

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)	APA SPP Pty Ltd
Proponent details	<i>Name:</i> Warren Twist <i>Position/responsibility:</i> Principal Access and Approvals Specialist <i>Physical address:</i> Level 12, 80 Ann Street Brisbane Qld 4000 <i>Postal address:</i> As above <i>Phone:</i> 0410 541 391 <i>Email:</i> warren.twist@apa.com.au
Proponent Trading Name if relevant	APA SPP Pty Ltd
Australian Business Number/s Australian Company Number/s	ACN 679 801 819

Provide a description of the organisational structure with respect to responsibility of the proposed action, environmental approvals and implementation.	The proponent of the action is APA SPP Pty Ltd (APA) which is a subsidiary of APA Group Limited (APA Group).
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	Sturt Plateau Pipeline
Provide a brief summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.	<p>The Sturt Plateau Pipeline is proposed to transport gas from Tamboran B2 Pty Ltd's Sturt Plateau Compression Facility to the Amadeus Gas Pipeline via a lateral pipeline 300 mm in diameter.</p> <p>The proposed action is located approximately 50 km south of Daly Waters, and 80 km north of Elliott, in the Roper Gulf Region of the NT.</p> <p>The life of the proposed action is 40 years.</p>
Location	
Provide location details as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> street address, suburb 	14981 Stuart Highway Birdum NT 0852
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tenement, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable 	NT Portion 7026 NT Portion 7513* NT Portion 1077* *Note, NT Portion 7513 and 1077 are subject to a proposal to subdivide to consolidate the lots into NT Portion 8011.
<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. 	The proposed action is located approximately 50 kilometres south of Daly Waters, and 80 km north of Elliott, in the Roper Gulf Region of the Northern Territory.
Name of the Local Government Area/s in which the proposal is located.	Roper Gulf Local Government Area


<p>What is the land tenure type, and proposed land tenure type ?</p>	<p>NT Portion 7026 is Shenandoah Perpetual Pastoral Lease (PPL). NT Portion 7513 and NT Portion 1077 are Hayfield PPL. A.P.N Pty Ltd holds the pastoral leases over these properties.</p> <p>Works will also occur within the Stuart Highway road corridor which is managed by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.</p>
<p>Does the proponent have the legal (land) access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, provide details of legal access authorisations /agreements / tenure is required and from whom.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, provide an indication of legal access authorisations / agreement / tenure.</p> <p>Options to secure land tenure and access for the Proposed Action include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • easement (for the pipeline) • sub-lease for the fenced surface facilities at either end of the pipeline alignment, and • deed of agreement for the Stuart Highway road reserve • Indigenous Land Use Agreement.
<p>Is the land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, what is/are the zoning/s?</p>
<p>What is the current land use of the proposal site/s?</p>	<p>Cattle grazing, pastoral roads, access tracks, gas exploration and appraisal activities, the existing Amadeus Gas Pipeline, the Stuart Highway and borrow pits previously used to source road building materials.</p>
<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 nearest sensitive receptors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayfield Homestead located approximately 2.7 km north of the Project Area • Dunmarra roadhouse, located approximately 2.7 km north of the Project Area • Tamboran B2 Pty Ltd's camp, located approximately 2.85 km south of the Project Area

	APA SPP Pty Ltd's temporary construction camp, located approximately 7.65 km south of the Project Area.
What is the proposed end land use of the proposal site/s	Pastoral and national highway.
Consultation	
Provide an overview of consultation undertaken specific to the proposal and potential environmental impacts.	<p>Consultation has been held with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roper Gulf Regional Council • Barkly Regional Council (Elliot Local Authority) • Shenandoah Station and Hayfield Station pastoral lessee • NT Health and Elliot Health Centre • NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services - Elliott Police Station • Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority • Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade – Energy Development Branch • Department of Industry Tourism and Trade - Business and Workforce – Big Rivers Region, • Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security – Rangelands, Environmental Assessments, Water Branch • Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Transport and Civil Services • Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water • Regional Development Australia NT • Surrounding service businesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daly Waters Historic Pub ○ Daly Waters Hi-Way Inn ○ Dunmarra Wayside Inn. <p>APA SPP Pty Ltd has applied to the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority for an Authority Certificate. Consultation with Custodians of sacred sites will inform the Authority Certificate.</p> <p>APA SPP Pty Ltd has engage the Northern Land Council to facilitate consultation with Native Title Holders.</p>

