



## Fact sheet 1

# Fees payable for activities under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

This fact sheet provides a summary of the fees which may be charged throughout referral, assessment and post-assessment of a proposal under Part IV – Divisions 1 and 2 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. **Appendix 1** provides a visual representation of fees that could apply throughout the environmental impact assessment process.

## Stage 1: Referral

When a proponent submits a referral, a referral fee will be charged. If a third party or Decision Making Authority submits a referral, and it is assessed, the referral fee will be charged to the proponent at the level of assessment (LOA) decision.

Other fees may apply, including if a proponent submits a request to declare a referred proposal to be a derived proposal or amends a proposal, or if the EPA requires further information to inform the decision whether to assess.

Fee	Amount	Required?	When due
S38 Referral of a proposal	\$32,000	Core fee	Date of referral
S38C Request for approval to amend a referred proposal	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request
S38E Request to declare proposal a derived proposal	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request
S38F Request by EPA for further information from proponent	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request by EPA

## Stage 2: Level of assessment set

If a proposal is assessed, fees will be charged for the assessment of the proposal. The proponent will be invoiced following the LOA decision. The fee is based on the complexity of the proposal.

The assessment fee is paid in two parts – upfront and following the EPA report. At the LOA decision, the \$16,000 base assessment fee plus 80% of the estimated complexity fee will apply.



If a proposal is withdrawn at any time after the LOA is set, a fee will apply. This will include the baseline assessment fee plus any work conducted by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department) up to that point (includes the 7-day public consultation fee, which occurs prior to the LOA decision).

Fee	Amount	Required?	When due
Assessment of Proposal under Part IV, Division 1	Variable – fixed fee +80% of estimated complexity fee	Core fee	Following level of assessment decision

## Stage 3: Assessment

Fees may apply throughout the assessment process, including where the EPA formally requests further information or incurs external costs (such as specialist advice), or where a proponent requests to amend the proposal or seeks consent to minor or preliminary works.

Fee	Amount	Required?	When due
S40(2)(a) Request by EPA for further information	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request
S41A(3) Request for consent to minor or preliminary works	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request
S43A Request by proponent to amend during assessment	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request
Specialist Advice	Reimbursement of actual cost	Only if activity occurs	Following receipt of advice

## Stage 4: EPA report

When the EPA finalises its process and prior to publishing its report, you will pay the remaining 20% of the assessment fee. The Department will review and adjust the complexity fee at this point to accurately reflect the activities undertaken. This may increase or decrease the fee due. If the balance is less than the amount paid upfront, the Department will issue a refund.

Fee	Amount	Required?	When due
S38 Finalisation of Assessment Cost	Variable – cost of assessment less estimate paid	Core fee	EPA report issued



## Stage 5: Post assessment

Changes to the proposal or conditions after the issue of a Ministerial Statement may incur a fee. The submission of Environmental Management Plans for approval also incurs a fee.

Fee	Amount	Required?	When due
EMP – submission of EMP	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of submission
S45C Request by Proponent to amend an approved proposal and/or implementing condition	\$48,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request
S45C(2) Request from Minister to proponent to make decision on s45C	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request from Minister
S46 Inquiry by EPA into implementation condition or approved proposal	\$64,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of request from Minister
S46A Issue of interim conditions and procedures	\$16,000	Only if activity occurs	Date of issue from Minister

For more information on cost recovery, please visit [Cost recovery: Part IV Environmental Protection Act](#).



## Appendix 1: Fees that could apply throughout the environmental impact assessment process

