



How to make a submission

Osborne Submarine Construction Yard

Overview

As part of the Strategic Assessment process for the Osborne Submarine Construction Yard (SCY), the Draft Strategic Impact Assessment Report (Draft Report) is being made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 28 days, in accordance with Section 146(2)(b) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This is known as the Public Comment Period. During this time, anyone can access the Draft Report and make a submission to share their feedback.

All submissions received during the Public Comment Period are reviewed and considered, before we finalise the Strategic Impact Assessment Report (Final Report).

This fact sheet is designed to assist those interested in lodging a submission on the Draft Report.

Community input is an important element of the approvals process for the SCY, and we encourage you to consider making a submission.

Making a submission

A submission is a statement explaining your views about the Osborne SCY. It does not need to be long, formal or detailed but there are a few guiding points to create an effective submission. The best submissions are unique and are generally:

- Concise and well-structured
- Emphasise the key points so they are clear
- Outline concerns as well as suggesting recommendations to address them
- Only include information and documents that are relevant to your key points.

Information from submissions may be included in the Final Report, as this may inform recommendations and findings.

Sharing your views, experience or story are valuable and an important part to the completion of the Final Report.

Preparing your submission:

- ✓ *Be specific:* Address the assessment's focus areas, such as environmental impacts, habitat protection, and community benefits.
- ✓ *Evidence-based:* Support your points with data, research, or personal experiences.
- ✓ *Clarity:* Use clear language and concise arguments.
- ✓ *Timeliness:* Submit your feedback within the specified timeframe.

The Strategic Assessment aims for long-term environmental protection, so your input matters!

Where to lodge your submission

There are three ways to lodge your feedback:

- www.asa.gov.au/projects
Select 'Osborne Submarine Construction Yard' and fill in the online form.
- Email asa.osborne.enquiries@defence.gov.au
- In-person at any of the community drop-in sessions via a hard copy form.

Where to get more information

The Draft Report and Plan documents are available via the www.asa.gov.au website.

If you still have questions, we encourage you to call **1800 DEFENCE (1800 333 362)** or email asa.osborne.enquiries@defence.gov.au

The ASA is also hosting a series of community drop-in information sessions as part of the Strategic Assessment period.

Upcoming sessions are advertised on the ASA website. These sessions provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and engage with the ASA Project Team.