

ECOSYSTEM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE: DRAFT

Guideline: How to provide comments on the Draft Ecosystem Environmental Assessment Guideline

Dear Stakeholder,

You are invited to provide written comments on the Draft Ecosystem Environmental Assessment Guideline and associated appendices.

The Guideline chapters are labelled, and each has been formatted to include page numbers. Each page has line numbers on the left margin of the page or column. Line numbering is not continuous throughout the document, but restarts at number 1 on each page.

In order for the authors to be able to respond to your comments, the comments need to be as clear and specific as possible. For this reason a comment template form is provided (as an Excel Spreadsheet). Clearly indicate the chapter number and name in the column of the spreadsheet.

For comments on Chapter 6; Protocol Implementation, 6.3 *Step-by-step guidance for the Terrestrial and Aquatic Biodiversity Protocols* section, please provide the Chapter number, page number and the protocol number which you are providing comment on.

Every legible and correctly submitted comment will be responded to by the authors, which will be documented and made available in the public domain. Please take this into consideration when providing comments.

Example of a review spreadsheet:

Stakeholder Reviewer Name	Chapter number	Page	Line/s	Table/ Fig/Box/Map	Comment
Jane	6. Protocol Implementation	35	2.3.5 (b)		The list of BPAs provided is missing two BPAs. Please see the latest list and amend accordingly.
Jane	6. Protocol Implementation	37	2.5.2		Guidance related to this protocol requirement is clear.
John Doe	3. Legal Framework	2	8		Please consider adding reference to the National Water Act.
John Doe	5. Screening Tool	28	8	Fig 2	The legend to Figure 2 is illegible
John Doe	4. Sampling methods				Throughout the chapter 'terrestrial' is miss-spelled

The deadline for submitting comments is **19 July 2021**.