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QUESTION

What is the average amount of time for the EIS process to play out currently?

ANSWER

Under the *Environment Protection Act 2019*, the average amount of time for an environmental impact assessment to be completed is 8.2 months.

Environmental impact assessment may be undertaken by a number of methods: assessment by referral information; supplementary environmental report; and environmental impact statement (EIS). The assessment by referral information is the shortest method. EIS is the longest method that is generally applied to more complex proposals with greater information requirements.