

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal referral [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 30 June 2021 2:23:51 PM

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Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ,

Sorry for the slow reply on this; partly caused by the unexpected lockdown in Perth throwing us into a little disarray!

Myself and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) from NW Interconnected Power would like to arrange a pre-referral briefing, yes. The timing is also good in the sense that s. 22(1)(a)(ii) is now back from leave too. We will be lodging the referral later this week.

Is there a time tomorrow or Wednesday that suits you all?

Cheers,

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**Subject:** RE: Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal referral [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I just wanted to follow up with you about Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal. Are you still on track to submit the referral soon? if so it would be good to arrange a pre-referral meeting to discuss the project.

Kind regards,

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for getting back to me and that's great to hear the plans for continuity of assessment at your end. Yes; I saw s. 22(1)(a)(i) is no longer in his previous role, and thanks for the intro to s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I will check with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (NW Interconnected Power) today regarding Monday for a briefing, and confirm with you asap, otherwise I am free from mid next week on if we need to line up an alternate date. I'll be in touch.

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your email RE the Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal.

Regarding the revised proposal, the current plan is for **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** and myself to be involved in the assessment, so there will be continuity from the original proposal. You probably received an automatic response from **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** but in case you did not he has actually left Projects Assessments West and has been replaced by **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** for the time being. <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> has extensive experience with assessments in the west and has previously been an assessment officer in PAWS.

Because <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> and myself were not involved in the original referral, I think a pre-referral meeting would be a good idea. Would you be free for a meeting next Monday afternoon any time between 1:30pm to 4.30pm EST (10:30am to 1:30pm Western time)?

We can discuss at this meeting approaches moving forwards and keeping us informed throughout the lodgement process.

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Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

I received an out of office from **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** to the below email, identifying you as a contact – could you please assist?

<sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> I have copied you in given your history on the project and as you too were involved with the round table briefing late last year.

Could either of you please assist with the below as we are likely to refer the revised proposal prior to <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> return from leave.

Cheers,

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy New Year and hope you got a bit of a break over the festive season.

We are ready to move forward with the EPBC referral for the Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal and I thought I would just check in with you on a couple of details:

1. Do you feel you have enough of a pre-referral briefing on what's involved from the round table discussions of late last year? (and info you received from the WA EPA). The nature of the revised proposal and the relevant controlling provisions haven't changed since then. We're happy to organise another one with you, and your Commonwealth colleagues from Major Projects and Parks Australia if useful, but conscious of not taking up people's time if you don't think it's necessary.
2. We will prepare and lodge the referral via the online services portal, but would you like me to keep you copied in and abreast of status? I assume (am hoping) you will remain as the DAWE officer for the next controlled action assessment for continuity.

Also, fyi: we will also start drafting the scoping document for the assessment, and undertake officer level consultation with WA EPA Services, but won't be looking to formally submit that until such time as the Controlled Action decision is formally made, as we will again be seeking an accredited assessment.

If you can please let me know on the above couple of queries, that would be great – I expect we will be looking at referral before the end of this month at this stage.

Cheers,

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**Date:** Thursday, 18 March 2021 11:48:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Just checking in to see if the referral for the revised AREH proposal has been validated now and if we're into the statutory period? Could you please give me an update?

Cheers

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I can confirm that we received the cost recovery payment. Due to the delay in payment, the Referrals Gateway haven't validated the project yet. However, I expect it will be done soon. Once it is validated the statutory timeframe is 20 business days, including a 10 business day comment period. The department is committed to meeting the statutory timeframe. I will be able to give you a firmer date once the project is validated.

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Just checking in on status for this? Did you guys receive the cost recovery payment for the referral and is it in progress? Just looking for an update on likely date for the CA decision, so we can plan in scoping.

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Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

I've just followed up the status of your referral with the Gateway team and they have advised that they are awaiting payment of the referral fee.

Kind regards,

<sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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Great – thanks for the confirmation of receipt and advice on timing <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> Cheers, <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

I can confirm the AREH revised proposal has been received in our Gateway system. I anticipate that it will be validated and arrive with Project Assessments West early next week. I will be touching base with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) at WA EPA Services today to advise him of the progress from our end.

I would anticipate a referral decision in early March 2021

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>,

Thanks for your time in our recent prereferral meeting.

As agreed, I'm emailing to let you know we submitted the EPBC Act referral for the AREH revised proposal through the referral gateway yesterday. Assuming it's all validated promptly, you should see it arrive with you soon. I have also advised s. 22(1)(a)(ii) at the WA EPA Services that we've lodged it too, to keep him up to date.

As usual, if there are any queries with the information in the referral or you need anything further from us, don't hesitate to ask.

Cheers,

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**Date:** Thursday, 22 July 2021 1:23:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [BH Signed EPBC 20218891 Referral Resubmission Declarations.pdf](#)

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Hello

Further to our recent resubmission, please find attached the signed declaration pages.

