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AREA STAGE 2
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
OF THE M2 AREA**

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Management Programme**

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The Environmental Protection Authority (WA EPA) invites people to make a submission on this proposal.

Wesfarmers Sugar Company Pty Ltd, Marubeni Corporation and the Water Corporation of Western Australia propose the development of an export based raw-sugar industry involving development of the M2 Area of the Ord River Irrigation Area - Stage 2, a new raw-sugar mill and export facilities at the Port of Wyndham. The Western Australian (WA) and the Northern Territory (NT) Governments have agreed that the proposal to expand the Ord River Irrigation Scheme and develop the M2 Area should be jointly assessed using the WA environmental impact assessment process. It has also been agreed that the assessment should be as an Environmental Review and Management Programme (ERMP) (WA) and Environment Impact Statement (EIS) (NT). The ERMP/draft EIS, which has been prepared to describe this proposal and its likely effects on the environment, is available for a public review period of 10 weeks from **Monday 24 January 2000** closing on **Friday 31 March 2000**.

Comments from government agencies and from the public will help the WA EPA to prepare an assessment report in which it will make recommendations to government.

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The closing date for submissions is **Friday 31 March 2000**.

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