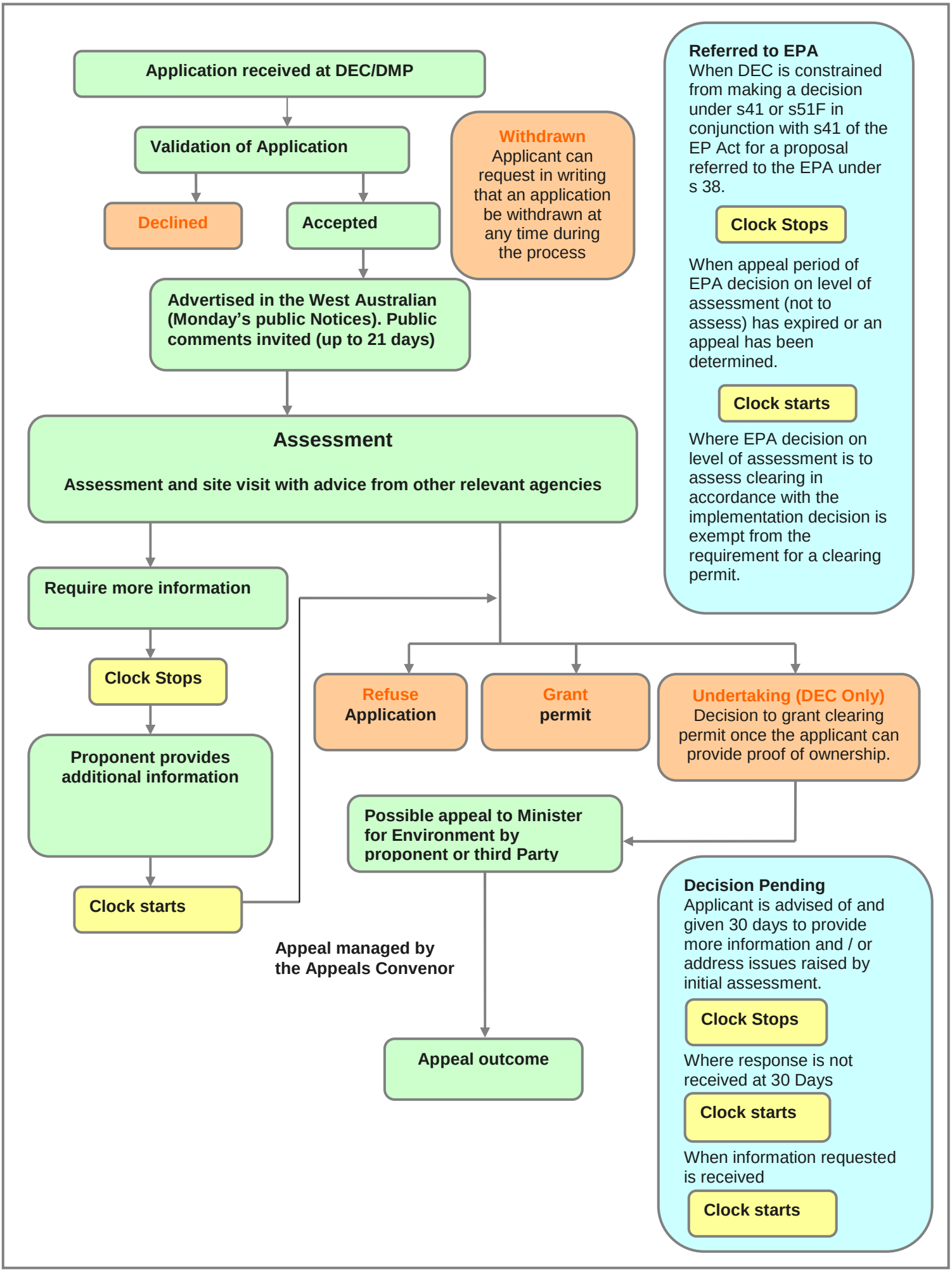PROCESS FOR CLEARING PERMIT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986