# Referral of a Proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority under Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS FORM**

Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) makes provision for the referral to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) of a proposal (significant proposals, strategic proposals and proposals under an assessed scheme) by a proponent, a decision making authority (DMA), or any other person.

The purpose of this form is to ensure that EPA has sufficient information about a proposal to make a decision about the nature of the proposal and whether or not the proposal should be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act. Information provided in the referral form must be brief (no more than 30 pages), sharp and succinct to achieve the purposes of this form.

This form does not prevent the referrer from providing a supplementary referral report. Should a referrer choose to submit a supplementary referral report please ensure the following.

- i. Information is short, sharp and succinct.
- ii. Attachments are below eight megabytes (8 MB) as they will be published on the EPA's website (exemptions apply) for public comment. To minimise file size, "flatten" maps and optimise pdf files.
- iii. Cross-references are provided in the referral form to the appropriate section/s in the supplementary referral report.

This form is to be used for all proposals<sup>1</sup> which can be referred to the EPA under section 38 of the EP Act; i.e. referrals from: **proponents** of proposals (significant proposals, strategic proposals, derived proposals, proposals under an assessed scheme); **DMAs** (significant proposals); and **third parties** (significant proposals).

This form is divided into several sections, including; Referral requirements and Declaration; Part A - Information of the proposal and proponent; and Part B Environmental Factors. Guidance on successfully completing this form is provided throughout the form and is also available in the EPA's *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Referral of a Proposal under s38 of the EP Act (EAG 16)*.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that this form consolidates and replaces the following forms: Referral of a Proposal by the Proponent to the EPA under section 38(1) of the EP Act; Referral of a Proposal by a third party to the EPA under section 38(1) of the EP Act; and Referral of a development proposal to the EPA by the decision making authority.

# **Referral requirements and Declaration**

The following section outlines the referral information required from a proponent, decision making authority and third party.

## (a) Proponents

Proponents are expected to complete all sections of the form and provide GIS spatial data to enable the EPA to consider the referral. Spatial GIS data is necessary to inform the EPA's decision.

The EPA expects that a proponent will address Part B of the form as thoroughly as possible to demonstrate whether or not the EPA's objectives for environmental factors can be met.

If insufficient information is provided the EPA will request more information and processing of the referral will commence once the information is provided or the EPA decides to make a precautionary determination on the available information.

Proponent to complete before submitting form	
Completed all the questions in Part A (essential)	⊠ Yes □ No
Completed all the questions in Part B	⊠ Yes □ No
Completed all other applicable questions	⊠ Yes □ No
Included Attachment 1 – any additional document(s) the proponent wishes to provide	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Included Attachment 2 – confidential information (if applicable)	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Enclosed an electronic copy of all referral information, including spatial data and contextual mapping but clearly separating any confidential information	⊠ Yes □ No
Completed the Declaration	⊠ Yes □ No
What is the type of proposal being referred?  * a referred proposal seeking to be declared a derived proposal	<ul><li>☒ significant</li><li>☐ strategic</li><li>☐ derived*</li><li>☐ under an assessed scheme</li></ul>
Do you consider the proposal requires formal environmental impact assessment?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
If yes, what level of assessment?  API = Assessment of Proponent Information PER = Public Environmental Review	☐ API Category A ☐ API Category B ☐ PER

**NB:** The EPA may apply an Assessment on Proponent Information (API) level of assessment when the proponent has provided sufficient information about:

- the proposal;
- the proposed environmental impacts;
- the proposed management of the environmental impacts; and
- when the proposal is consistent with API criteria outlined in the <u>Environmental Impact</u> Assessment (Part IV Division 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2012.

If an API A formal level of assessment is considered appropriate, please refer to Environmental Assessment Guideline No. 14 *Preparation for an Assessment on Proponent Information (Category A) Environmental Review Document EAG 14* (EAG14).

#### **Declaration**

I, Ian Bellinge, declare that I am authorised on behalf of Elan Energy Matrix Pty Ltd. (being the person responsible for the proposal) to submit this form and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.

