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From: EPBC Referrals

Sent: Wednesday, 4 April 2012 4:53 PM

To: 'xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx' <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx>

Subject: Invitation to comment on Referral - (EPBC 2012/6336 Port Bonython Bulk Commodities

Export Facility, SA) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Afternoon

We are sending you the attached link to a referral received for consideration under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) for your comments, as it falls within your area of interest: http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc ap.pl?
name=current-referral-detail&proposal-id=6336

Any comment should be sent by 20 April 2012 via:

by letter \$22

Director

Ports & Marine Section

Environment Assessment Branch

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population &

Communities

GPO Box 787

CANBERRA ACT 2601

by email \$22 @environment.gov.au

Formal notification has been sent in the postal mail.

Regards

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Date: 19 April 2012

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Dear S22

Re: EPBC Referral 2012/6096: Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility, SA.

I write on behalf of the South Australian Government regarding your invitation to comment on the above referral received by the Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (EPBC Act).

The South Australian Government advises the following in the relation to the Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility, SA.

Matters of National Environmental Significance (NES)

Listed Marine Species

The referral fails to provide sufficient information regarding the installation of pilings for the construction of the jetty to ascertain possible impact on cetaceans (including the EPBC-listed Southern Right Whale (*Eubalaena australis*)).

Other Matters of NES

It is considered <u>unlikely</u> that the proposal will result in a significant impact on <u>other</u> matters protected under the EPBC Act.

Environmental Assessment

Should the proposed Bulk Commodities Export Facility be determined to be a controlled action, the SA Government considers that assessment by <u>Preliminary Documentation</u> is appropriate.

State Assessment: Commonwealth-State Bilateral Agreement

Pursuant to Section 46 of the *Development Act 1993*, the proposed Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility was declared a Major Development on 1 March 2012. The level of assessment is yet to be confirmed by the Development Assessment Commission,

however, the assessment guidelines are currently under preparation at the Public Environment Report (PER) level.

As such, should the activity be declared a controlled action under the EPBC Act with assessment by PER or Environmental Impact Statement, in accordance with clause 12.2 of the *Commonwealth-State Bilateral Agreement*, advice of this decision should be provided to \$22 (telephone (08) 8303 \$22 or email \$22 @sa.gov.au) to determine whether the bilateral agreement should be triggered. As the state assessment process has already commenced, this advice should be promptly expedited (within ten business days or sooner).

For further information please contact the SA EPBC Act Referral Team, in particular, s22 on (08) 8463 \$22 or \$22 on (08) 8463 \$22 or e-mail: DLDENREPBCReferrals@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Leaman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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From:

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@sa.gov.au]

Sent:

To:

Monday 12 May 2014 9:53 AM **\$22**

Subject:

RE: Port Bonython iron ore bulk commodities export facility on Eyre Peninsula

(EPBC2012/6336) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi**s22**

There are a couple of loose ends still to tie up with other parts of SA Govt. I have commenced the assessment but will not be able to complete it until those final issues are settled. We are still looking at a final assessment/decision in about August. The proponent is aware of the timeline. I hope to be able to talk to you in more detail soon. Thanks for your patience.

Regards

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From: s22

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Sent: Friday. 9 May 2014 8:56 AM

To: S22

DPTI)

Subject: RE: Port Bonython iron ore bulk commodities export facility on Eyre Peninsula (EPBC2012/6336)

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Morning **s22**

I was wondering if you could update me on the status of the assessment for the Port Bonython project at your end.

Thanks

s22

Senior Assessment Officer South West Section West Assessment Branch Department of the Environment s22

@environment.gov.au

From: s22

@sa.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 26 March 2014 8:23 AM

To: s22

Cc: s22

(DPTI)

Subject: RE: Port Bonython iron ore bulk commodities export facility on Eyre Peninsula (EPBC2012/6336)

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hello s22

At this stage I am not able to give you a deadline for when the Port Bonython assessment might be finished. There are still some internal SA Govt discussions going on for key matters related to the assessment. Thanks for you offer about condition discussion. I can let you know when we are closer to having a draft set of conditions and we can compare notes.