Cheers

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Hello EPBC Referrals Team,

Please find below the completed Referrer's response table. I confirm that we have also re-submitted the revised online referral.

Best regards,

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Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for submitting a referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* (EPBC Act). The Department has reviewed your application and advise that it does not yet meet the requirements to be considered a valid referral under the EPBC Act. To be considered valid, the Department requires amendments to, or additional information on, the proposed action. This information required is outlined in the table below.

In responding to this request, please note:

you will need to provide this information by amending and re-submitting your application through [Online Services](#). Your application in Online Services has been re-opened to allow you to make the requested changes. The Department is unable to accept changes or revisions to your submission outside this system.

it would assist a timely review of the information you could:

ensure attachments follow the [Guidance: Use of attachments and references in the Online Services portal for EPBC Act referrals](#)  
 complete and return the "Referrer's response" column of the table below.

Resubmission requirements:

Online Form Question	Adequately addressed?	Resub required	Resubmission requirements	Referrer's response.
1.2 Provide a detailed description of the proposed action, including all proposed actions	No	Yes	The response to this section is beneficial as it provides context surrounding the project, however additional information is required. Please include a short summary of the activities that may impact the environment, for example, vegetation clearing, land excavation, etc. If this information is mentioned in an attachment please refer to this in the text of the referral in line with the attachment guidance that has been provided (for example, for information on vegetation clearing see Attachment A, section 6, page 12-13). Additionally, please inform the Department as to whether you have permission/consent to mention the Nyangumarta people in this report.	Note the updates made to the referral form, or attachments, or why no change made  We note that the question only asks to describe the action – not to identify potential impact sources and processes? These are also requested already in Section 2 of the online referral? As it stands, the portal character length for a response to Question 1.2 is almost at its limit too (just 3 characters remaining...), so the Department's portal format makes it very difficult to provide the additional information. There is also no place on the form to upload a supporting attachment in response to Question 1.2 in any event.  Those comments noted, we have provided two additional attachments to summarise potential impacts – and to respond to other related queries from the Department - and have used the next closest available upload opportunity on the form at Question 1.10.2 ('Att 1 - Response to AWE queries.pdf' and 'Att 2 - Impacts summary.pdf').  Lastly, it is a matter of public record that the Nyangumarta people have Native Title to the land where the action will be undertaken (see: <a href="http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/NNTR_details.aspx?NNTT_FileNo=WCD2009/001">http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/NNTR_details.aspx?NNTT_FileNo=WCD2009/001</a> )
1.4 Upload images map(s) of the proposed action area (including disturbance footprint, avoidance footprint (if relevant) and MNES habitat area/s the approximate location/boundary of relevant Protected Matters) and if available, a compliant GIS file. The accepted file types are: zip, .kml, .kmz, .shp or .pdf.	No	Yes	Please provide a map that outlines the development footprint (in hectares), the disturbance footprint and any avoidance/retention footprints.	Map now provided as a new uploaded file ('Att 3 – Development footprint.pdf'), noting that the referral already provided the indicative footprint for the action in .kml format, which the question states is acceptable.  The disturbance footprint extent in hectares was already provided in the referral in response to Question 1.6.
			Attachment AREH Revised Proposal Indicative Footprint has only been provided as a kml file.	

