



Report on new proposals requiring assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for Australia's World Heritage properties

For the period 1 September 2020 and 30 November 2020, five proposed activities were identified as requiring further assessment under the EPBC Act.

World Heritage Property:	Tasmanian Wilderness
EPBC Number:	2020/8797
Title:	Guildford Wind Farm, Guildford, Tasmania
Category:	Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)

The proposal by Epuron Projects is to construct and operate a wind farm consisting of up to 80 wind turbines and associated infrastructure at Guildford, approximately 5 km east of Waratah, Tasmania.

The project area is 9km north-west of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) and is being assessed for potential impacts to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), including the natural aesthetic values from wind turbines or transmission lines.

The notice of the decision to undertake this assessment can be viewed online:
[EPBC 2020/8797 \(environment.gov.au\)](https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/2020/8797)

World Heritage Property:	Great Barrier Reef
EPBC Number:	2020/8692
Title:	Yorkeys Knob Boating Infrastructure Project
Category:	Transport - Water

The proposed action is to construct and operate a new boating facility at Yorkeys Knob, 15 km north of Cairns, Queensland. The proposal includes a six-lane boat ramp, two floating walkways, a queuing beach, breakwaters, dredged basin, reclaimed carpark, access road and fencing.

Part of the project is adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, with a smaller component of the project within the World Heritage property. The assessment will consider potential impacts to the OUV, including to water quality and habitat for the dugong and dolphin populations. The proposal will be assessed consistent with the *Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan*.

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World Heritage Property:	Great Barrier Reef
EPBC Number:	2020/8709
Title:	Collinsville Irrigation Scheme
Category:	Agriculture and Forestry

The proposal by Bowen River Utilities is to develop an irrigated agricultural area, including development of up to 25,000 ha of irrigated land and associated infrastructure. The location proposed is along the Bowen River, approximately 20 km west of Collinsville in central Queensland and approximately 120 km upstream from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

The proposal is being assessed for potential impacts to the OUV, including to water quality and habitat important for the conservation of biological diversity. This project will be assessed consistent with the *Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan*, *Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan 2017-2022* (2018) and the findings of the *Great Barrier Reef Outlook Report* (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority).

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[EPBC 2020/8709 \(environment.gov.au\)](https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/2020/8709).

The proposed action is related to two other proposals by Bowen River Utilities. One of the two proposals (EPBC number 2020/8708) is described below as it will be assessed for potential impacts to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The other proposal ([EPBC number 2020/8706](https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/2020/8706)) is not described here as it will be assessed for threatened species and communities and listed migratory species, rather than for potential impacts to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The cumulative impact of the three proposals will be considered when the proposed action is assessed by accredited assessment under Queensland State Government legislation.

World Heritage Property:	Great Barrier Reef
EPBC Number:	2020/8708
Title:	Urannah Dam and Pipelines Project
Category:	Water Management and Use

The proposal by Bowen River Utilities is to construct and operate a new dam on the Broken River at Urannah in central Queensland located within the Burdekin Basin, approximately 290 km upstream of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The proposal includes



construction of a water distribution network comprising of pipelines, instream distribution, and water storage, and associated ancillary infrastructure.

The proposal is being assessed for potential impacts to the OUV, including to water quality and habitat important for the conservation of biological diversity. This project will be assessed consistent with the *Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan*, *Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan 2017-2022* (2018) and the findings of the *Great Barrier Reef Outlook Report* (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority).

The notice of the decision to undertake this assessment can be viewed online:

[EPBC 2020/8708 \(environment.gov.au\)](https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/2020/8708)

World Heritage Property:	Tasmanian Wilderness
EPBC Number:	2018/8177
Title:	Halls Island Standing Camp
Category:	Tourism and Recreation

The proposed action is to construct and operate a small-scale tourist operation within the TWWHA, including construction of a standing camp on Halls Island in Lake Malbena, approximately 20km north-east of Derwent Bridge, and access to the camp via helicopter.

The proposal is to take six tourists per trip (maximum 30 trips per year), via helicopter from Derwent Bridge to Halls Island. Visitors will walk approximately 100m from the helipad to the edge of Lake Malbena and will cross the lake in a rowboat to Halls Island.

The assessment will consider potential impacts to the OUV during the construction and operation phases, including to the natural aesthetic values of the TWWHA and ecological and biological systems. The proposal will be assessed consistent with relevant documentation, including the *Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan* (2016).

The notice of the decision to undertake this assessment can be viewed online:

[EPBC 2018/8177 \(environment.gov.au\)](https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/2018/8177)