



WATER ONLINE QUICK GUIDE PLANNING ADVICE REQUEST CATEGORY – DEFINITIONS

Sector	Request Category	Definition
Planning Sector	Land Use Activity	Requests for advice on proposed activities. Are typically submitted by Local Governments, Department of Environment Regulation, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Department of Lands or Infrastructure agencies and can include development applications, pastoral leases, environmental approvals for clearing vegetation and infrastructure works.
	Land Use Change	Requests for advice on planning under Western Australia's planning legislation. Are typically submitted by Department of Planning or Local Governments to support a planning approval and can include planning schemes, structure plans, subdivisions and clearance of conditions.
	Reports and Policies	Requests for advice on reports, policies, plans and strategies. Are typically submitted by consultants, State or Local Government agencies and can include Better Urban Water Management reports, planning policies and agency guidelines.
	Environmental Protection Assessment	Requests for advice on Environmental Protection Authority assessments. Are typically submitted by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority to support an environmental protection assessment and can include Section 48 referrals (Assessment of Schemes).
Resource Sector	Mining and Petroleum	Requests for advice on mining and petroleum projects. Are typically submitted by the Department of Mines and Petroleum, and can include mining or petroleum licences, leases, plans and proposals.
	Environmental Protection Assessment	Requests for advice on Environmental Protection Authority assessments. Are typically submitted by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority or proponents to support an environmental protection assessment and can include Section 38 referrals (Environmental Impact Assessments)
	Land Use Activity	Requests for advice on proposed activities. Are typically submitted by Local Governments or Department of Environment Regulation and can include extractive industry proposals or environmental approvals for industry licensing and works approvals.
General Advice	General Advice	Informal requests for advice. Are typically submitted by property owners, organisations or consultants for preliminary advice from the Department of Water before lodging a formal referral to Department of Planning, State or Local Government agencies and/or to determine if a formal request for advice needs to be submitted. The Department of Water has a number of tools and databases which may assist.

If you are having trouble with selecting the relevant request type, set type as 'Other' and provide a short description of the request. You can also contact the Department's Business Support Unit on 1800 508 885 or via planning.enquiry@water.wa.gov.au