AREH Revised Proposal Indicative Footprint.kml	No	Yes	The Department only publishes attachments that are pdf's. If you wish to have this document published please provide a pdf version.	Map now provided as a new uploaded file ('Att 3 – Development footprint.pdf').
Question 1.13.1.pdf	No	Yes	Please inform the Department as to whether you have permission/consent to mention the Nyangumarta people in this report.	It is a matter of public record that the Nyangumarta people have Native Title to the land where the action will be undertaken (see: <a href="http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/NNTR_details.aspx?NNTT_Fileno=WCD2009/001">http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/NNTR_details.aspx?NNTT_Fileno=WCD2009/001</a> )
1.14 Describe any environmental impact assessments that have been or will be carried out under Commonwealth, State or Territory legislation including relevant impacts of the project	No	Yes	The response to this section conflicts with information provided in subsequent sections of the referral. The statement 'assuming this referral results in a Controlled Action' conflicts with the assessment of significant impacts in section 5 (identifying no significant impacts). Please clarify this to ensure the information provided is consistent throughout the referral.	In regard to the apparent conflict: as discussed with the Department, our assessment is that the residual impacts are - ultimately - unlikely to be significant, and Section 5 specifically asks: "...why you think the proposed action is not likely to have a significant impact on a matter protected under the EPBC Act..." (emphasis added). However, the spatial scale of the action, the fact that multiple MNES factors are involved, and that the Department will make its own assessment of whether it believes impacts may be significant, all strongly suggest the action will still be determined to be a Controlled Action.  We have amended the wording of the response to Question 1.14 to remove the assumption of a Controlled Action outcome.
1.16 Is the proposed action related to other actions or proposals in the region?	No	Yes	The Department notes that you have stated in section 1.14 that this is a revised proposal of 'the original proposal'. Please select 'yes' in this section of the referral and provide the EPBC number of the original proposal in section 1.16.1	Amended as requested.
2.3.1 Impact table	No	Yes	The response provides a succinct overview of the potential direct and indirect impacts as a result of the proposed action. If there is further information provided in the attachments, please reference this in the referral text. Please reference all attachments in line with the attachment guidance provided above. (e.g. Attachment X, section 3, page 45-48)	Additional information on activities and potential impacts now provided in the attachments uploaded at Question 1.10.2. Refer Items A-7, B-3, C-2, C-3, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5 and F-7 of 'Att 1 - Response to AWE queries.pdf'; and page 1 of 'Att 2 - Impacts summary.pdf'.
2.4.1 Impact table	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 2.3.1	Additional information on activities and potential impacts now provided in the attachments uploaded at Question 1.10.2. Refer Items A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, B-1, B-2, C-1, C-2, C-3, D-1, D-2, D-3, E-1, E-2 and E-3 of 'Att 1 - Response to AWE queries.pdf'; and page 2 of 'Att 2 - Impacts summary.pdf'.
2.5.1 Impact table	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 2.3.1	Additional information on activities and potential impacts now provided in the attachments uploaded at Question 1.10.2. Refer Items A-7, B-3, C-2, C-3, F-1 and F-2 of 'Att 1 - Response to AWE queries.pdf'; and page 1 of 'Att 2 - Impacts summary.pdf'.
3.1 Describe the flora and fauna relevant to the project area	No	Yes	Please indicate which attachment can be referred to for more information. Please ensure the in-text referencing of the attachments follows the referencing guideline above, with section and page specified (e.g. Attachment X, section 3, page 12-13).	Refer already uploaded 'Question 3.2.pdf' (Section 1.1.1 to Section 1.1.3) and the entirety of already uploaded 'Original Proposal Flora and Vegetation Rev 0.pdf', 'Original Proposal Terrestrial Fauna Survey Rev 0.pdf' and 'Original Proposal Shorebirds and Waterbirds Rev 0.pdf' (noting that we cannot delete/re-upload or re-name these files via the portal to change them to the requested 'Att' filename guidelines).
3.3 Describe the soil and vegetation characteristics relevant to the project area	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 3.1	Refer Section 4.4 of already uploaded 'Original Proposal Flora and Vegetation Rev 0.pdf' in regard to soils; and Section 1.1.1 of already uploaded 'Question 3.2.pdf' and Section 5.0 of already uploaded 'Original Proposal Flora and Vegetation Rev 0.pdf' in regard to vegetation.
3.5 Describe the status of native vegetation relevant to the project area.	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 3.1	Refer Section 5.3 and 5.5 of already uploaded 'Original Proposal Flora and Vegetation Rev 0.pdf'.
3.7 Describe the current condition of the environment relevant to the project area	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 3.1	Refer Section 5.3 of already uploaded 'Original Proposal Flora and Vegetation Rev 0.pdf'.
3.9 Describe any Indigenous heritage values relevant to the project area	No	Yes	Please inform the Department as to whether you have permission/consent to mention the Nyangumarta people in this report.	It is a matter of public record that the Nyangumarta people have Native Title to the land where the action will be undertaken (see: <a href="http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/NNTR_details.aspx?NNTT_Fileno=WCD2009/001">http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/NativeTitleRegisters/Pages/NNTR_details.aspx?NNTT_Fileno=WCD2009/001</a> )
6.2 Provide details of any past or present proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against either (a) the person proposing to take the action or, (b) if a permit has been applied for in relation to the action – the person making the application	No	Yes	Please amend to include an answer to this section e.g. There are no past or present proceedings against the person proposing to take the action or the person making the application.	Added.

## Next steps:

Upon resubmission, the Department will review the information provided to ensure it meets the requirements for a valid referral. Upon resubmission, you will also receive a revised version of the referral pdf document to sign. Once you have checked the completeness and accuracy of the information in the referral, the re-signed and dated declarations at Section 9 will need

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Once the content is complete, including declarations and the fee (where relevant) paid, the referral will be published online and made available for public comment and assessment by the Department. You will be notified when this occurs and advised on the next steps in the process.

I look forward to receiving your re-submission in the near future. If you believe that it will take longer than ten (10) business days to re-submit the referral, please contact us as it may be more appropriate for you to withdraw the referral and re-submit it at a later time. If the referral fee has been paid, the Referrals Gateway can apply for a refund of this fee on your behalf.

If you need any matters above clarified or have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get back in touch with Referrals Gateway ([epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au)) or via the details below.

