

RE: Questions on notice - EPBC Approvals Bill inquiry

Responses to the questions are as follows:

1. Your submission states the federal Minister shouldn't be involved in "small scale project developments or variations". Does the MCA recognise that the EPBC Act is only triggered when a project will have, or is likely to have, a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance?

MCA Response: Yes.

2. Does the MCA acknowledge that the federal environment Minister has powers to delegate his or her responsibilities under the Act to officials where appropriate?

MCA Response: Yes.

3. Given the significance threshold, the limited number of matters of national environmental significance, and ability to delegate, the federal environment Minister and/ or his Department only get involved where serious environmental impacts are involved on a limited number of nationally important environmental assets. Would the MCA like to modify or clarify the statement made in your submission?

MCA Response: No, we do not wish to modify the submission.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity allowing us to clarify these points.



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