

Privacy Notice

Collection and handling of your personal information for Public Comment on the Submarine Rotational Force - West Priority Infrastructure Works Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) assessment (EPBC Referral 2024/10031)

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Personal information will be collected via your submission for the purpose of collating feedback as part of the public comment process for the finalisation of Submarine Rotational Force – West Priority Infrastructure Works EPBC Act assessment as required under Section 95(2) of the EPBC Act. This information may include your:

- Full name
- Contact information such as email address
- Personal views or information about the Submarine Rotational Force - West Priority Infrastructure Works EPBC Act submission and assessment.

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