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Environmental Protection Act (EP Act) Part IV

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EP Act Part IV Environmental Protection Statement (EPS)

Indicative Timing: ± 6-9 months

Indicative Timing	EP Act Part IV Environmental Protection Statement (EPS)	Applicant/ Proponent	Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)	Key Documents	Document Templates/ Guidelines	Supporting Technology	Decision Making Authority (DMA)/ Advising Agency	Minister for the Environment	Other Stakeholders	Appeals Convenor
± 6 weeks	1. Proponent consults with EPA Chairman to reach initial agreement on EPS.				Admin Procedures					
	2. EPS process commences.		Start				and / or		and / or	
	3. Proponent prepares EPS (environmental review, conduct of studies) documentation in consultation with stakeholders.			Draft EPS	Community Consultation Guide; Guidance Statements					
	4. EPA reviews draft EPS documentation and consults advising agencies.				EIA Principles					
	5. Is EPS documentation suitable?		No / Yes							
	6. Is EPS level of assessment suitable?		No / Yes							
	7. EPA advises Proponent.			Final EPS						
	8. Apply PER or ERMP process.		or: EP Act PER Process / EP Act ERMP Process							
	9. EPA finalises and advertises EPA Assessment Report (Bulletin) and level of assessment; Proponent publishes EPS document.									
2 weeks	10. Appeal(s) lodged with Minister? If No go to 17.								Yes / No 18	
± 12 weeks	11. Appeals Convenor considers appeals and reports to Minister.			Appeals Report						
	12. Minister decides to uphold appeal on level of assessment?						Yes / No			
	13. Minister decides to uphold appeals on EPA Report?							Yes / No		
	14. EPA revises level of assessment as determined by the Minister.									
	15. EPA process for PER or ERMP.		or: EP Act PER Process / EP Act ERMP Process							
	16. Minister decides to remit proposal under s43 to be assessed more fully?						Yes / No			
± 3 weeks	17. EPA remits proposal to Proponent for further assessment.									
	18. Minister consults DMAs to seek agreement on proposal to be implemented.							10		
	19. Minister decides proposal may be implemented?							Yes / No		
	20. Minister issues draft conditions for implementing proposal to Proponent.			Draft Conditions						
2 weeks max	21. Proponent appeals conditions to Minister?						Yes / No			
	22. Appeals Committee provides report and recommendation to Minister.									
	23. Minister implements Appeals Committee's recommendation.									
	24. Minister issues statement (approval with conditions).			Statement						
	25. Minister notifies Proponent that proposal is not acceptable.									
	26. EPS process finalised.		End							
	27. Commence EMP if required by Ministerial conditions.		EP Act EMP Process							