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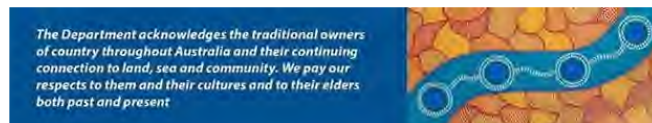
Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I am just emailing to follow up on the resubmission for the referral 2021/8891. I understand you previously met with the assessment team at their request for further information. Grateful if you could advise as to when you believe this information will be provided and the referral resubmitted.

Thanks,

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sounds like you're perhaps not aware, but we had a further meeting (initiated by the Department) on Friday regarding the project and have just received a list of additional items following that, beyond those you previously advised, that are now requested for the referral. We will need to digest that before we can provide you with an update on timing.

Cheers,

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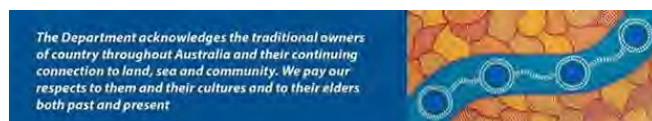
Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I would like to request an update on the progress of the referral **2021/8891 Asian Renewable Energy Hub Revised Proposal**, noting that the referral resubmission request was sent on the **18 March 2021**. The Department is awaiting changes to the referral so that it can meet requirements for referrals as set out in the EPBC Regulations. If you could please provide me with an update it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** Re: EPBC 2021/8891 - Asian Renewable Energy Hub Revised Proposal - Resubmission Request [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your email. We will review these with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and respond within the requested 10 business days.

However, a brief review indicates that many comments in the 'Resubmission requirements' are expectations that are not set out as being required in the referral submission process or actually conflict with the guidance provided by the Department in the submission process.

Just two examples: there is nothing published requiring that the referral needs to state permission to 'mention' the Nyangumarata people (Item 1.2); and the instructions for Item 1.4 state: "The accepted file types are: zip, .kml, .kmz, .shp or .pdf." but you now say that providing pdf format only is a requirement if it is to be used for public purposes? (which, of course, it is...).

It is frustrating to, firstly, not have these expectations clearly identified at the time of submission, and then secondly that we are not advised of not meeting these unpublished expectations in a timely fashion (it is now 5 weeks since we lodged the referral). I understand that requirements changed over time, but it would save time and re-work if the Department updated its guidance on expectations for referrals, or revised the wording of the questions on the online forms, to more clearly specify what is expected.

Please consider the above as feedback from an industry practitioner for the Department's consideration. We will address the below promptly and resubmit the referral as soon as possible.

Best,

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**Subject:** EPBC 2021/8891 - Asian Renewable Energy Hub Revised Proposal - Resubmission Request [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for submitting a referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* (EPBC Act). The Department has reviewed your application and advise that it does not yet meet the requirements to be considered a valid referral under the EPBC Act. To be considered valid, the Department requires amendments to, or additional information on, the proposed action. This information required is outlined in the table below.

In responding to this request, please note:

you will need to provide this information by amending and re-submitting your application through [Online Services](#). Your application in Online Services has been re-opened to allow you to make the requested changes. The Department is unable to accept changes or revisions to your submission outside this system.

it would assist a timely review of the information you could:

ensure attachments follow the [Guidance: Use of attachments and references in the Online Services portal for EPBC Act referrals](#)  
 complete and return the "Referrer's response" column of the table below.

*Resubmission requirements:*

Online Form Question	Adequately addressed?	Resub required	Resubmission requirements	Referrer's response. Note the updates made to the referral form, or attachments, or why no change made
1.2 Provide a detailed description of the proposed action, including all proposed actions	No	Yes	The response to this section is beneficial as it provides context surrounding the project, however additional information is required. Please include a short summary of the activities that may impact the environment, for example, vegetation clearing, land excavation, etc. If this information is mentioned in an attachment please refer to this in the text of the referral in line with the attachment guidance that has been provided (for example, for information on vegetation clearing see Attachment A, section 6, page 12-13). Additionally, please inform the Department as to whether you have permission/consent to mention the Nyangumarta people in this report.	
1.4 Upload images map(s) of the proposed action area (including disturbance footprint, avoidance footprint (if relevant) and MNES habitat area/s the approximate location/boundary of relevant Protected Matters) and if available, a compliant GIS file. The accepted file types are: zip, .kml, .kmz, .shp or .pdf.	No	Yes	Please provide a map that outlines the development footprint (in hectares), the disturbance footprint and any avoidance/retention footprints.	
AREH Revised Proposal Indicative Footprint.kml	No	Yes	Attachment AREH Revised Proposal Indicative Footprint has only been provided as a kml file. The Department only publishes attachments that are pdf's. If you wish to have this document published please provide a pdf version.	
Question 1.13.1.pdf	No	Yes	Please inform the Department as to whether you have permission/consent to mention the Nyangumarta people in this report.	
1.14 Describe any environmental impact assessments that have been or will be			The response to this section conflicts with information provided in subsequent sections of the referral. The statement 'assuming this referral	

