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Statement No. 1125

**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED**  
**(*Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

**CORUNNA DOWNS PROJECT**

**Proposal:** Develop and operate an open cut, above watertable iron ore mine and associated mining infrastructure, waste rock dumps, borefield, and accommodation camp within the Corunna Downs Project area, located 241 kilometres south east of Port Hedland and 33 kilometres south of Marble Bar.

**Proponent:** Atlas Iron Pty Ltd  
Australian Company Number 110 396 168

**Proponent Address:** Level 17, Raine Square, 300 Murray Street  
Perth WA 6000

**Assessment Number:** 2218

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** 1665

Pursuant to section 45 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, it has been agreed that the proposal described and documented in Schedule 1 may be implemented and that the implementation of the proposal is subject to the following implementation conditions and procedures:

**1 Proposal Implementation**

1-1 When implementing the proposal, the proponent shall not exceed the authorised extent of the proposal as defined in Schedule 1, unless amendments to the proposal and the authorised extent of the proposal have been approved under the EP Act.

## **2 Contact Details**

- 2-1 The proponent shall notify the CEO of any change of its name, physical address or postal address for the serving of notices or other correspondence within twenty-eight (28) days of such change. Where the proponent is a corporation or an association of persons, whether incorporated or not, the postal address is that of the principal place of business or of the principal office in the State.

## **3 Time Limit for Proposal Implementation**

- 3-1 The proponent shall not commence implementation of the proposal after five (5) years from the date of this Statement, and any commencement, prior to this date, must be substantial.
- 3-2 Any commencement of implementation of the proposal, on or before five (5) years from the date of this Statement, must be demonstrated as substantial by providing the CEO with written evidence, on or before the expiration of five (5) years from the date of this Statement.

## **4 Compliance Reporting**

- 4-1 The proponent shall prepare and maintain a Compliance Assessment Plan which is submitted to the CEO at least six (6) months prior to the first Compliance Assessment Report required by condition 4-6, or prior to implementation of the proposal, whichever is sooner.
- 4-2 The Compliance Assessment Plan shall indicate:
- (1) the frequency of compliance reporting;
  - (2) the approach and timing of compliance assessments;
  - (3) the retention of compliance assessments;
  - (4) the method of reporting of potential non-compliances and corrective actions taken;
  - (5) the table of contents of Compliance Assessment Reports; and
  - (6) public availability of Compliance Assessment Reports.
- 4-3 After receiving notice in writing from the CEO that the Compliance Assessment Plan satisfies the requirements of condition 4-2, the proponent shall assess compliance with conditions in accordance with the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1.
- 4-4 The proponent shall retain reports of all compliance assessments described in the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1 and shall make those reports available when requested by the CEO.

- 4-5 The proponent shall advise the CEO of any potential non-compliance within seven (7) days of that non-compliance being known.
- 4-6 The proponent shall submit to the CEO the first Compliance Assessment Report fifteen (15) months from the date of issue of this Statement addressing the twelve (12) month period from the date of issue of this Statement and then annually from the date of submission of the first Compliance Assessment Report, or as otherwise agreed in writing by the CEO.

The Compliance Assessment Report shall:

- (1) be endorsed by the proponent's Chief Executive Officer or a person delegated to sign on the Chief Executive Officer's behalf;
- (2) include a statement as to whether the proponent has complied with the conditions;
- (3) identify all potential non-compliances and describe corrective and preventative actions taken;
- (4) be made publicly available in accordance with the approved Compliance Assessment Plan; and
- (5) indicate any proposed changes to the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1.

## **5 Public Availability of Data**

- 5-1 Subject to condition 5-2, within a reasonable time period approved by the CEO of the issue of this Statement and for the remainder of the life of the proposal, the proponent shall make publicly available, in a manner approved by the CEO, all validated environmental data (including sampling design, sampling methodologies, empirical data and derived information products (e.g. maps)), management plans and reports relevant to the assessment of this proposal and implementation of this Statement.
- 5-2 If any data referred to in condition 5-1 contains particulars of:
- (1) a secret formula or process; or
  - (2) confidential commercially sensitive information,

the proponent may submit a request for approval from the CEO to not make these data publicly available. In making such a request the proponent shall provide the CEO with an explanation and reasons why the data should not be made publicly available.

## **6 Pilbara Leaf-Nosed Bat**

- 6-1 The proponent must design and implement the proposal to meet the following environmental outcomes to minimise impacts on the Pilbara leaf-nosed bat:
- (1) maintain a 50-metre buffer around the lateral extent of cave CO-CA-03 as shown in Figure 3 of Schedule 1; and
  - (2) maintain a 340-metre buffer around the lateral extent of cave CO-CA-01 as shown in Figure 4 of Schedule 1.
- 6-2 The proponent shall provide the CEO with copies of all reports and data relating to the Pilbara leaf-nosed bat required under conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Final Approved Decision Notice 2017/7861 Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* within one (1) month of their provision to the Commonwealth Government.

