Figure 1 - Environmental Assessment and Approval Process – Infrastructure Development

- Project Inception
  - CSIR 1
  - CSIR 2
  - Environmental Impact Assessment Strategy
    - Strategic Impacts from Site Profiles/Base Plans/Zone Plans/Bushfire Management Plans
    - Lead Environmental Officer continually reviews documents and determines if the project will have a significant impact on the environment
    - Environmental Review commences
      - May trigger
      - Environmental Assessment must be completed BEFORE DBC is finalised
      - Project Officer must liaise with the Lead Environmental Officer (and the Regional Environmental Officer) throughout the development of the project
      - Environmental Assessment Report/Environmental Approval is developed by the Lead Environmental Officer and environmental assessment pathway are identified
      - An EAR should be developed before RFT documents are sent to industry.
      - An ECC MUST be issued BEFORE any work can commence
      - All contractors should be made aware of conditions of approval
    - Detailed Business Case
      - Strategic Business Case
        - Design Management Phase
          - FDB – CDR – SDR – DDR - FDR
          - Site Selection
            - Informs
    - Project Review and Assessment Process initiated
      - Project Inception
        - Lead Environmental Officer and environmental assessment pathway are identified
        - Project Officer must liaise with the Lead Environmental Officer (and the Regional Environmental Officer) throughout the development of the project
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- Acquisition of Contractor
  - Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan to REO
  - Environmental Clearance Certificate
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- Construction Commences
  - Project is continually reviewed to ensure compliance with Environmental approval conditions
  - Commissioning / Handover / Takeover
    - Post Activity Report/s submitted

- At any stage, the project may be referred to the Minister of the Environment (via the Department of the Environment)
  - Referral may take 12-18 months
  - If approval is granted by the Minister for the Environment an EAR and ECC will still be required before any work can commence