carried out under Commonwealth, State or Territory legislation including relevant impacts of the project	No	Yes	results in a Controlled Action' conflicts with the assessment of significant impacts in section 5 (identifying no significant impacts). Please clarify this to ensure the information provided is consistent throughout the referral.	
1.16 Is the proposed action related to other actions or proposals in the region?	No	Yes	The Department notes that you have stated in section 1.14 that this is a revised proposal of 'the original proposal'. Please select 'yes' in this section of the referral and provide the EPBC number of the original proposal in section 1.16.1	
2.3.1 Impact table	No	Yes	The response provides a succinct overview of the potential direct and indirect impacts as a result of the proposed action. If there is further information provided in the attachments, please reference this in the referral text. Please reference all attachments in line with the attachment guidance provided above. (e.g. Attachment X, section 3, page 45-48)	
2.4.1 Impact table	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 2.3.1	
2.5.1 Impact table	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 2.3.1	
3.1 Describe the flora and fauna relevant to the project area	No	Yes	Please indicate which attachment can be referred to for more information. Please ensure the in-text referencing of the attachments follows the referencing guideline above, with section and page specified (e.g. Attachment X, section 3, page 12-13).	
3.3 Describe the soil and vegetation characteristics relevant to the project area	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 3.1	
3.5 Describe the status of native vegetation relevant to the project area.	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 3.1	
3.7 Describe the current condition of the environment relevant to the project area	No	Yes	As per resubmission requirements for Section 3.1	
3.9 Describe any Indigenous heritage values relevant to the project area	No	Yes	Please inform the Department as to whether you have permission/consent to mention the Nyangumarta people in this report.	
6.2 Provide details of any past or present proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against either (a) the person proposing to take the action or, (b) if a permit has been applied for in relation to the action – the person making the application	No	Yes	Please amend to include an answer to this section e.g. There are no past or present proceedings against the person proposing to take the action or the person making the application.	

**Next steps:**

Upon resubmission, the Department will review the information provided to ensure it meets the requirements for a valid referral. Upon resubmission, you will also receive a revised version of the referral pdf document to sign. Once you have checked the completeness and accuracy of the information in the referral, the re-signed and dated declarations at Section 9 will need to be returned via email to [epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au)

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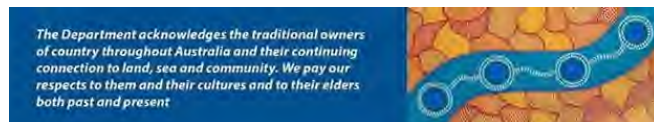
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We've been working through these with the project team and there's a few issues to be honest. Would you be free for a phone chat tomorrow?

The key points:

1. Some (many) of these items are excessively detailed for the referral stage, when really all that is being assessed at this point in the process is what MNES are involved (known with high confidence), the location, nature and extent of the proposed action (known), general predicted impacts (also known), and thence determining if this is a Controlled Action or not. Requests for items like preliminary engineering design drawings of pipes, for example, is way more than normally expected (or needed) for that decision to be made and that level of detail is more normally explored in the actual assessment.
2. There are limitations on the Department's online form that prevent us from uploading that level of detail in any event – we were already at the word limit with the existing, and lengthy, description of the proposal in response to Question 1.2 as it stood and there is no place to upload supplementary documents related to this question on the form.
3. I appreciate you wish to guide line areas within the Department, but from our recent meeting that is much more to do with the scope of investigations needed for EIA rather than the next key process milestone of whether we are dealing with a controlled action or not (or indeed even what the controlling decisions are).

The proponent has expressed to me that as a Commonwealth major project, they were expecting more support and expedited pathway for this revised proposal but so far it's been slower and less clear requirements than the original referral (it's now been 2 months since we lodged the referral and the 20 day statutory period hasn't even started yet...).

I have quite a few appointments tomorrow, but could you please let me know what sort of time your time would suit to call for a chat?

I'm keen to find an acceptable middle ground to progress things; I was thinking perhaps we answer all the questions below that we can at this point in time, outline guiding principles committed to for the town (as per our meeting) and we can send that in a document direct to you seeing we can't upload it in response to Question 1.2?

Cheers,

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your time on Friday to discuss the resubmission of the Revised Asian Renewable Energy Hub Proposal.

As discussed, the department requires more prescriptive information on the proposal to assist the us seeking internal line area advice on the referral information to support the referral decision.