## **7 Offsets**

- 7-1 The proponent shall provide the CEO with copies of all reports, data and proof of money paid into a conservation offset fund, relating to the Pilbara leaf-nosed bat required under condition 5 of the Final Approved Decision Notice 2017/7861 under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* within one (1) month of their provision to or receipt from the Commonwealth Government.

[signed on 12 March 2020]

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

**Table 1: Summary of the proposal**

Proposal Title	Corunna Downs Project
Short Description	<p>Develop and operate an open cut, above watertable iron ore mine and associated mining infrastructure, waste rock dumps, borefield, and accommodation camp within the Corunna Downs Project area located 241 kilometres south east of Port Hedland and 33 kilometres south of Marble Bar.</p> <p>The proposal involves the mining of five open pits, namely; Split Rock, Razorback, Shark Gully, Runway North and Runway South.</p>

**Table 2: Location and authorised extent of physical and operational elements**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Element	Location	Authorised Extent
Mine and associated infrastructure	Figure 2	Clearing no more than 423.11 ha of native vegetation within the 2,257.6 ha development envelope
Groundwater abstraction	Figure 2	No more than 1.1 gigalitres per annum from borefields

**Table 3: Abbreviations and Definitions**

Acronym or Abbreviation	Definition or Term
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State responsible for the administration of section 48 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> , or his delegate.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
ha	Hectare