List the matters raised in consultation and identify how the proposal has been modified to respond to stakeholder feedback.	<p>Consultation raised a range of matters in relation to social, cultural and economic impacts and access to infrastructure and services.</p> <p>Consultation feedback is provided in Table 2 of the Social Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Table 12 of the Referral Report identifies how feedback has informed project development.</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>Pre-referral screening of the action identified two environmental factors requiring further assessment either due to the potential for significant impacts or because there is insufficient information to assess the potential for significant impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial ecosystems: Riparian vegetation values. • Community and economy: Community division over Project benefits and impacts.
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
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: EPBC number:</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> <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action

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 type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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, Warren Twist, declare that I am authorised to refer this proposed action/strategic proposal on behalf of APA SPP 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>	
Name: (print) WARREN TWIST	
Signature: 	
Date: 6 December 2024	
Position: Principal Access and Approvals Advisor	

Organisation (if a business or organisation): APA SPP Pty Ltd		
Email: warren.twist@apa.com.au		
Address: Level 12, 80 Ann Street Brisbane Qld 4000		
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> APA SPP Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>Name of primary contact:</i> Warren Twist</p> <p><i>Physical address:</i> Level 12, 80 Ann Street Brisbane Qld 4000</p> <p><i>Postal address:</i> As above</p> <p><i>Phone:</i> 0410 541 391</p> <p><i>Email:</i> warren.twist@apa.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)	<p><i>Business name:</i> SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>Name of primary contact:</i> Natalie Calder</p> <p><i>Physical address:</i> 21 Parap Road Parap NT 0820</p> <p><i>Postal address:</i> As above</p> <p><i>Phone:</i> 0400 474 349</p> <p><i>Email:</i> Natalie.calder@slrconsulting.com</p>	
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.	Page xi
<i>Executive summary</i>	Overview of the proposal, its potential for significant impact and key conclusions.	Page ii
<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, Page 12
<i>Proposal description - Key components</i>	Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposal, referencing maps and spatial information.	Section 1.1, Page 12

	<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 2.2, Page 19</p> <p>Section 2.5, Page 27</p>
<i>Proposal description - Location and regional context</i>	Location and regional context.	Section 2.1, Page 4
<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>	Section 2.4, Page 25
<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> <p><i>General duty of proponents (s43)</i></p>	<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 <p>Waste management hierarchy.</p>	<p>Section 2.5, Page 27</p> <p>Section 3.2, Page 31</p> <p>Section 4.1, Page 35</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 • whether the consultation has or has not been undertaken in accordance with NT EPA guidance on Stakeholder Engagement <p>whether the consultation has or hasn't been undertaken in accordance with the section 43 (EP Act) general duty of proponents (see Checklist 2).</p>	Section 4, Page 35

<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, Page 30
<i>Environmental Factors</i>	The sections below relate to information that describes the potential impacts of the proposal on the NT EPA's Environmental factors. Information requirements for each environmental factor identified by the pre-referral screening tool are provided (any technical studies and surveys included).	
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Presence/absence of environmental values	<i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i> The presence or absence of relevant environmental values and sensitivities are verified. 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.	Section 5.1, Page 46 Section 5.2, Page 60
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Potential impacts and consistency with relevant policy/guidance	<i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i> Assessment of potential impacts (negative, direct, indirect, cumulative, short and long-term) of the proposal. Relevant policy and guidance described. Residual / remaining impact to the environmental factor described.	Section 5.1, Page 46 Section 5.2, Page 60
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Environment protection and management	<i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i> Describe in terms of management hierarchies: <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 5.1, Page 46 Section 5.2, Page 60
<i>Environmental Factors and objectives</i> Cumulative impacts	<i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i> Describe potential cumulative impacts.	Section 6, Page 67

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
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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 	✓	Section 3.2, Table 10
<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 	✓	Section 3.2, Table 10
<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? 	✓	Section 4.1, Table 11
<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?		
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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.

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