The department requires the following information is incorporated into the resubmitted referral, rather than withdrawing the current submission:

#### Town/ Campus

- Where is the location of the town site within the development foot print?
- What is the preliminary design size of the development footprint?
- What is the estimated amount (hectare) of habitat/ vegetation for MNES will be cleared for the town?
- How will water, waste, sewage treatment, and urban runoff be managed?
- Where and what is the scale of agriculture proposed?
- What types of industries will the town/ on-site workshops support (i.e. manufacturing) and associated impacts to MNES?
- How are indirect impacts from the town on the surrounding MNES being considered?
- How are the indirect impacts from the town on the Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar Site being considered?

#### Wind turbines

- What is the pad/footing size per wind turbine?
- How much vegetation will be permanently/temporarily cleared within this development envelope
- What is the justification for 700 m between turbines (noting previous approval condition of 800 m)

#### Transmission lines and distribution cables

- What is the estimated amount (hectare) of vegetation that will be permanently/temporarily cleared for cables and transmission lines?
- How will these be arranged and located within the development envelope, including proposed depth, width etc?
- What are the associated risks to MNES and how are these being managed?
- What are some of the possible direct and indirect impacts arising from the construction and maintenance of the transmission line on the Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar Site? What are some preliminary avoidance and mitigation measures that will be implemented to minimise these impacts?

#### PV solar

- What will be the pad/footing size per module (Such as preliminary engineering designs)?
- What is the estimated amount (hectare) of vegetation will be permanently/temporarily cleared for the panels and substations?
- What are some of the possible direct and indirect impacts to MNES from this expansion of the solar array?

### Downstream plant

- Seawater storage and evaporation ponds
  - Size
  - Location
- Desalination plant
  - Location
- Ammonia production
  - Emissions and spill management – where will these possible impacts take place and how will these impacts be managed?

### Infrastructure corridor (pipelines)

- What intertidal (e.g., mudflats and dunes) and subtidal habitats within Ramsar Site Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar be potentially impacted? What are some preliminary avoidance and mitigation measures that will be implemented to minimise these impacts?
- How are pipes being installed (Such as preliminary engineering designs)?
- What depth are they buried?
- What will be discharged into the marine environment through the pipes?
- Where and how will impacts from hypersaline brine discharge be managed?
- How will marine fauna avoid being entangled or trapped in these pipelines?
- How will spills be managed along the pipeline corridor, (including pipelines connected to the offshore platform)?

### Offshore platform

- What is the size and type of the platform (pontoon or trestle jetty)? Please provide any preliminary designs of this project component.
- How will the pipelines interact with the offshore platform?
- What are the sizes of the expected vessels (will it require dredging for larger vessels)?
- How frequently will vessels be arriving/departing e.g. is this a 24 hour operation?

Kind Regards,

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**Subject:** Re: Asian Renewable Energy Hub Referral resubmission [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Many thanks for the prompt turnaround on validation, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) greatly appreciated. Cheers, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I am please to inform you that Asian Renewable Energy Hub Revised Proposal (EPBC2021/8891) has been validated and the timeframe for the decision on the referral is 14 June 2021. The referral information has been published on our website: <http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/publicnoticesreferrals/#>. Please use the EPBC number provided to search on this site. We will be accepting public comments on the referral until 27 May 2021.

We will be in contact with if there are any issues assessing the referral documentation. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,  
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: Asian Renewable Energy Hub Referral resubmission [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you very much for sending this through and addressing our additional information request.

We have been in contact with our Gateways Team and will work to get the information validated to start the 20 day statutory timeframe for a decision on the project referral. I will get in contact with you as soon as this 20 day timeframe has commenced.

Kind Regards,  
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have now got answers together in response to this list of queries arising from our last meeting, as detailed in the attached. I will also upload this via the referrals gateway and reference it in our resubmission via the gateway, but thought I had best send it direct to you too, as you and I discussed.

We will be re-submitting the referral via the gateway tomorrow and trust that the Department will then move forward promptly without further requests and make a formal decision on this referral.

Please me if there's anything we should chat about in the interim, and thanks for your assistance.

Cheers,

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**Subject:** Asian Renewable Energy Hub Referral resubmission [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Thanks for your time on Friday to discuss the resubmission of the Revised Asian Renewable Energy Hub Proposal.

As discussed, the department requires more prescriptive information on the proposal to assist the us seeking internal line area advice on the referral information to support the referral decision.

The department requires the following information is incorporated into the resubmitted referral, rather than withdrawing the current submission:

#### **Town/ Campus**

- Where is the location of the town site within the development foot print?
- What is the preliminary design size of the development footprint?
- What is the estimated amount (hectare) of habitat/ vegetation for MNES will be cleared for the town?
- How will water, waste, sewage treatment, and urban runoff be managed?
- Where and what is the scale of agriculture proposed?
- What types of industries will the town/ on-site workshops support (i.e. manufacturing) and associated impacts to MNES?
- How are indirect impacts from the town on the surrounding MNES being considered?
- How are the indirect impacts from the town on the Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar Site being considered?

