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Environmental Protection Act (EP Act) Part IV

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Indicative Timing: ± 15 months

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	1. Proponent's referral process.		EP Act Referral Process							
	2. EPA identifies DMAs and issues s41 notice that decisions must await authorisation.									
	3. PER process commences.		Start							
	4. Proponent prepares Environmental Scoping Document (ESD).			Draft ESD	Scoping Guidelines; Guidance Statements; EIA Principles					
± 7 weeks	5. EPA assesses draft scoping document as basis for PER.									
	6. EPA refers draft scope to advising agencies for comment.									
	7. Agree with ESD?		No / Yes	Final ESD						
	8. Proponent prepares PER document and submits to EPA.	20		Draft PER	PER/ERMP Guidelines; Guidance Statements					
± 4 weeks	9. EPA refers draft PER to advising agencies for checking against agreed scope.									
	10. EPA authorises advertisement and for Proponent to release document for public review.			Final PER						
5-9 weeks	11. Stakeholders review document and submit comments to EPA.									
	12. EPA receives submissions from stakeholders and submits copies to Proponent.			Submissions						
	13. Proponent prepares summary of issues and responds to matters raised in the submissions.			Response to Submissions						
± 10 weeks	14. EPA undertakes assessment and consults with stakeholders and reports to Minister.									
	15. Minister publishes EPA Assessment Report (Bulletin).			Bulletin						
2 weeks	16. Appeals lodged on assessment? If No go to 21.							No → 21		
± 12 weeks	17. Appeals Convenor considers appeals and reports to Minister.									
	18. Minister decides to uphold appeals?							Yes / No		
	19. Minister decides to remit proposal under s43 to be assessed more fully?							Yes		
	20. EPA remits proposal to Proponent for further assessment. Go to 8.		8							
	21. Minister consults DMAs to seek agreement on proposal to be implemented.							16		
± 3 weeks	22. Minister decides proposal may be implemented? If No go to 30.							No → 30 / Yes		
	23. Minister issues draft conditions for implementing proposal to Proponent.			Draft Conditions						
	24. Proponent appeals conditions to Minister? If No go to 29.		No → 29			Yes				
2 weeks max	25. Appeals Committee provides report and recommendation to Minister.									
	26. Minister implements Appeals Committee's recommendation.									
	27. Next page.							EP Act Part IV PER (p2)		

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	28. From previous page.							EP Act Part IV PER (p1)		
	29. Minister issues statement (approval with conditions).			Statement				24		
	30. Minister notifies Proponent that proposal is not acceptable.								22	
	31. PER process finalised.		End							
	32. Commence EMP if required by Ministerial conditions.		EP Act EMP Process							