

Defence Portfolio

INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No. 3)

Ms Lisa Chesters MP asked the Department of Defence the following question, upon notice, on 24 October 2024:

What impacts will this have on the local environment, noting there are many native and endangered species in the areas? What environmental considerations go into ensuring that increased activity in these areas will not impact on the local environment?

Defence provides the following answer:

All of Defence's infrastructure works are required to comply with the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency have referred major construction at both Osborne and HMAS *Stirling* for consideration by the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, under the EPBC Act.

