



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 June 2021 to 31 August 2021:

World Heritage Property:	The Ningaloo Coast
EPBC Number:	2021/8967
Title:	Main Roads Western Australia/ Transport – Land/ Yardie Creek Rd, Shire of Exmouth/ Western Australia/ Yardie Creek Road Realignment Project
Category:	Transport - Land

The proposed action is to realign the existing Yardie Creek Road that connects to the Vlamingh Head historic Ningaloo Lighthouse and Ningaloo Lighthouse Holiday Park, approximately 16km north west of Exmouth, Western Australia. The proposed realignment will improve access to the region by redirecting the main traffic flow away from tourist landmarks and the holiday park, thereby reducing traffic near tourist stopping points and making the area safer for pedestrians. The proposal will also provide a safer and more formalised access to the lighthouse precinct.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), National Heritage values, threatened species and communities and listed migratory species. The project will be assessed by public environment report.

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

[Public notices - referrals - Basic Portal \(environment.gov.au\)](#)

World Heritage Property:	Willandra Lakes Region
EPBC Number:	2021/8951
Title:	Department of Premier and Cabinet/ Science and Research/ Arumpo Road, Mungo National Park, Mungo/ New South Wales/ Willandra Ancestral Remains Reburial 2021
Category:	Science and Research

Between 1968 and the early 1980s 108 Willandra Aboriginal Ancestors (or Ancestral Remains), including the internationally renowned remains of Mungo Woman and Mungo Man, were removed from what is now Mungo National Park and the Willandra Lakes Region and taken to the Australian National University for study. The discovery and subsequent recognition of the archaeological record (now estimated at ca. 41,000 years) of Aboriginal occupation were fundamental in establishing the cultural heritage significance of the Willandra Lakes region and formed part of the nomination of the Willandra Lakes to the World Heritage List. The Willandra



ancestral remains were returned from Canberra to Mungo National Park in November 2017 and are now held in secure storage.

The proposed action is the reburial of 108 Willandra Ancestral Remains at 26 separate locations. The activity will involve the excavation of 108 graves. Most graves will disturb an area 50 centimetres by 50 centimetres. Several more complete burials will require a larger grave of one metre by two metres. The graves will be dug to a depth of 60 cm. No markers will be installed to indicate the grave locations and the sites will be returned to existing conditions.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) and National Heritage values. The project will be assessed by preliminary documentation.

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World Heritage Property:	Wet Tropics of Queensland
EPBC Number:	2021/8983
Title:	Chalumbin Wind Farm Pty Ltd/ Energy General and Supply (renewable) / Ravenshoe/ Queensland/ Chalumbin Wind Farm
Category:	Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)

The proposed action is to develop a wind farm within the Tablelands Regional Council Local Government Area approximately 15km southwest of Ravenshoe in far north Queensland, including up to 95 wind turbine generators, overhead and underground powerlines and communication cables, access tracks and temporary and permanent offices and other facilities.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), National Heritage values, threatened species and communities and listed migratory species. The project will be assessed by public environment report.

The notice of the decision to undertake this assessment can be viewed online:
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World Heritage Property:	The Ningaloo Coast
EPBC Number:	2021/8693
Title:	Northwest Resorts Pty/ Ltd/ Commercial Development/ Ningaloo Lighthouse Holiday Park, near Exmouth/ Western Australia/ Ningaloo Lighthouse Development, 17km north west Exmouth, Western Australia
Category:	Commercial Development



Northwest Resorts Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Minderoo Group, proposes to redevelop the existing Ningaloo Lighthouse Holiday Park. The proposed action is located approximately 16km north west of the town of Exmouth towards the northern tip of the Cape Range Peninsula. The proposed action occupies an area approximately 16 ha on the southern side of Yardie Creek Road, approximately 20m from the beach sand dunes.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), National Heritage values, threatened species and communities and listed migratory species. Assessment to be advised.

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World Heritage Property:	The Ningaloo Coast
EPBC Number:	2021/8942
Title:	Gascoyne Gateway Ltd/ Transport – Water/10km south of Exmouth/ Western Australia/ Single Jetty Deep Water Port Renewable Hub, WA
Category:	Transport - Water

Gascoyne Gateway Ltd is proposing to privately fund, build and operate a new Single Jetty Deep-water Port and Renewables Hub, located 10 k south of Exmouth township on the Minilya-Exmouth Road. The proposal will provide the Exmouth Gulf’s existing marine traffic with a secure option to berth, and provide reliable, year-round berthing for tourist vessels, Defence and border security.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), National Heritage values, threatened species and communities and listed migratory species. Accredited Assessment to be progressed under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)*.

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World Heritage Property:	Great Barrier Reef
EPBC Number:	2021/8993
Title:	Bowen Pipeline Company Pty Ltd/ Water Management and Use/ between the Burdekin River at Home Hill to Bowen in the Whitsunday Region/ Queensland/ Bowen Pipeline
Category:	Water Management and Use



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Attachment A

The project seeks to progressively develop a new 105 km underground high-density polyethylene (HDPE) water pipeline generally between the Burdekin River at Home Hill to land near Bowen in the Whitsunday region. The pipeline will be capable of supplying 100,000 ML of water per annum at total capacity. It is anticipated that more than 90% of the water would be used for horticulture and agriculture, with the remainder to be used for other commercial, residential or aquaculture uses.

The proposal is currently being assessed for potential impact to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), National Heritage values and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Assessment to be advised.

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