Signature	<b>X</b>	Name (print) la	n Bellinge	
Position	Managing Director	Organisation	Elan Energy Ma	trix Pty Ltd
Email	lan.Bellinge@elanem.com	.au		
Address	99	Dowd Street		
	Welshpool		WA	6106
Date	6/7/2016			

# (b) Decision-making authority

The EPA expects decision-making authorities to complete applicable sections of Part A of the form and provide the proponent an opportunity to provide additional information in Part B of the form where appropriate.

Wherever possible the DMA should obtain relevant spatial information from the proponent and provide this to the EPA with the referral.

DMA to comp	lete before submitting for	m		
Completed all	the questions in Part A (ess	sential)		☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided Part	B to the proponent for comp	oletion		☐ Yes ☐ No
Completed all	other applicable questions			☐ Yes ☐ No
Included Attac	hment 1 – any supporting ir	nformation		☐ Yes ☐ No
	lectronic copy of all referral al data and contextual map			☐ Yes ☐ No
Completed the	e below Declaration			Yes No
	er the proposal requires for impact assessment?	mal		☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the type	pe of proposal being referre	d?	signi	ficant proposal
				ficant proposal under ssessed scheme
Declaration  I,, (full name) submit this referral to the EPA for consideration of the environmental significance of its impacts.				
Signature		Name (print)		
Position		Organisation		
Email				
Address	Street No.	Street Name		
	Suburb		State	Postcode
Date				

## (c) Third Party

Third parties are asked to have consideration for the Significance Test outlined in Part A Section 1.5 of this form before referring a significant proposal to the EPA. The EPA will only consider proposals that are likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment.

Third parties are to provide sufficient information to clearly identify the significant proposal, the proponent, and their reasons for referring the proposal. This can be done by completing as much of Part A of the form as possible, taking into consideration the information available. Third parties may wish to fill in Part B of the form to advance their own views of the significance of the environmental impacts and the need for EPA assessment.

In most cases the EPA will seek additional information from the proponent. This will be to confirm or amend the identity of the proponent, the proposal, and to allow the proponent opportunity to provide its views on the significance of the environmental impacts and the need for EPA assessment.

Third Party to complete before submitting form					
Complete all a	nplete all applicable questions in Part A and B			□No	
Completed the	Declaration			☐ Yes	□No
Do you consid assessment?	er the proposal requi	res formal environmenta	Il impact	☐ Yes	□No
Declaration  I,, (full name) submit this referral to the EPA for consideration of the environmental significance of its impacts.  Signature  Name (print)					
Traine (print)					
Email					
Position		Organisation			
Address	Street No.	Street Name			
	Suburb		State	Po	stcode

## PART A: Information on the proposal and the proponent

All fields of Part A must be completed by the proponent and/or decision-making authority for this document to be processed as a referral. Third party referrers are only expected to fill in the fields they have information for.

#### 1 PROPONENT AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

#### 1.1 The proponent of the proposal

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
Name of the proponent	Elan Energy Matrix Pty Ltd
Joint Venture parties (if applicable)	NA
Australian Company Number(s)	611 714 580
Postal Address	PO Box 245
(Where the proponent is a corporation or an association of persons, whether incorporated or not, the postal address is that of the principal place of business or of the principal office in the State)	WELSHPOOL WA 6986
Key proponent contact for the proposal	Mr Ian Bellinge
Please include: name; physical address; phone; and email.	Managing Director Ph:+61 8 6230 2205 Ian.bellinge@elanem.com.au
Consultant for the proposal (if applicable)	Strategen Environmental Level 1
Please include: name; physical address; phone; and email.	50 Subiaco Square Road Subiaco WA 6008 Ph: 9380 4608

#### 1.2 Proposal

Proposal is defined under the EP Act to mean a "project, plan, programme policy, operation, undertaking or development or change of land use, or amendment of any of the foregoing, but does not include scheme". Before completing this section please refer to <a href="Environmental Protection">Environmental Protection</a> Bulletin 17 – Strategic and derived proposals (EPB 17) and <a href="Environmental Assessment Guideline for Defining the Key Characteristics of a proposal (EAG 1)">Environmental Assessment Guideline for Defining the Key Characteristics of a proposal (EAG 1)</a>.

