

Environmental Impact Assessment Process



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Westport is one of WA's largest long-term infrastructure projects. The preferred design will undergo environmental impact assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The review process can take up to 2 years.

The proposed marine infrastructure, which includes the shipping channels, breakwater and port facilities is being referred to the EPA by Westport.

Main Roads will submit a separate referral to the EPA for upgrading Anketell Road, from Leath Road to Kwinana Freeway, to support freight requirements for the Western Trade Coast and the new port facilities in Kwinana.

Understanding the review process

The start of the process is *Referral*, when the EPA is notified that a project is being referred for assessment. During this stage, the EPA will determine the level of assessment for the proposal.

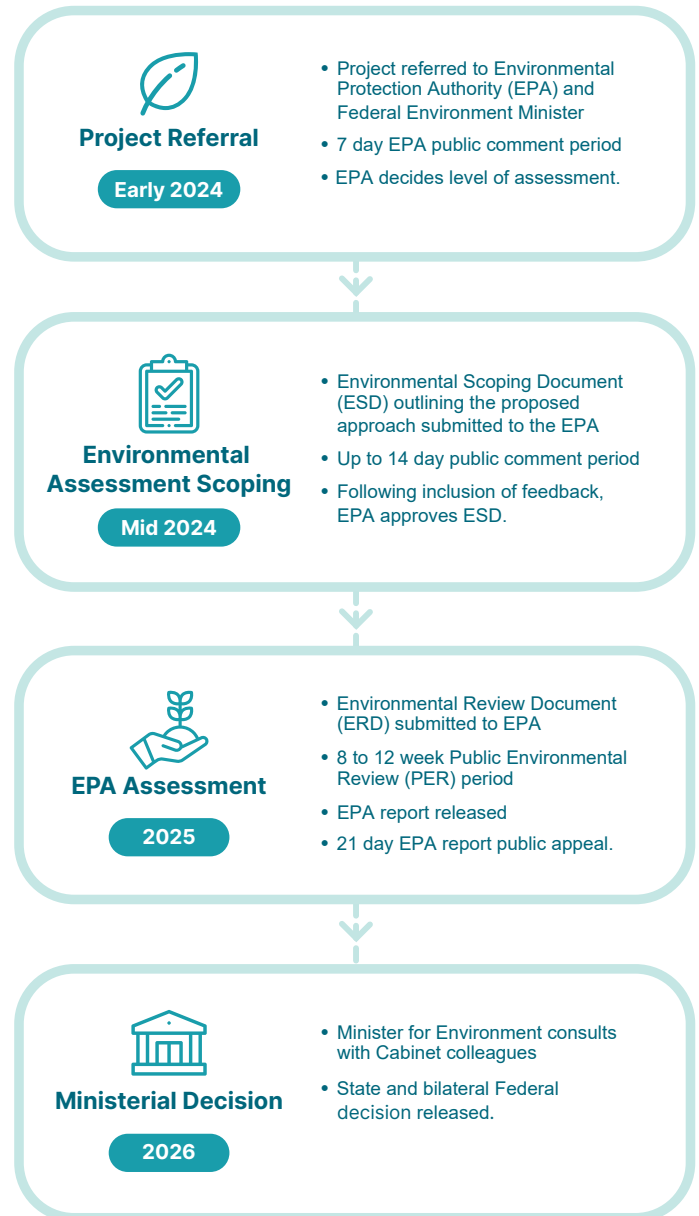
Given the significance of the project to the State, the importance of Cockburn Sound, and the scale of the infrastructure, Westport is requesting the EPA undertake the highest level of assessment for the proposed marine infrastructure.

The complete process occurs across several stages, which can be extended at the EPA's discretion. Public consultation is invited by the EPA at each stage.

The opportunity to provide feedback on the full documentation, including the supporting research, data and insights that underpin the submission, will occur during the *Assessment* stage. For Westport's marine infrastructure referral, this is expected to be a Public Environmental Review (PER) during 2025, whereby the public will have up to 12 weeks to provide feedback.

The WA community is encouraged to participate in the public feedback opportunities the EPA provides to have their say in shaping the future of WA.

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Find out more

Learn more about the science informing Westport's design, planning and development activities on our website www.westport.wa.gov.au.

You can also get information about how to provide feedback on the project to the EPA here: <https://consultation.epa.wa.gov.au/>

