



## 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 December 2020 and 28 February 2021, four proposed activities were identified as requiring further assessment under the EPBC Act.

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2020/8850
<b>Title:</b>	Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Storage Project, near Armidale, NSW
<b>Category:</b>	Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)

The proposed action is to develop and operate hydroelectric pumps, generation works and ancillary development, near Armidale, New South Wales. The area for the construction footprint is 625 hectares (ha) and is adjacent to the World Heritage listed Gondwana Rainforests of Australia.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), including to the diversity and composition of plant and animal species and potential impact to habitat important for the conservation of biological diversity. The assessment will also consider the impact of the 2019-2020 bushfires on threatened species and habitat.

The notice of the decision to undertake this assessment can be viewed online:  
<http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/entity/annotation/b82714e0-eb64-eb11-80c3-00505684c563/a71d58ad-4cba-48b6-8dab-f3091fc31cd5?t=1617251839903>

<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Great Barrier Reef
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2020/8831
<b>Title:</b>	Big Rocks Weir Project, Queensland
<b>Category:</b>	Water Management and Use

The proposed action involves the construction of new water storage facilities and associated infrastructure on the Burdekin River, 26km from Charters Towers township in Queensland. The Big Rocks Weir Project is 320 km upstream from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

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* and the findings of the *Great Barrier Reef Outlook Report* (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority).

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<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2020/8840
<b>Title:</b>	Uluru Lodge Walk, Northern Territory
<b>Category:</b>	Tourism and Recreation

The proposed action is to construct and manage a tourism venture involving the construction of approximately 40 km of walking tracks, three semi-permanent to permanent camps, two lunch spots and three vehicle access tracks to the camps.

The project area is 940 ha and is located entirely within the National Park. There will be 38 buildings in total with accommodation ranging from tents to lodge style accommodation.

The assessment will consider potential impacts to the OUV during the construction and operation phases, including to the natural and cultural values of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and ecological and biological systems. The proposal will be assessed consistent with relevant documentation, including the *Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park Management Plan*.

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<b>World Heritage Property:</b>	Greater Blue Mountains Area
<b>EPBC Number:</b>	2020/8816
<b>Title:</b>	Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre, NSW
<b>Category:</b>	Waste Management (sewerage)

The proposed action is to construct and operate a wastewater treatment plant located between South Creek and Kemps Creek, including associated infrastructure and three new pipelines between Warragamba and Lansdowne, NSW.

The Greater Blue Mountains Area is at the western end of the proposed action (1.5 km away from the end of the pipeline at the closest point). The proposed action is over 5,000 ha in size. The pipelines will span approximately 36 km between Warragamba and Lansdowne. All pipelines will be installed below the ground, some sections of the pipelines will be built using trenchless methods to avoid certain environmental constraints or existing infrastructure.

The assessment will consider potential impacts to the OUV during the construction and operation phases, including hydrological changes affecting biological and ecological values associated with the property. The proposal will be assessed consistent with relevant documentation, including the *EPBC Act Policy Statement 1.1 Significant Impact Guidelines – Matters of National Environmental Significance* (December 2013) and other relevant material.

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