Regards

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From: s22

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Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2014 8:50 AM

To: s22

(DPTI)

Cc: s22 (DPTI)

Subject: Port Bonython iron ore bulk commodities export facility on Eyre Peninsula (EPBC2012/6336)

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Morning s22

I have returned from recreation leave and wanted to touch base with you on the Port Bonython project. As you aware the Department extended the timeframe for making a decision on whether or not to approve the program 30 June 2014. This was to allow time for you to finalise your assessment report and for consultation with your proposed conditions to ensure consistency.

Are you able to provide an update on the possible date that your assessment report may be finalised. I would be happy to make a time with you discuss possible conditions we are considering.

Regards

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Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

EPBC Ref: 2012/6336

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Statutory Planning and Assessment Unit Conservation Policy and Programs Department of Environment & Natural Resources GPO Box 1047 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear s22

Decision on referral

Port Bonython iron ore bulk commodities export facility on Eyre Peninsula (EPBC 2012/6336)

This is to advise you of my decision about the proposed action, to construct and operate an iron ore bulk commodities export facility at Stony Point, near Port Bonython on the Eyre Peninsula, South Australia...

As a delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, I have decided that the proposed action is a controlled action and, as such, requires assessment and a decision on approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

It appears that the proposed action is likely to have a significant impact on the following matters protected by the EPBC Act:

- Listed threatened species and communities (s18 & s18A);
- Listed migratory species (s20 & s20A);
- Commonwealth marine areas (s23 & 24A).

For example, based on the information available in the referral, the proposed action is likely to have a significant impact because:

- It will facilitate a significant increase in shipping within South Australian waters
 which is likely to increase the risk of vessel strike to the endangered and
 migratory Southern Right Whale (Eubalaena australis); and
- Will remove an unknown quantity of habitat where the vulnerable Slenderbilled Thornbill (Acanthiza iredalei iredalei) is known to occur, which may impact upon an important subpopulation of this species.

Please note that this decision only relates to the potential for significant impact on the specific matters protected by the Australian Government under Chapter 2 of the EPBC Act.

I have also decided that the project will need to be assessed through preliminary documentation.

Each assessment approach requires different levels of information and involves different steps. All levels of assessment will include a public consultation phase, in which any third parties can comment on the proposed action.

Details on the assessment process for the project and the responsibilities of the proponent are set out in the enclosed fact sheet. Further information is available from the department's website at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc.

I have also written to the following parties to advise them of this decision:

Proponent

Mr Mark Travers

Spencer Gulf Port Link

Referring party

Mr Paul Manning

Arup Pty Ltd

If you have any questions about the referral process or this decision, please contact the project manager, \$22 , by email to \$22 @environment.gov.au, or telephone (02) 6274 \$22 and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Jones

Assistant Secretary

Environment Assessment Branch

24-May 2012

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From: S22

Sent: Wednesday, 22 October 2014 8:52 AM

To: S22 @sa.gov.au>

Cc: \$22 @environment.gov.au>; \$22

@environment.gov.au>

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thanks for letting us know \$22

We will extend the timeframe for approval under the EPBC Act next week.

Please note that we may compete the approval before the completion of the new timeframe.

Regards,

s22

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From: \$22 @sa.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 22 October 2014 8:34 AM

To: \$22

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi **s22**

Sorry this has taken so long but I have been caught up with work on \$22

I am expecting to have a draft of the assessment report within a week for your comment. It is nearly there but needs thorough edit and attention on the recommendations/conclusions. I will let you know as soon as it is ready. We are intending that the cabinet submission to the SA Govt will be ready for our Minister's signature in mid Nov with a cabinet decision before xmas.

Please let me know if there are any questions you have.

Regards

s22

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From: s22 @environment.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 20 October 2014 12:35 PM

To: \$22 (DPTI)

Cc: s22

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi **s22**

Just touching base on the status of the Port Bonython Assessment Report.

We are looking to extend the timeframe to make an approval decision (currently due 31 October 2014), it is likely that we will propose that the timeframe is extended until 31 December 2014 (pending Delegate approval).

