Appendix 4

Flowcharts of EPBC Act environment assessment processes

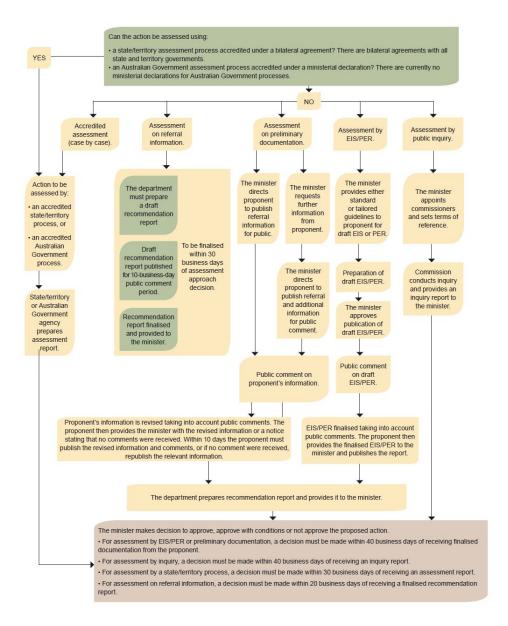
Figure 1: EPBC Act environment assessment process-referral

EPBC Act environment assessment process—referral Deciding if a proposed action needs to be referred Is the proposed action likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance? The matters of national environmental significance are: · world heritage properties · national heritage places wetlands of international importance (often called 'Ramsar' wetlands after the international treaty under which such wetlands are listed) Approval is not required from the minister. nationally threatened species and ecological communities · Commonwealth marine areas . the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park · nuclear actions (including uranium mining) a water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development. is the proposed action likely to have a significant impact on the environment in general (for actions by Commonwealth agencies or actions on Commonwealth land) or the environment on Commonwealth land (for actions outside Commonwealth land)? If you are not certain about whether your proposed action requires approval under the EPBC Act you may refer the proposal for a decision by the minister. YES Person proposing to take the action makes a referral to the minister via the department. Person may withdraw referral and Person may request the minister to withdraw and submit a modified proposal as a new referral. 10-business day public comment period. Approval is not required if the action is taken in Action is subject to the and approval relevant impacts and comments. decision within 20 business days. Action is Controlled

Source: Department of the Environment and Energy, 'EPBC Act–Environment Assessment Process', *Fact sheet*, p. 3.

Figure 2: EPBC Act environment assessment process—assessment/decision whether to approve

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Source: Department of the Environment and Energy, 'EPBC Act–Environment Assessment Process', *Fact sheet*, p. 3