#### **Wind turbines**

- What is the pad/footing size per wind turbine?
- How much vegetation will be permanently/temporarily cleared within this development envelope
- What is the justification for 700 m between turbines (noting previous approval condition of 800 m)

#### **Transmission lines and distribution cables**

- What is the estimated amount (hectare) of vegetation that will be permanently/temporarily cleared for cables and transmission lines?
- How will these be arranged and located within the development envelope, including proposed depth, width etc?
- What are the associated risks to MNES and how are these being managed?
- What are some of the possible direct and indirect impacts arising from the construction and maintenance of the transmission line on the Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar Site? What are some preliminary avoidance and mitigation measures that will be implemented to minimise these impacts?

#### **PV solar**

- What will be the pad/footing size per module (Such as preliminary engineering designs)?
- What is the estimated amount (hectare) of vegetation will be permanently/temporarily cleared for the panels and substations?
- What are some of the possible direct and indirect impacts to MNES from this expansion of the solar array?

#### **Downstream plant**

- Seawater storage and evaporation ponds
  - Size
  - Location
- Desalination plant
  - Location
- Ammonia production
  - Emissions and spill management – where will these possible impacts take place and how will these impacts be managed?

#### **Infrastructure corridor (pipelines)**

- What intertidal (e.g., mudflats and dunes) and subtidal habitats within Ramsar Site Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar be potentially impacted? What are some preliminary avoidance and mitigation measures that will be implemented to minimise these impacts?
- How are pipes being installed (Such as preliminary engineering designs)?
- What depth are they buried?
- What will be discharged into the marine environment through the pipes?
- Where and how will impacts from hypersaline brine discharge be managed?

- How will marine fauna avoid being entangled or trapped in these pipelines?
- How will spills be managed along the pipeline corridor, (including pipelines connected to the offshore platform)?

### Offshore platform

What is the size and type of the platform (pontoon or trestle jetty)? Please provide any preliminary designs of this project component.

How will the pipelines interact with the offshore platform?

What are the sizes of the expected vessels (will it require dredging for larger vessels)?

How frequently will vessels be arriving/departing e.g. is this a 24 hour operation?

Kind Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Thanks for letting us know about availability. We'll send through a meeting invite for 10am WST, Wednesday 16 June.

Kind regards

<sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) is unavoidably all day tomorrow unfortunately, but happy for me to represent the project in any discussions.

I'm free any time after 10am WST, so midday with you I believe, if you'd like to suggest a time?

Cheers,

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**Subject:** RE: Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I am following up on the below email sent to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) . The referral decision for the Asian Renewable Hub Revised Proposal will be made this week.

We would like to set up a time tomorrow to discuss the referral decision with yourself and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) if you are available. I will not be in the office but our s. 22(1)(a)(ii) will be available for a discussion, as well as s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) who have been managing the project to-date.

If you could forward your availability, we will schedule a meeting.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** Asian Renewable Energy Hub revised proposal

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Just hoping for an update on the controlled action decision for the AREH revised proposal referral? I think we're getting pretty close to the 20 working days since validated?

Cheers

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**Subject:** Re: MS21-001003 (EPBC 2021/8891) Asian Renewable Hub Revised Proposal - Signed by Ley Documents [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for following up. The proponent consortium is still in the process of considering its position at present (there's a number of parties involved), so it is really a little soon to be scheduling a meeting for today or tomorrow.

We'll be in touch soon once things are more progressed.

Best,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: MS21-001003 (EPBC 2021/8891) Asian Renewable Hub Revised Proposal - Signed by Ley Documents [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Department would like to set-up a follow up meeting now that you both have had a chance to look over the Statement of Reasons. Would you be available at 2:30-3pm AEST today or Wednesday from 3-4pm AEST? Please let me know and I will send you a Teams meeting invite.

Regards,  
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** FW: MS21-001003 (EPBC 2021/8891) Asian Renewable Hub Revised Proposal - Signed by Ley Documents  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Thank you for meeting this morning. Please find attached the letter, decision notice and Statement of Reason.

Once you have reviewed the documentation we are happy to have a further meeting.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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c/o s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
Project Director  
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15 JUN 2021

Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I am writing to advise you of my decision concerning the Asian Renewable Energy Hub Revised Proposal, Western Australia (EPBC 2021/8891) proposed by NW Interconnected Power Pty Ltd, and referred for my consideration under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

I consider that the proposed action would have an unacceptable and irreversible impact on the Eighty-mile Beach Ramsar site and the numerous migratory species it supports.

Based on the information provided in the referral, I consider that it is clear that the proposed action will have an unacceptable impact on Ramsar wetlands (sections 16 & 17B) and listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A). I have therefore decided that Division 1A of Part 7 of the EPBC Act ('decision that action is clearly unacceptable') applies to the proposed action and that the proposed action therefore cannot proceed in its current form.

