



Subject: coordination on Environmental Assmts - BHP pipes

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Thanks for the Notification of Referral on the BHP pipes which I received yesterday. As confirmed, I will be the E&C contact for the EA process and distribution of the EA report.

I realise that the Board has already received Bob Overvold's reply on the subject of 'expert' advice from the Dept. dated March 25, 99...indicating that DIAND managers should be approached for any expertise required from their staff.

However, I'd like to get a handle (early) on what the scope is of any 'expertise' the EIRB may be requesting from DIAND managers on this assessment as a priority since it's the most comprehensive so far, and secondly requirements in a general sense on other more routine smaller assessments.

I'd like to get a rough idea from you as to what's expected of E&C for instance for a start so we can plan out time commitments. Then, depending on what you indicate to me as to the nature of technical advice from DIAND, I would like to give other sectors in DIAND a 'heads up' pending formal contact from your Board.

Can we meet to discuss?

Thanks Heidi.

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