

Submission on the referral

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct

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

Government authority: Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

Summary: The following divisions within DITT have responded with the following advice:

- Mineral Titles advise there are 6 Mineral Authority Titles within the proposed area, equivalent to extractive mineral titles. Details can be provided on request. All titles have a “3 month vacate clause” in the renewal documents, which is a clause used exclusively for extractive titles when they are located in an area of high interest to the Government. It allows the Government to notify the title holders, at least 3 months prior, that they must leave the area. The use of this clause avoids any risk of compensation payments.
- Petroleum Titles have no comments to make from a titles perspective as the area is covered by reserved blocks. A reserved block prevents the exploration for, or production of, petroleum within the area.
- Fisheries comment that the strategic environmental assessment process appears to be considering all necessary matters, and have no further comment at this stage.
- The Office of Sustainable Energy has no comments to make at this stage.