

METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion Ferry Operations

Part 5 application under the *Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006*

Frequently Asked Questions

What is METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion project?

The METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion project proposes to expand ferry services on the Swan and Canning rivers using new electric ferries. The new service will connect Elizabeth Quay with new terminals at Matilda Bay and Applecross. The new ferry route is intended to complement the existing ferry service between Elizabeth Quay and South Perth.

To learn more about the METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion project, visit [PTA's website](#).

What planning approvals are required and why can't it all be assessed as a single application?

The METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion project requires different planning approvals as different components of the project fall under separate legislation.

The development applications for the new ferry terminals and associated infrastructure at Matilda Bay and Applecross were assessed under the Planning and Development Act 2005.

The development application for the proposed ferry operations on the Swan and Canning rivers (between Elizabeth Quay and Applecross, including Matilda Bay) is being assessed under Part 5 of the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006.

A single application cannot be considered because each Act has distinct statutory powers, scope and approvals process. However, relevant government authorities and the public were (or will be) provided opportunities to make submissions on these planning applications.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Swan River Trust provided advice on the ferry terminal development applications to the Western Australian Planning Commission (decision maker) and will be responsible for assessing the ferry operations application. DBCA assesses all planning applications against the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006, State Planning Policy 2.9: Water, and relevant Swan Canning development control area policies to ensure the protection of the Swan Canning river system.

What is the scope of this development application?

The scope of this application includes the operational aspects of the proposed ferry service on the Swan and Canning rivers, connecting Elizabeth Quay and Applecross, with a stop at Matilda Bay.

Please note that the proposed ferry terminals at Matilda Bay and Applecross are not part of this application. These developments have been assessed and approved through a separate planning process under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

Who is the decision maker for this development application?

The Minister for the Environment is the decision maker. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) will assess the application, consult with external agencies and the Swan River Trust and consider public comments.

Following this process, DBCA will prepare a report and recommendations, together with all received submissions, which will be provided to the Minister for the Environment for determination.

What is the role of the Swan River Trust in this proposal?

The Swan River Trust (SRT) is an advisory body established under the *Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006*. It provides informed advice on planning proposals that may impact on the rivers within the Swan Canning development control area.

The development application will be presented to SRT for consideration at an upcoming meeting. This will be a closed meeting; however, its recommendations will be included in the draft report that will be published on the webpage.

Will the local government be consulted?

The City of Perth, City of South Perth and the City of Melville will be consulted as the relevant local governments.

Will I get to make a submission for the application? How do I make a submission?

Yes, there are two public comment rounds for the Part 5 development application:

1. Public comment round 1 – the development application will be published on the webpage. Public comments will open for 29 days.
2. Public comment round 2 – a draft assessment report will be prepared and published on the webpage. Public comments will open for 14 days.

Please refer to the 'Have your say' section of this webpage to make a submission.

Where can I get more information?

The application can be viewed on this webpage.

For more general project updates, please visit [PTA's website](#).

You can visit the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions [policies and guidelines webpage](#) for more information.

Further information regarding the Part 5 development application process is available on the [Making an application for development webpage](#)

Will I be advised about the application outcome?

If you made a submission during the public consultation period, you will be notified of the application's progress, including the final outcome via the provided email address.