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Senator Siewert asked:

If Western Australia doesn't produce an adequate assessment what process will the commonwealth use to make sure there is an appropriate assessment?

Answer:

If, once in receipt of the assessment report from the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority, the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that he does not have enough information to make an informed decision on whether or not to approve the action, he can, under section 132 of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, request further information relevant to making the decision from the Western Australian Government or any other person he considers appropriate.