engagement register	Please replace 'Fiona Earl and team' with 'Dr Samantha Wells, Sarah Hubbard and Dr Fiona Earl'.