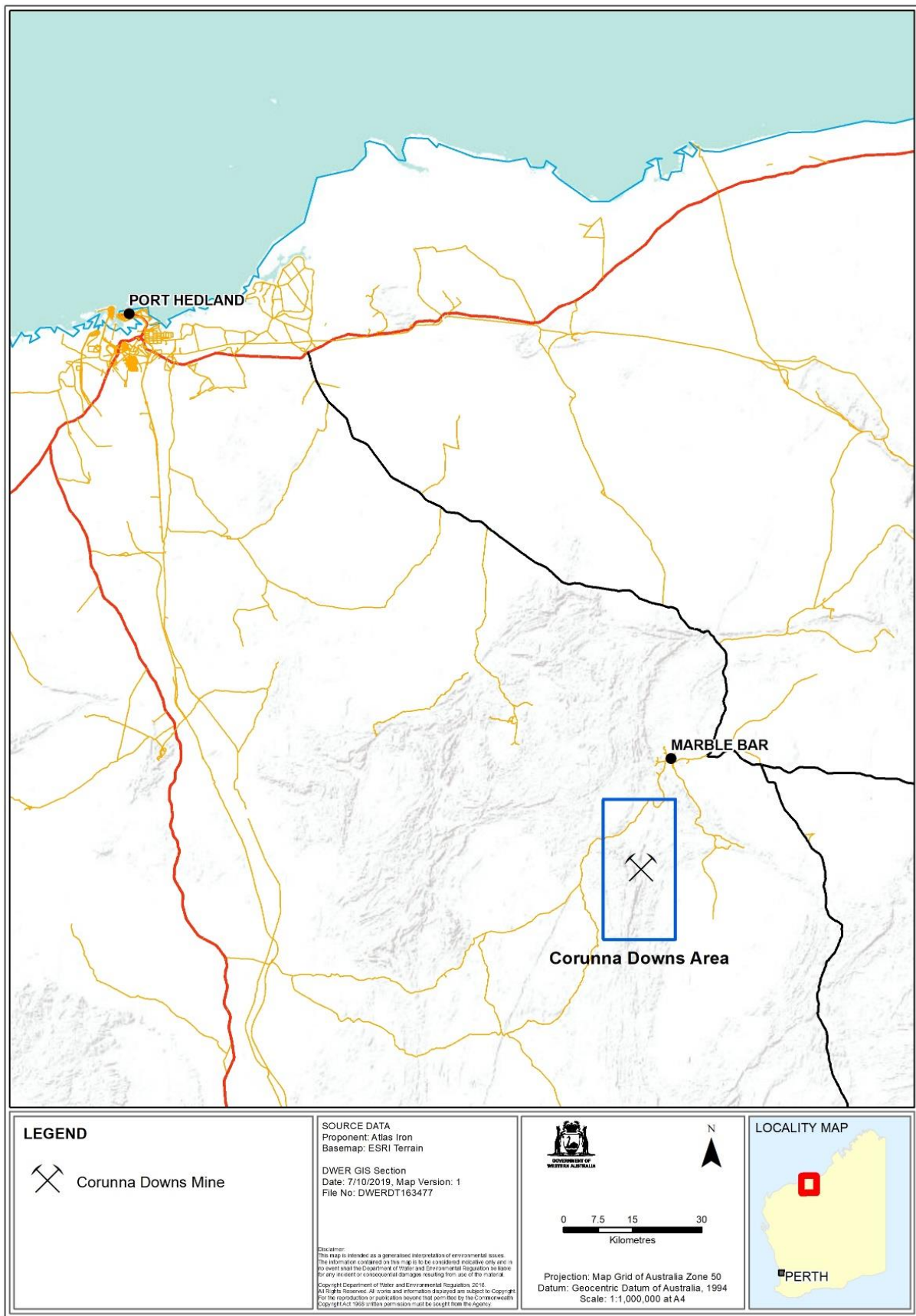
**Figures (attached)**

Figure 1: Regional location

Figure 2: Corunna Downs Project development envelope and disturbance footprint

Figure 3: Location of cave CO-CA-03 and pool CO-WS-14

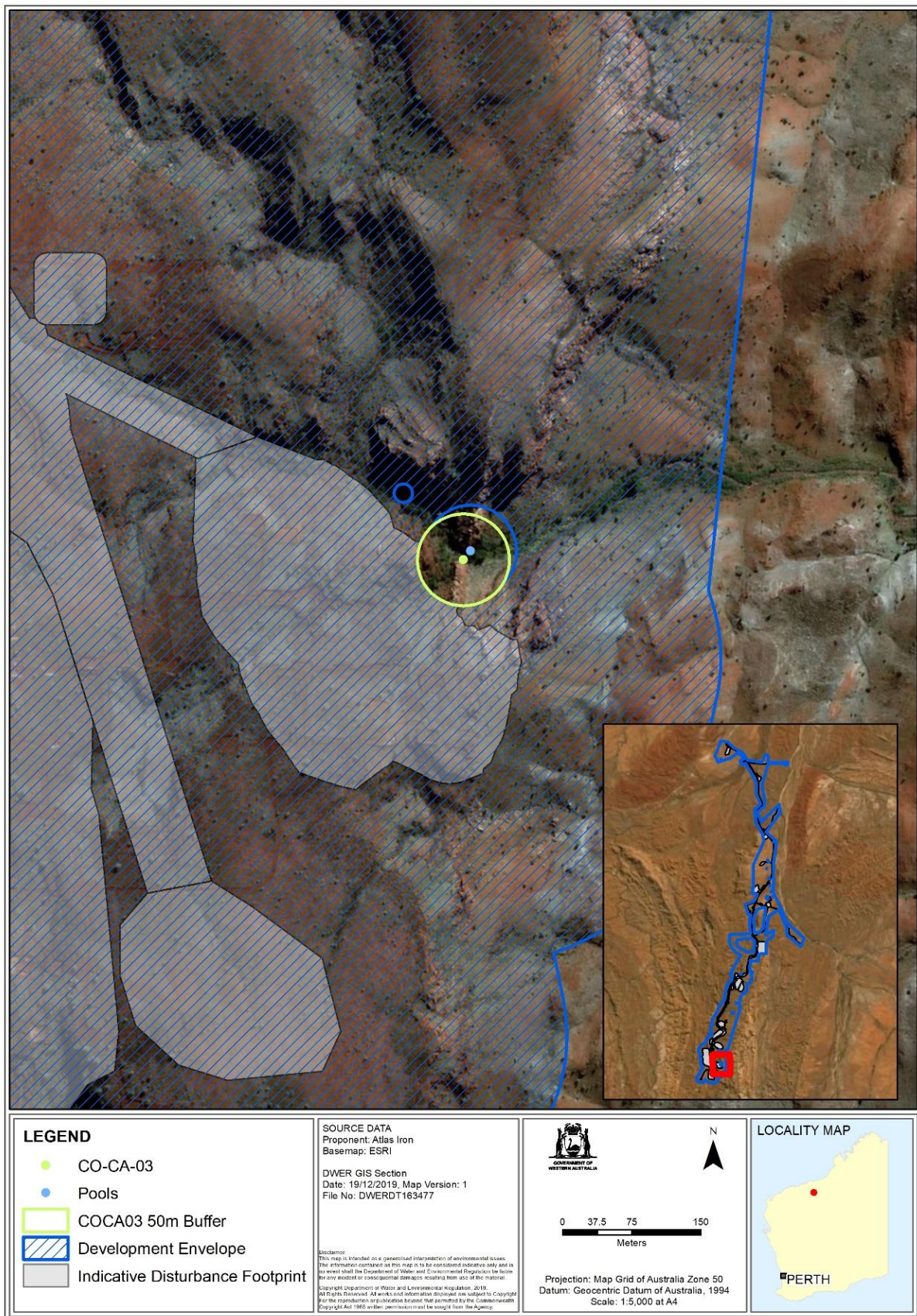
Figure 4: Location of cave CO-CA-01



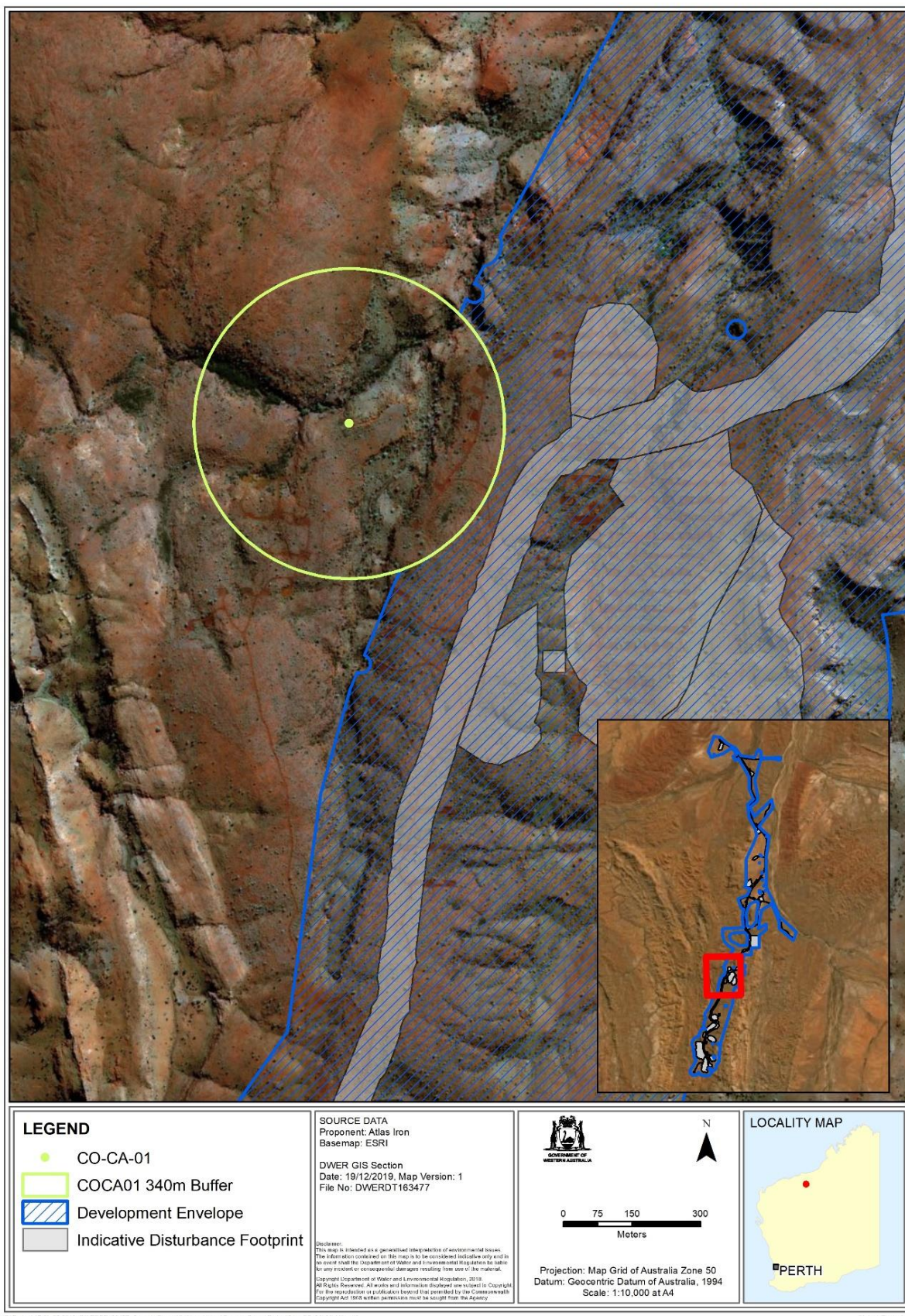
**Figure 1: Regional location**



**Figure 2: Corunna Downs Project development envelope and disturbance footprint**



**Figure 3: Location of cave CO-CA-03 and pool CO-WS-14**



**Figure 4: Location of cave CO-CA-01**

## **Schedule 2**

Spatial coordinates for the boundaries of the proposal (MGA Zone 50).

Coordinates defining the boundaries shown in Figure 2 are held by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Reference Number DWERDT217945.