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
Title of the proposal	Tyre Resource Recycling Facility (the Proposal)
What project phase is the proposal at?	<ul><li>☐ Scoping</li><li>☐ Feasibility</li><li>☑ Detailed design</li><li>☐ Other</li></ul>
Proposal type  More than one proposal type can be identified, however for filtering purposes it is recommended that only the primary proposal type is identified.	<ul> <li>□ Power/Energy Generation</li> <li>□ Hydrocarbon Based – coal</li> <li>□ Hydrocarbon Based – gas</li> <li>□ Waste to energy</li> <li>□ Renewable – wind</li> <li>□ Renewable – solar</li> </ul>

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
	Renewable – geothermal
	<ul> <li>☐ Mineral / Resource Extraction</li> <li>☐ Exploration – seismic</li> <li>☐ Exploration – geotechnical</li> <li>☐ Development</li> </ul>
	☐ Oil and Gas Development ☐ Exploration ☐ Onshore – seismic ☐ Onshore – geotechnical ☐ Onshore – development ☐ Offshore – seismic ☐ Offshore – geotechnical ☐ Offshore – development
	<ul> <li>✓ Industrial Development</li> <li>✓ Processing</li> <li>✓ Manufacturing</li> <li>✓ Beneficiation</li> </ul>
	□ Land Use and Development □ Residential – subdivision □ Residential – development □ Commercial – subdivision □ Commercial – development □ Industrial – subdivision □ Industrial – development □ Agricultural – subdivision □ Agricultural – development □ Tourism
	☐ Linear Infrastructure ☐ Rail ☐ Road ☐ Power Transmission ☐ Water Distribution ☐ Gas Distribution ☐ Pipelines
	<ul> <li>Water Resource Development</li> <li>□ Desalination</li> <li>□ Surface or Groundwater</li> <li>□ Drainage</li> <li>□ Pipelines</li> <li>□ Managed Aquifer Recharge</li> </ul>
	<ul><li></li></ul>

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
	☐ Dredging
	If other, please state below:  Other
Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
Description of the proposal – describe the key characteristics of the proposal in accordance with <u>EAG 1</u> .	The Proposal is to recycle used ("end-of-life") tyres using a Thermal Conversion Unit (TCU) within a Tyre Resource Recovery Facility (TRRF).
	The Proposal will involve thermal processing of used tyres to produce carbon black, steel wire, oil and gas using an indirect fired TCU.
	Carbon black and oil will be sold to Australian and International markets. Gas will be combusted in a thermal oxidiser and exhaust gases released via a 15 m tall stack. Heat recovery will be included to maximise energy efficiency of the Proposal.
Timeframe in which the proposal is to occur (including start and finish dates where applicable).	The estimated start date of the Proposal is December 2016. The nominal life of the Proposal is twenty to thirty years.
Details of any staging of the proposal.	The Proposal will be constructed/installed as a single stage, followed by commissioning and operation.
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	The Proposal site occupies an area of 0.45 ha. The Proposal area is zoned 'General Industry'.
	The premises was previously utilised for furniture storage and wholesaling business, and contains paved and hard stand lots. Two stand-alone warehouses occupy approximately 51% (0.23 ha) of the Proposal site.
Have pre-referral discussions taken place with the OEPA?	Yes.  Meeting held with OEPA (Anthony Sutton and Richard Sutherland) on 8 June 2016.
If yes, please provide the case number. If a case number was not provided, please state the date of the meeting and names of attendees.	and Richard Sutherland) on 6 June 2016.
DMA (Responsible Authority) to complete	
For a proposal under an assessed scheme (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act, applicable only to the proponent and DMA) provide details (in an attachment) as to whether:	
<ul> <li>The environmental issues raised by the proposal were assessed in any assessment of the assessed scheme.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The proposal complies with the assessed scheme and any environmental conditions in the</li> </ul>	

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
assessed scheme.	

## 1.3 Strategic / derived proposals

Complete this section if the proposal being referred is a strategic proposal or you are seeking the proposal to be declared a derived proposal. Note: Only a proponent may refer a strategic proposal and seek a proposal to be declared a derived proposal.

