

## Stage 1

Does the project require **APPROVAL** under the Environmental Protection and Conservation Act? E.g.

- ✓ foreshore developments
- ✓ industrial development
- ✓ sub-division developments
- ✓ tourism-related developments
- ✓ over water structures
- ✓ clearing vegetation over 10ha
- ✓ retail & wholesale development
- ✓ moorings and dredging
- ✓ mining or quarrying
- ✓ clearance of mangroves
- ✓ waste disposal facilities
- ✓ recreational facilities
- ✓ roads and bridges
- ✓ commercial agriculture and aquaculture activities

If yes, an **APPLICATION** for approval must be submitted to the Director with a fee of VT23,000. Failure to lodge an application can result in significant penalties or prosecution

The Director (or an officer authorised by the Director) will undertake a **PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA)** to determine if an EIA report is required for the project

If the Director determines that an EIA report **IS NOT REQUIRED**, the Director may approve the application with or without terms and conditions and must notify the proponent in writing. OTHERWISE....

## Stage 2

**If the Director determines that an EIA report is re-**

The Director must **REGISTER** the project in the Environment Registry and **NOTIFY** affected parties

The Director must develop **TERMS OF REFERENCE** for the EIA process (a description of the scope of work required) in consultation with the proponent. The Director may consult with any government department, NGO or person with a direct interest in the project's subject matter

After receiving the proponent's comments, the Director must issue **FINAL WRITTEN TERMS OF REFERENCE** to the proponent. The Director must also appoint an EIA consultant to conduct the EIA

The Director may require the proponent to give **PUBLIC NOTICE** about the project e.g. an invitation to provide verbal and written **SUBMISSIONS**. This can occur before or after submission of the EIA report

## Stage 3

**After the proponent has submitted an EIA report, the Direc-**

Will **REVIEW** the EIA report and any submissions received through the consultation process

May require the proponent to correct any deficiencies or provide **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Will ask the **EIA REVIEW COMMITTEE** to review the EIA report & make recommendations to the Director

May then: **APPROVE** the application with or without terms & conditions; or **REFER** the EIA back to the committee for further assessment; or **REJECT** the application

Must notify the proponent of his **DECISION IN WRITING**. The decision may contain terms and conditions with which the proponent must comply, e.g. ongoing monitoring