

Submission on the referral

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet – Jabiru Power Station

This submission is made under clause 9 of the Environmental Assessment Administrative Procedures 1984 and section 296 of the *Environment Protection Act 2019*

Government authority: Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (the Authority / AAPA)

| Section of Referral | Theme or issue | Comment |
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| Main report section 2.1.2 | Project Description in relation to an Authority Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project location, as illustrated in figure 2-2 of the referral, is entirely covered by the subject land addressed in Authority Certificate C2020/088, issued by the Authority on 9 December 2020 to the Department of the Chief Minister. The works covered by Certificate C2020/088 includes commercial/industrial and residential development and specifically includes 'power stations'. Authority Certificate C2020/088 does not contain any conditions relating to Restricted Works Areas to protect Aboriginal sacred sites. The Authority notes that the Department of the Chief Minister also holds Authority Certificate C2020/092 which covers a larger area of subject land (also covering the project location illustrated in figure 2-2 of the referral) and includes 'power stations' in the description of works. |
| Main report pages 31, 67 | Authority Certificate | <p>The text refers to Certificate number RA2020/117. The Authority clarifies that this is a reference number. The Authority Certificate should be referred to by the Certificate number C2020/088.</p> <p>The text also states that the 'AAPA certificate... cleared [the project area] of any cultural sites of significance'. The Authority clarifies that the Authority Certificate is for the purpose of protecting Aboriginal sacred sites and does not address other sites that may have cultural significance.</p> |
| Main report section 7.4 | Environmental Factor: Culture and Heritage | The Authority considers that the referral has adequately addressed potential impacts to cultural values associated with Aboriginal sacred sites. |