Proponent to complete	
Is this referred proposal a strategic proposal?	☐ Yes   ☐ No
Are you seeking that this proposal be declared a derived proposal?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
If you are seeking that this proposal be declared a derived proposal, what is the Ministerial Statement number (MS #) of the associated strategic proposal?	MS #:

## 1.4 Location

Proponents and DMAs must provide spatial data. Please refer to <u>EAG 1</u> for more detail.

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete	
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	City of Canning
Location:	Lot 60, 9 Fargo Way,
a) street address; lot number; suburb; and nearest road intersection; or	Welshpool WA
<ul> <li>b) if remote the nearest town; and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.</li> </ul>	
Have maps and figures been included with the referral (consistent with <u>EAG 1</u> where appropriate)?	⊠ Yes □ No
The types of maps and figures which need to be provided (depending on the nature of the proposal) include:	
<ul> <li>maps showing the regional location and context of the proposal; and</li> </ul>	
figures illustrating the proposal elements.	
Proponent and DMA to complete	
Have electronic copies of spatial data been included with the referral?	⊠ Yes □ No
	Spatial data is provided in
<b>NB:</b> Electronic spatial (GIS or CAD) data, geo-referenced and conforming to the following parameters:	Attachment 3.
<ul> <li>GIS: polygons representing all activities and named;</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>CAD: simple closed polygons representing all activities and named;</li> </ul>	
• datum: GDA94;	
<ul> <li>projection: Geographic (latitude/longitude) or Map Grid of Australia (MGA);</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>format: ESRI geodatabase or shapefile, MapInfo Interchange Format, Microstation or AutoCAD</li> </ul>	

# 1.5 Significance test and environmental factors

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete		
What are the likely significant	☐ Benthic Communities and Habitat	
environmental factors for this proposal?	☐ Coastal Processes	
	☐ Marine Environmental Quality	
	☐ Marine Fauna	
	☐ Flora and Vegetation	
	Landforms	
	Subterranean Fauna	
	☐ Terrestrial Environmental Quality	
	☐ Terrestrial Fauna	
	☐ Hydrological Processes	
	☐ Inland Waters Environmental Quality	

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete		
Having regard to the Significance Test (refer to Section 7 of the <i>EIA</i> Administrative Procedures 2012) in what ways do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment and warrant referral to the EPA?	Air Quality & Atmospheric Gases  Amenity Heritage Human Health Offsets Rehabilitation and Decommissioning The Proposal is being referred to the EPA for a decision on whether or not formal environmental assessment is required. The outcome of the significance test suggests that the Proposal meets the EPA objectives and is unlikely to warrant formal environmental assessment.  Refer to Section 2.3 of the Supporting Document.	
1.6 Confidential information  All information will be made publically available un or subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1992		
Proponent to complete		
Does the proponent request that the EPA treat any part of the referral information as confidential?  Ensure all confidential information is provided in	☐ Yes ⊠ No	
a separate attachment in hard copy.		
<ul> <li>2 REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS         This section applies to the Local, State and Commonwealth regulatory considerations for the referred proposal.     </li> <li>2.1 Government approvals</li> </ul>		
2.1.1 State or Local Government a	approvals	
DMA to complete		
What approval(s) is (are) required from you as a decision-making authority?		
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented?  If yes, please provide details.	☐ Yes ⊠ No	

### 2.1.2 Regulation of aspects of the proposal

Complete the following to the extent possible.

Proponent to complete	
Do you have legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?	☐ Yes       No
If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.	The Proponent is in the process of completing the acquisition
If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?	(purchase) of the Proposal premises.

Outline both the existing approvals and approvals that will be / are being sought as a part of this proposal.

Proponent to complete			
Aspects* of the proposal	Type of approval	Legislation regulating this activity	Which State agency /entity regulate this activity?
Used Tyre storage	Works Approval and Licence	EP Act 1986 – Part V	DER
Char manufacture	Works Approval and Licence	EP Act 1986 – Part V	DER
Change in land-use	Development Application	Planning and Development Act 2005	City of Canning

<sup>\*</sup>e.g. mining, processing, dredging

# 2.1.3 Commonwealth Government *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* approvals

Refer to the <u>assessment bilateral agreement</u> between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Western Australia for assistance on this section.

