

Criteria for requesting Works Method Statements – Environmental Considerations

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ERA may request a Works Method Statement – Environmental Considerations (WMS) in connection with development projects, or other similar site interventions, that could pose a risk to the natural environment and are being proposed within, partly within or in the vicinity of:

- a protected area designated under the Environment Protection Act;
- a scheduled area (nature and landscape) designated under the Development Planning Act;
- natural habitats (e.g. garrigue, rocky steppe, maquis);
- valley systems and watercourses¹;
- natural coasts and seabed; and/or
- other environmentally or ecologically important areas, sites and features, such as: cliffs, ridges, escarpments, bolder scree, clay slopes, caves and caverns, and other geological features.

¹ Works and interventions in valleys and watercourses are addressed through a separate document: *‘Operating Procedures for Works and Site Interventions in Valleys and Watercourses’*