Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment and Energy portfolio**

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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

What does the department consider the Tasmanian Government's application would need contain in order to satisfy the Minister that they (the reopening of the 4Wd tracks) would not cause a significant impact?

Answer:

All referrals must provide enough information to let the Minister or his delegate decide whether the proposed action will need assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Generally, this would include a detailed description of the proposed action, the likely impacts of the proposed action on matters protected by the EPBC Act, and measures that will be implemented to avoid, reduce, manage or offset any relevant impacts of the action.