Environmental Impact Assessment and Approval Timelines

Environment Protection Act 2019 and Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Key
Tier 1 - Assessment on Referral Information
Tier 2 - Assessment by Supplementary Environmental Report (SER)
Tier 3 - Assessment by Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
TOR - Terms of Reference
SUPP - Supplement

Notes
Documentation is published at each stage of the assessment process
Reasons for decision are also published at each decision point
All timeframes are expressed as business days
Public Comment - period may be extended in consultation with the proponent
Range of 30-60 business days (determined by NT EPA) applies to public comment on draft EIS

Tier 1

Proponent Action - Referral
Accept or refuse referral

Public comment on referral
Determine if assessment is required and level of assessment

Tier 2

Proponent Action - SER
Proponent directed about matters to be included in SER

Public comment on SER
Draft TOR prepared

Proponent Action - EIS
Proponent directed about matters to be included in Supplement

Public comment on draft EIS
Proponent Action - SUPP
Assessment Report prepared

Public comment on SUPP

Tier 3

Assessment Report prepared

Environmental Approval drafted
Comments from proponent and statutory decision makers sought

Proponent Action - SUPP

Assessment Report prepared

Environmental Approval drafted
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Minister's Decision

Environmental Approval granted or refused

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