Pro	Proponent to complete			
1.	Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?	☐ Yes ☐ No  If no continue to Part A section 2.1.4.		
2.	What is the status of the decision on whether or not the action is a controlled action?	<ul> <li>□ Proposal not yet referred</li> <li>□ Proposal referred, awaiting decision</li> <li>□ Assessed – controlled action</li> <li>□ Assessed – not a controlled action</li> </ul>		
3.	If the action has been referred, when was it referred and what is the reference number (Ref #)?	Date:N/A Ref #:N/A		

Proponent to complete		
4.	If the action has been assessed, provide the decision in an attachment. Has an attachment been provided?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A
5.	Do you request this proposal to be assessed under the bilateral agreement?	☐ Yes ⊠ No

Complete the following to the extent possible for the Public Comment of EPBC Act referral documentation.

Proponent to complete	
Have you invited the public to comment on your referral documentation?	☐ Yes No ☐
7. How was the invitation published?	newspaper website
8. Did the invitation include all of the following?	
(a) brief description of the action	☐ Yes ☐ No
(b) the name of the action	☐ Yes ☐ No
(c) the name of the proponent	☐ Yes ☐ No
(d) the location of the action	☐ Yes ☐ No
(e) the matters of national environmental significance that will be or are likely to be significantly impacted	☐ Yes ☐ No
(f) how the relevant documents may be obtained	☐ Yes ☐ No
(g) the deadline for public comments	☐ Yes ☐ No
(h) available for public comment for 14 calendar days	☐ Yes ☐ No
(i) the likely impacts on matters of national environmental significance	☐ Yes ☐ No
(j) any feasible alternatives to the proposed action	☐ Yes ☐ No
(k) possible mitigation measures	☐ Yes ☐ No
Were any submissions received during the public comment period?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have public submissions been addressed? If yes provide attachment.	☐ Yes ☐ No

## 2.1.4 Other Commonwealth Government Approvals

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete				
Is approval requir Commonwealth C part of the propos	Sovernment/s for any	☐ Yes	⊠ No lease com <sub>l</sub>	plete the table below.
Agency / Authority	Approval required		cation ged?	Agency / Local Authority contact(s) for proposal
		☐ Yes	☐ No	
		☐ Yes	☐ No	

## 3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please attach copies of any relevant information on the proposal, supporting evidence and / or existing environmental surveys, studies or monitoring information undertaken and list the documents below.

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete			
(1)	s38 Referral Supporting Document	Strategen Environmental	Provides further detailed information on the Proposal to support the s38 referral.

#### PART B: ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The purpose of Part B is to assist the EPA to determine the significance of the likely environmental impacts of the proposal in accordance with the EPA's *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Environmental factors and objectives* (EAG 8) and *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Application of a significant framework in the EIA process* (EAG 9). Referrers completing Part B should refer closely to EAG 8 and EAG 9.

The EPA has prepared <u>Referral of a Proposal under s38 of the EP Act EAG No.16 - Appendix A</u> (Appendix A) to assist in identifying factors and completing the below table. Further guidance can be found in the guidance and policy documents cited in Appendix A under each factor.

#### How to complete Part B

For each environmental factor, that is likely to be significantly impacted by the implementation of the proposal, make a copy of the table below and insert a summary of the relevant information relating to the proposal. The table can be broken down into more than one table per factor, if the need arises. For example the hydrological processes factor can be presented in two separate tables, one for surface water and one for groundwater, or similarly one for construction and one for operations.

For complex proposals a supplementary referral report can be provided in addition to the referral form. If this option is chosen the table must still be completed (summaries are acceptable) to assist the Office of the EPA with statistical reporting and filtering proposals for processing.

Proponents expecting an API level of assessment must provide information in accordance with the EPA's *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Preparation of an API-A environmental review document* (EAG 14).

For each of the significant environmental factors, complete the following table (Questions 1 - 10).

