

Information Sheet - Kemerton to Ocean Brine Pipeline



Pipeline approvals process

Harvey Water will self refer this project to the WA Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under Part 4 of the Environmental Protection Act.

Route

A broad range of investigations and discussions have taken place in order to identify what we believe is the best route for the pipeline according to environmental and engineering parameters, and in discussion with various landowners.

Heritage

Harvey Water has already completed a desktop survey of known and potential Aboriginal heritage issues, and working with the Gnaala Karla Boodja traditional landowners, is soon to commence a formal Aboriginal Heritage survey involving an archaeological and ethnographic survey of the route to comply with the SWALC approvals process.

Environmental

- Six different environmental surveys targeting different aspects of the pipe route that have been undertaken;
 - o Preliminary environmental impact assessment
 - o Spring flora survey
 - o Targeted possum habitat survey
 - o Targeted black cockatoo habitat survey
 - o Benthic (seabed) habitat study
 - o Marine discharge investigation and modelling
- These reports and studies will inform our self-referral to the WA Environmental Protection Authority.



• Following project review in light of public consultation outcomes, Harvey Water will submit to the EPA, who will determine whether adequate information has been provided, and the magnitude of environmental impact. We are currently at Stage 1 in the EPA process diagram.



• Harvey Water has opted to self refer to the regulator (this is called a “Part Four Prescribed Works Licence”). By self referring to the EPA we are undertaking to identify and address issues and concerns with the route as early as possible. This referral also incorporates outcomes from the public consultation process.



• A development application will be submitted to the Shire of Harvey, with the Shire likely to include as on of the conditions that EPA approval for the project is obtained.



Diagram – General approvals process