I have enclosed a copy of my decision notice and reasons for my decision. The decision notice will be published on my Department's website at:  
<http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/referralslist/>.

You may now choose to exercise one of the following options under the EPBC Act:

- withdraw the referral and take no further action in relation to the proposed action; or
- withdraw the referral and refer a new proposal to take a modified action; or
- request that my decision be reconsidered.

If you have any questions about the referral process or this decision, please contact the s. 22(1)(a)(ii) by email to [NorthWASection@environment.gov.au](mailto:NorthWASection@environment.gov.au), or telephone s. 22(1)(a)(ii), and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susann Ley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke for the "Ley" part.

SUSSAN LEY

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Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The best option would be for s. 22(1)(a)(ii) to share his screen.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** Re: Proposed agenda - AREH - EPBC referral workshop next week [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Many thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Just also wanted to confirm that we'll have the ability to show some slides, likely s. 22(1)(a)(ii) would want to share his screen, or could send them through for projection from the computer in the John Gorton Building.

Pls confirm which is the better option given tech capabilities.

Many thanks, and see you shortly.

Best

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

On 14 Jul 2021, at 17:07, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au> wrote:

Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) we look forward to meeting with you all tomorrow. I will be joining the meeting online but there will be a number of people in the Canberra office. Please call s. 22(1)(a)(ii) on s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Kind regards

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










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**Subject:** Re: Proposed agenda - AREH - EPBC referral workshop next week [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> thanks for the brief chat yesterday, and hope you're getting over your flu.

As discussed, we have a few suggestions for tweaking the agenda, mostly with a view to focusing on the clear tasking from the Minister that we seek to align around an "agreed statement of facts", which would then help to inform decisions on the best path forward.

With that in mind, we'd like to suggest the following:

-   INTRODUCTIONS (5 mins)
-   PROJECT REFRESHER - LOCATION, DESIGN & INFRASTRUCTURE (10 mins)
-   EPBC REFERRAL PROCESS THUS FAR (10 mins)
-   KEY "MATERIAL QUESTIONS OF FACT" IN STATEMENT OF REASONS (35 mins)
-   WORK TOWARDS AN "AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS" (10 mins)
-   DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS (35 mins)
  - EPBC Act and international obligations
    - Wetlands of International Importance
      - Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar Site
    - Migratory species
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      - Marine migratory pathways
  - Potential environmental impacts
    - Marine infrastructure corridor
    - Ammonia production – potential emissions and spills
    - Town site

If you and/or your team see any problems or have further suggestions for the above, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Subject to any changes in travel restrictions, I'm still intending to travel from the NSW Far South Coast to Canberra to attend the meeting in person, and all others will join by Teams.

We very much look forward to the discussion.

Best regards,

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On 9 Jul 2021, at 7:04 pm, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
Thank you for your email. We look forward to meeting with you next Thursday to discuss the referral for the Asian Renewable Energy Hub, work through key elements in the Statement of Reasons and potential next steps. If possible, pending the situation with travel, we are happy for those who can to join us in Canberra for the meeting. A meeting request invitation was sent earlier this week.

We have put together the following proposed Agenda:

INTRODUCTION  
PROJECT OVERVIEW  
DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS  
    EPBC Act and international obligations  
        Wetlands of International Importance  
            Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar Site  
        Migratory species  
            East Asian-Australasian Flyway  
            Marine migratory pathways

Environmental impacts  
Marine infrastructure corridor  
Ammonia production – emissions and spills  
Townsite  
Project location and design  
REGULATORY PATHWAYS  
NEXT STEPS

I welcome any additions or input into the proposed agenda that you may have.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** AREH - EPBC referral workshop next week

Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii) & s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Following the very constructive meeting with Minister Ley last week, and a follow up chat that s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and I had with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) in the Minister's office on Tuesday afternoon, I am writing with a view to getting some time in the diary next week to take forward the **workshop** proposed by the Minister, primarily to work towards an **"agreed statement of facts"** on the AREH EPBC referral. I'm aware you've been in touch with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) about this already, but wanted to bring the different strands together so we can all work together on a suitable time.

Initially, we'd be grateful if you'd indicate whether you and relevant members of your assessment team might be available next **Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th July, from 11am to 1pm (starting at 11am will allow our WA-based team members to participate from the start)**. If we need more time than the initial two hours, we could also look to save in our diaries a further hour after a lunch break, from 2 to 3pm. It would also be useful if we

select the workshop date to allow for <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> to participate in the first 30 minutes or so, as we agreed with him on Tuesday.

Subject to COVID regulations, at least one, and possibly two, of the AREH team would look to attend the workshop in person in Canberra, and the others virtually.

Once we've confirmed the time slot for the workshop, we would then work quickly with you on an agreed agenda and format for the meeting, as well as set expectations for any preparatory materials.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly,

Best regards,

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