



Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments

IBSA Submissions

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What is IBSA Submissions?

Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments Submissions is a new online portal developed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to complement the existing Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA) process. It enables consultants and proponents to directly submit data packages to IBSA.

The IBSA Submissions online portal is for the automated submission of data packages for biodiversity data from land-based field surveys that support assessment under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, undertaken by DWER, the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). IBSA Submissions undertakes basic checks to ensure the completeness of the data packages prior to acceptance into IBSA.

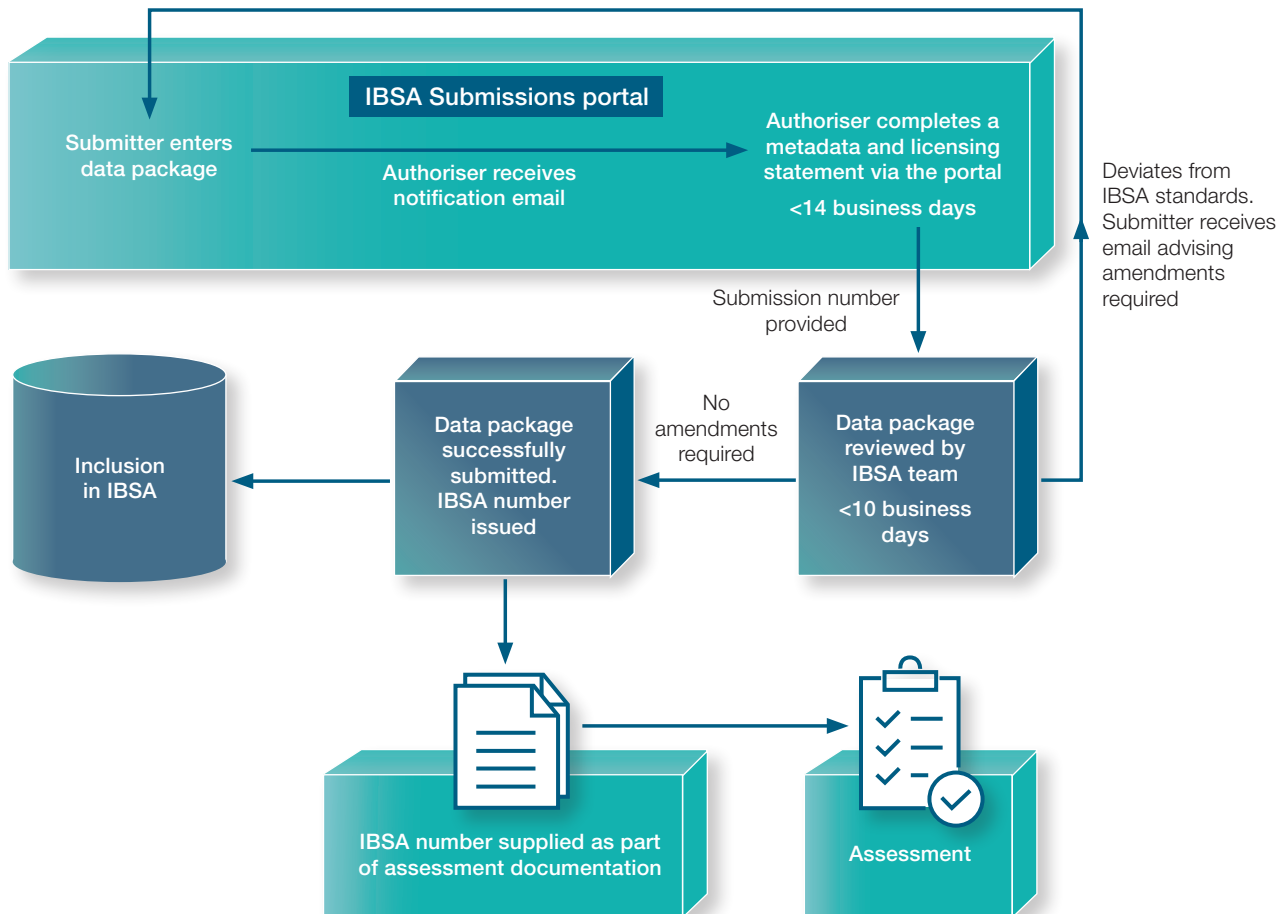
IBSA Submissions will replace the current system that relies on email submission of data packages to IBSA via assessment officers. Proponents will need to ensure data packages are complete before submission is possible.

What are the benefits?

IBSA Submissions will:

- give proponents greater consistency when engaging with the IBSA process
- decrease the time taken to give proponents feedback on IBSA data packages
- improve the quality of data and metadata incorporated into IBSA
- significantly reduce the time spent by assessment officers on IBSA-related tasks, resulting in time savings for assessment
- provide a system that aligns with future digital initiatives, such as Environment Online.

IBSA Submissions process flowchart



How will it affect me?

Proponents and applicants should compile all information and electronic data files prior to lodging a submission. Submissions must be completed in one session; it is not possible to save a partially completed submission and return to it later. To assist in preparing a submission, electronic IBSA data package templates and an example IBSA data package are available [here](#).

How can I learn more?

We will conduct a mail-out to stakeholders, provide targeted familiarisation sessions and publish updated information on our website.

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