Regards,

s22

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From: s22 @sa.gov.au

Sent: Monday, 15 September 2014 8:51 AM **To:** s22 (DEWNR); s22 **Cc:** s22 (DPTI): s22 (DPTI)

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s22

We are getting very close to an acceptable draft of the Port Bonython Assessment Report. We will forward to you for comment shortly, should definitely be with you (\$22) for input by end of September. Thanks for your patience!

Regards

s22

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From: \$22 (DEWNR)

Sent: Friday, 12 September 2014 1:08 PM

To: \$22 DPTI) **Cc:** \$22 (DPTI)

Subject: FW: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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From: s22 @environment.gov.au

Sent: Friday, 12 September, 2014 9:41 AM

To: S22 (DPTI)

Cc: S22 (DEWNR)

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

His22

Just touching base regarding the assessment status of the Port Bonython export facility.

Is the South Australian government assessment report/decision likely to be complete in September 2014?

Regards,

s22

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From: s22 @sa.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2014 2:29 PM

To: S22

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Ok, Thanks.

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From: \$22 @environment.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2014 1:52 PM

To: \$22 (DPTI)

Subject: FW: EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi **s22**

s22 is currently on s22

In the interim, I am the Assessment Officer responsible for EPBC 2012/6336. Port Bonython.

Regards,

s22

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From: S22

Sent: Monday, 15 December 2014 9:08 AM

To: s22 @sa.gov.au> **Subject:** RE: Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi **s22**

I am required to provide an estimated completion date of the South Australian Government Assessment as a part of the package given to the Delegate to extend the timeframe for Port Bonython.

What would be the estimated time of completion of the state assessment in the new year?

Kind Regards,

s22

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From: s22 @sa.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 15 December 2014 8:59 AM

To: \$22

Cc: \$22 (DPTI); \$22 (DPTI)

Subject: RE: Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thanks **S22**

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From: s22 @environment.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 12 December 2014 8:06 AM

To: \$22 (DPTI)

Subject: Port Bonython. [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi **s22**

Just touching base regarding the status of the Port Bonython assessment report, understand your team is flat out with Iron Road.

Our timeframe currently stands at 31 December 2014, so will look to extend into the new year.

Otherwise enjoy the break.

Regards,

s22

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 June 2015 11:30 AM

To: S22 @sa.gov.au>

Subject: FW: EPBC 2012/6336 - Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility, Eyre Peninsula,

SA - Change of Project Officer [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s22

This email is regarding the status of the SA Government's decision on the Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility, Eyre Peninsula, SA. I emailed \$22 earlier today (please see below) but \$22 seems to be away. Could you please give me an update on when the decision is likely to be made?

Happy to discuss.

Regards,

s22

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From: S22

Sent: Tuesday, 9 June 2015 11:23 AM

To: **s**22 (DPTI)'

Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336 - Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility, Eyre Peninsula, SA - Change of Project Officer [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi **s22**

Hope you are doing well. Could you please give me an update regarding the SA Government decision on this project? The current deadline for a decision on approval by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment is the 30th of June. Grateful if you could get back to me as soon as possible. Looking forward to your reply.

Regards,

s22

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From: s22 @sa.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 15 June 2015 11:36 AM

To: s22 @environment.gov.au>

Cc: s22 @sa.gov.au>; s22

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Subject: RE: EPBC 2012/6336 - Port Bonython Bulk Commodities Export Facility, Eyre Peninsula,

SA - Change of Project Officer [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s22

As per our phone conversation this morning I wish to advise that although the Assessment Report for Port Bonython is at an advanced stage it has not yet been referred to you for comment. I am hoping this will occur shortly but I can't provide a definite date as this time. Consultation with the Commonwealth is required before the Assessment is completed and before the Cabinet Submission for a decision is forwarded. Obviously your date for the MoE decision below will need to be extended. I would suggest by a further 2-3 months. We have looked to the Port Spencer EPBC determination for conditions related to marine mammals and imported these to the Pt Bonython development assessment.

Please let me know if there is any other information I can provide.

Regards.

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