**Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water**

**Extension of time to public consultation**

**Draft Assessment Bilateral Agreement with the State of South Australia**

**Interested members of the public are invited to comment on the draft assessment bilateral agreement with the State of South Australia, in accordance with subsection 49A(a) of the** *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The assessment bilateral agreement will cover actions assessed under the *Mining Act 1971* (SA), and the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act* *2016* (SA). This will allow the South Australian Government to use their own processes to assess certain actions under the EPBC Act. The agreement will reduce duplication of assessments between the Australian and South Australian Governments.

Information on the draft assessment bilateral agreement with the South Australian Government is publicly available at: https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/approvals/state-assessments/sa

The consultation period was originally set to close on 2 September 2024. Due to an unforeseen IT issue, the consultation period has been extended.

Submissions must now be received by no later than **5pm (AEST) on 30 September 2024.**

Written comments are to be submitted via the DCCEEW consultation hub at: https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/draft-south-australian-assessment-bilateral-agreement