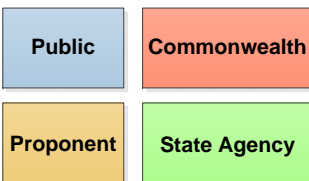


Alignment of General EPBC Assessment Process Stages, with steps in Victorian Statutory Processes Accredited under the 2014 Bilateral Assessment Agreement

EPBC Assessment Stages	Planning Permit (P&E Act) DELWP (Planning) Items 2.1(e)&(f)	Environmental Report (EE Act) DELWP (Planning) Item 2.1(c)	EES (EE Act) DELWP (Planning) Item 2.1(b)	CIS (MTPF Act) DELWP (Planning) Item 2.1(a)	Advisory Committee (P&E Act) DELWP (Planning) Item 2.1(d)	Heritage Permit (Heritage Act) DELWP (Heritage) Item 2.1(i)	Approval s. 36, 51 or 67 (Water Act) DELWP (Water) Item 2.1(h)	Works Approval (Env Protection Act) EPA Item 2.1(g)
<p>Scope of EPBC Assessment confirmed</p>	<p>Scope of Assessment Documentation confirmed (re Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)) by Department (Planning)</p>	<p>Minister for Planning's No EES Conditions set requirement for and Scope of Environmental Report (including MNES)</p>	<p>Draft EES Scoping Requirements prepared in accordance with Ministerial Guidelines (including MNES) & public comments invited (15 bus days). Final EES Scoping Requirements issued by Min for Planning & published</p>	<p>Public comment sought (15 bus days) on Draft CIS Scoping Directions prepared in accordance with MTPF Act (including MNES). Final CIS Scoping Directions issued by Min for Planning & published</p>	<p>Scope of Assessment Documentation confirmed (re MNES) & Terms of Reference for Advisory Committee prepared by Department (Planning)</p>	<p>Scope of Assessment Documentation confirmed (re MNES) by Department (Heritage)</p>	<p>Scope of Assessment Documentation confirmed (re MNES) by Department (Water)</p>	<p>Scope of Assessment Documentation confirmed (re MNES) by EPA</p>
<p>Draft Assessment Documentation prepared (proponent) to satisfaction of State</p>	<p>Draft Assessment Documentation prepared by proponent (with Permit Application as appropriate), to satisfaction of Min for Planning (or delegate)</p>	<p>Environmental Report prepared by proponent, to satisfaction of Min for Planning (or delegate)</p>	<p>Environment Effects Statement (EES) prepared by proponent in accordance with Ministerial Guidelines & EES Scoping Requirements</p>	<p>Comprehensive Impact Statement (CIS) prepared by proponent, to satisfaction of Min for Planning (or delegate)</p>	<p>Assessment Documentation prepared by proponent (with Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) Documentation as appropriate), to satisfaction of Min for Planning (or delegate)</p>	<p>Heritage Permit Application & relevant supporting documentation prepared by proponent in accordance with Heritage Act, to satisfaction of ED (or delegate)</p>	<p>Application for s.36, 51 or 67 Approval & relevant supporting documentation prepared by proponent in accordance with Water Act, to satisfaction of Min for Water (or delegate)</p>	<p>Works Approval Application & relevant supporting documentation prepared by proponent in accordance with EP Act, to satisfaction of EPA</p>
<p>Public Comment on (draft) Assessment Documentation</p>	<p>Public notice inviting Comment on draft Assessment Documentation (14 days), in parallel with notice of Planning Permit Application</p>	<p>Public notice inviting Comment on Environmental Report, including on MNES assessment (14 days)</p>	<p>EES exhibited and advertised - public submissions invited (including on MNES assessment) (20 - 30 bus days)</p>	<p>CIS exhibited and advertised - public submissions invited (20 - 30 bus days)</p>	<p>Assessment Documentation advertised, inviting public submissions, together with PSA (28 days)</p>	<p>Application & relevant supporting documentation advertised, inviting Comment on MNES assessment (14 days)</p>	<p>s.36, 51 or 67 Application & relevant supporting documentation advertised, inviting Comment on MNES assessment (14 days)</p>	<p>Works Approval Application & relevant supporting documentation advertised, inviting Comment on MNES assessment (21 days)</p>
<p>Finalise Assessment Documentation (proponent) & respond to public comments</p>	<p>Proponent finalises Assessment Documentation, including responses to public comments</p>	<p>Proponent prepares Final Environmental Report, including responses to public comments</p>	<p>EES Inquiry occurs (public hearing), with proponent's response to public submissions, & reports to Min for Planning</p>	<p>CIS revised in accordance with MTPF Act by proponent in response to public submissions and review (including hearing) by Assessment Committee in accordance with MTPF Act – report to Min for Planning</p>	<p>Advisory Committee (AC), appointed under P&E Act, occurs and proponent provides AC with written responses to public submissions</p>	<p>Proponent provides ED with final Assessment Documentation (Application), including responses to public comments</p>	<p>Proponent provides Min for Water with final Assessment Documentation (Application), including responses to public comments</p>	<p>Proponent provides EPA with final Assessment Documentation (Application), including responses to public comments</p>
<p>Assessment Report prepared by State & issued to Commonwealth</p>	<p>Assessment Report (for MNES) prepared by Min for Planning (or delegate) and issued to Commonwealth (and Responsible Authority)</p>	<p>Assessment Report (for MNES) prepared by Min for Planning (or delegate) and issued to Commonwealth</p>	<p>Minister's Assessment (under EE Act) prepared by Minister for Planning and issued to decision-makers (including Commonwealth) and proponent</p>	<p>Assessment Report prepared by Min for Planning and issued to Commonwealth</p>	<p>Assessment Report prepared by Advisory Committee and issued to Commonwealth and State decision-makers</p>	<p>Assessment Report prepared by ED and issued to Commonwealth</p>	<p>Assessment Report prepared by Min for Water and issued to Commonwealth</p>	<p>Assessment Report prepared by EPA and issued to Commonwealth</p>
<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>	<p>EPBC Approval decision issued by Commonwealth</p>

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DELWP = Vic Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

EPBC = Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

MNES = a Matter of National Environmental Significance protected by a provision of Div. 1 of Part 3 of EPBC Act

EE Act = Environment Effects Act 1978

P&E Act = Planning & Environment Act 1987

MTPF Act = Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009

Item 2.1(a) – refers to the accredited assessment item in Schedule 1 to the Bilateral Agreement