



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
the Environment and Water

## Notification of referral decision and designated proponent – controlled action – and assessment approach

### Cethana Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project (EPBC 2025/10393)

This decision is made under section 75 and section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

#### Proposed Action

<b>designated proponent</b>	Hydro-Electric Corporation  48 072 377 158
<b>proposed Action</b>	To construct and operate a pumped hydro energy storage facility and associated infrastructure, approximately 58 km southwest of Devonport, Tasmania (see EPBC Act referral 2025/10393)

#### Referral decision: controlled action

<b>status of proposed Action</b>	The proposed Action is a controlled action. The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.
<b>relevant controlling provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Heritage properties (sections 12 and 15A)</li> <li>National Heritage places (sections 15B and 15C)</li> <li>Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)</li> </ul>

#### Assessment approach decision

<b>assessment approach</b>	The project will be assessed by Public Environment Report
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#### Person authorised to make decision

<b>name and position</b>	Rachel Short Branch Head Environment Assessments (Vic and Tas) and Post Approvals Branch Environment Regulation Division
<b>signature</b>	
<b>date of decision</b>	25 February 2026