Propo	Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
1	Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Air quality - refer to Section 3 of the Supporting Document.	
		Other Factors are addressed in Section 3.5 of the Supporting Document.	
2	EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To maintain air quality for the protection of the environment and human health and amenity.	
3	Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	The following EPA guidance and position statements set the framework for identification and assessment of impacts to air quality:	
		Air Quality Modelling Guidance Notes (DoE 2006)	
		EPA Guidance Statement No. 55, Implementing Best Practice in proposals submitted to the Environmental Impact Assessment process (EPA 2003)	
		<ul> <li>National Environment Protection Measure standards and goals (NEPC 2003)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>World Health Organisation (WHO) Air Quality and Health guidelines (WHO 2000, 2005)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Department of Health (DoH) relevant policy and air quality guidelines.</li> </ul>	

Propoi	Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.			
4	Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including:	Consultation has been undertaken in relation to the Proposal. Refer to Section 2.6 of the Supporting Document.		
	<ul> <li>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</li> </ul>			
	consultation with community.			
5	Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment.  This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.	Refer to Section 2 of the Supporting Document. The Proposal site is situated in a 'General Industry' zone which contains paved and concrete hardstand lots. The environment surrounding the premise is largely industrial development with surrounding developments comprising industrial warehouses, factories, workshops and offices of varying age and construction. Residential premises are located approximately 600 m and 800 m to the east and south of the premises within Wattle Grove and East Cannington, respectively. The Proposal site does not contain any vegetation and flora or fauna values. A study of air emissions from the single point source emissions stack has been carried out using dispersion modelling in accordance with guidance notes provided by Department of Environment Regulation (DER) (2006). The assessment included direct impacts of emissions as well as cumulative impacts, whereby the background air quality is considered in conjunction with the additional emissions Proposal. Refer to Section 3 of the Supporting Document.		
6	Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.	Atmospheric emissions from the Proposal have the potential to affect air quality, with a consequent impact on the health and amenity of persons at residential areas and neighbouring premises within the dispersion zone. The nearest sensitive receptors are located in the residential area approximately 600 m to the east of the Proposal site. A detailed impact assessment has been undertaken with respect to Air Quality in Section 3 of the Supporting Document. Dispersion model predictions show Ground Level Concentrations of air emissions are well below the air quality standards under worst-case meteorological conditions for both direct impacts and cumulative impacts where background concentrations are included.		
7	Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential	The following emissions management will be undertaken:		

Propo	nent to complete. DMA and Third Party to	complete to the best of their knowledge.
	<ul> <li>environmental impacts? The following should be addressed:</li> <li>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</li> <li>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</li> <li>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</li> <li>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>low NOx burners will be installed on the TCU combustion chamber and the thermal oxidiser.</li> <li>the process gas condenser will remove the majority of sulfides thereby reducing the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the thermal oxidiser</li> <li>the thermal oxidiser design provides for a minimum 2 second residence time at high temperature to ensure highly efficient combustion efficiencies</li> <li>a 15 m tall stack will be installed to ensure efficient dispersion of emissions</li> <li>stack emissions will be discharged at high temperature, providing good plume buoyancy for efficient dispersion of emissions.</li> <li>Refer to Section 3 of the Supporting Document.</li> </ul>
8	Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.  It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:  • quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;  • putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and  • comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.	Dispersion model predictions show Ground Level Concentrations of air emissions are well below the air quality standards under worst- case meteorological conditions for both direct impacts and cumulative impacts where background concentrations are included.
9	EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? <i>Refer to</i> <u>EAG 9</u>	<ul> <li></li></ul>

Propo	Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.			
10	Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.	Taking into consideration:  • dispersion modelling using the results of a mass balance emissions assessment and test plant trials		
		worst case dispersion modelling has indicated acceptable air emissions outcomes		
		application of pollution control and monitoring,		
		the Proposal is not expected to represent a significant impact to the air quality of the area and meets the EPA objective for air quality.		

In circumstances where there was some uncertainty on the level of significance of a particular factor it is recommended that a brief summary (no longer than 1 - 2 paragraphs) is provided on the steps taken to determine why a factor was not considered to be significant.