Submission on the referral

Darwin H2 Project Nominee Pty Ltd – Wak Wak Solar Farm

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report Table 3-2 Pg 31 5.6.1 Pg 97	Avoidance of Aboriginal sacred sites	• The report states in Table 3-2 that '*The proposal design has accounted for and avoided known registered and recorded sacred sites*'. • The report states in 5.6.1 that '*Sacred sites have been identified by Custodians within the initial investigation area…*' • Note that these statements are based on an Abstract of Records, reflecting the knowledge of the area at the time. Only an Authority Certificate can identify sacred sites and restricted work areas (RWAs) relevant to the proposed works. • The proponent has applied for an Authority Certificate. Following issue, the proponent may need to reconsider the design if there are RWAs.
Main report 5,3,2 Pg 31	Stormwater management	• The report states that '*Surface water flows will be impacted within the infrastructure footprint due to land clearing and ground levelling for infrastructure*' and '*A stormwater management strategy will be prepared to demonstrate the proposed stormwater management infrastructure can achieve an acceptable change to surface water flows*'. • Note that Aboriginal sacred sites may be present along the creeks and stormwater management should consider discharge locations to avoid any sacred sites.