



**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999 (Cth)**
Part 10 Strategic Assessment
Section 146 Agreement

Variation Agreement (No.2) to Agreement to undertake a Strategic Assessment of the impacts of a Plan for actions to be taken in the Strategic Assessment Area on matters protected by Part 3 of the EPBC Act.

between

THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

and

THE AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE AGENCY

Parties

The Parties to this Agreement are:

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water

and

The Australian Submarine Agency

Background

- A. On 24 November 2023, the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and the Australian Submarine Agency entered into a Strategic Assessment Agreement (**SAA**) under section 146 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Protection Act 1999 (Cth)*.
- B. On 19 December 2024, the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and the Australian Submarine Agency agreed to vary the SAA ('Variation Agreement [No.1']') in accordance with clause 14 of the SAA.
- C. Pursuant to clause 14 of the SAA, the Parties have agreed to vary the SAA in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The new text and new figures are set out in this Agreement.

Agreed provisions

1. Commencement of agreement

- 1.1 This Agreement will commence on the date on which it is signed by the last party.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Unless the context indicates otherwise, in this Agreement the definitions, meanings and terms in the SAA apply to this Agreement including its attachments.
- 2.2 In this Agreement references to the singular include the plural, subject to any contrary intention.

3. Variation of the SAA

- 3.1 With effect from the commencement of this Agreement, the SAA is varied as follows:
 - a) Delete Attachment 1 from the SAA (indicative map) and replace it with Attachment 1 to this Agreement.

4. Counterparts

4.1 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which may be executed electronically or in handwriting; and will be deemed an original whether kept in electronic or paper form, and all of which taken together will constitute one and the same document.

Execution

SIGNED by authorised delegate of the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water:

Julie Kennett

A/g Branch Head
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water



Signature

23 December 2025

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Australian Submarine Agency:

Daniel Hodgson
A/g Assistant
Director-General SA
Infrastructure
Australian Submarine Agency


Signature

December 2025

Attachment 1: Indicative map of the Strategic Assessment Area

Note: The indicative Strategic Assessment Area is collectively represented by Figure 1: Strategic Assessment Area Extent 1 and Figure 2: Strategic Assessment Area Extent 2.



Figure 1. Strategic Assessment Area Extent 1: Indicative map of the Strategic Assessment Area in and around the Osborne Submarine Construction Yard on the Lefevre Peninsula, Osborne, South Australia.



Figure 2. Strategic Assessment Area Extent 2: shows an area where placement of dredged material may occur within Gulf St Vincent, South Australia for material dredged from within Extent 1. Extent 2 includes the boundary for dredge material placement areas and dredge material vessel routes.

'Extent 2' of the Strategic Assessment Area is located in Gulf St Vincent, and includes a zone for the potential site selection for disposal of material dredged from within 'Extent 1' of the Strategic Assessment Area. An existing Dredge Material Placement Area (DMPA) used by Flinders Ports is also noted in Extent 2.