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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed action: (EPBC 2025/10161), Marine survey of the Bunbury continental shelf, WA.

Defence is concerned that neither the referral, or the Offshore Energy Infrastructure Act 2021 (OEI Act) consultations with respect to the proposed Bunbury Offshore Renewable Energy Area include any mention of the Department of Defence as a stakeholder. The declared area overlaps almost entirely with a portion of the Western Australia Exercise Area (WAXA). If the proposal progresses this will require consultation with Defence stakeholders to ensure both operational impacts and marine environmental impacts are managed.
 Thank you

If this comment will be used beyond decision input or informing the proponent, please contact DEPAC for approval.

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Directorate of Environmental Planning,
Assessment and Compliance (DEPAC)
Department of Defence

Date: 19 May 2025

EPBC Ref: 2025/10161

EPBC contact: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Invitation To Comment on Referral

Marine survey of the Bunbury continental shelf, offshore Bunbury, between Dawesville and Cape Naturaliste, WA

Project industry type: Science and Research

I am writing to you, as the delegated contact for the Minister for Defence, The Hon. Richard Marles MP, in relation to consultation on actions being assessed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department) has received a referral of a proposed action from University of Western Australia for consideration under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The Department is currently undertaking an assessment to decide whether this proposed action requires approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed. The referral may be viewed or copied from the Department's website, <https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/open-for-comments/>¹.

I am writing to invite you to provide any relevant information as to whether you consider the proposed action is likely to have a significant impact on any of the matters protected under the EPBC Act.

In accordance with the EPBC Act, we need to receive your response by **3 June 2025**. Please quote the title of the action and EPBC reference, as shown at the beginning of this letter, in any correspondence. You can send information to the Department:

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South WA Assessments Section
Environment Assessments West (WA, SA and NT) Branch
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

by email

If you have any questions about this process, please contact **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** and quote EPBC 2025/10161 .

For your information, the Department has published an *Environmental Impact Assessment Client Service Charter* (the Charter) which outlines its commitments when undertaking environmental impact assessments under the EPBC Act. A copy of the Charter can be found at: <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/commitment/client-service-charter> ¹.

Yours sincerely

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Director
Referrals Gateway

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