

Environmental Protection Act 1986**Section 40(2)(a)****NOTICE REQUIRING INFORMATION FOR ASSESSMENT****PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

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PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:

Wuudagu Bauxite Project
Assessment No. 2237; PRO-0021377

Pursuant to section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, I, as a delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), require that you provide the EPA with the following additional information for its assessment. The following information requirements were identified as a result of the EPA's approval of changes to the proposal on 16 June 2026 and should be provided with consideration for, and in addition to, the work requirements of the approved Environmental Scoping Document (ESD).

1. Desalination plant

- Characterise the potential direct and indirect impacts to benthic communities and habitat, coastal processes, marine environmental quality, and marine fauna from the construction and operation of the proposed seawater intake and outfall points, including consideration of impacts associated with habitat disturbance, brine dispersion, sediment dispersion, and entrainment of marine fauna. This should include consideration of impacts to the West Kimberley National Heritage Place.
- Characterise the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the transfer of water associated with the desalination plant and alternative location of the beneficiation plant, including but not limited to, spills and leaks from pipelines.
- Describe the mitigation and management measures proposed to address the potential impacts associated with the desalination plant.
- Provide information on whether the predicted environmental outcome will be consistent with the EPA's objectives for benthic communities and habitat, coastal processes, marine environmental quality, and marine fauna.

2. Increase in groundwater abstraction

- Characterise the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with groundwater abstraction on subterranean fauna, groundwater-dependent ecosystems and any third-party users, such as community bores.
- Provide information on whether the predicted environmental outcome will be consistent with the EPA's environmental factor objectives.

3. Beneficiation plant

- Characterise the potential impacts associated with the beneficiation plant, including but not limited to noise, vibration, dust emissions, light pollution, and overtopping or leakage of process water ponds.
- Describe the mitigation and management measures proposed to address the potential impacts associated with the beneficiation plant.
- Provide information on whether the predicted environmental outcome will be consistent with the EPA's objectives for terrestrial environmental quality, inland waters, flora and vegetation, and terrestrial fauna.

4. Mooring and transshipment

- Characterise the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the construction and operation of the mooring and transshipment anchorage locations. This should include consideration of impacts to the West Kimberley National Heritage Place.
- Describe the mitigation and management measures proposed to address the potential impacts associated with mooring and transshipment.
- Provide information on whether the predicted environmental outcome will be consistent with the EPA's objective for benthic communities and habitat, coastal processes, marine environmental quality, and marine fauna.

5. Changes to the development and changes in species listings

- Detailed vegetation surveys within the proposed areas of terrestrial disturbance and areas of potential indirect impacts should include habitat assessments for conservation significant fauna species and/or listed migratory species.
- Describe any changes to the listing of flora and fauna species since the proposal's referral, including any newly listed species. Characterise the potential direct and indirect impacts from implementation of the proposal on these species.
- Provide information on whether the predicted environmental outcome will be consistent with the EPA's objectives for flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, and marine fauna.

6. Rehabilitation

- Provide information on the progressive rehabilitation efforts proposed across the mine life, including detail on species used, methods, and the rate and timing of rehabilitation efforts.

7. Vessel movement

- Noting the requirement to describe the potential impacts to marine fauna as included in the ESD:
 - Characterise the potential direct and indirect impacts of vessel movement within Napier Broome Bay, North Kimberley Marine Park and West Kimberley National Heritage Place and its associated values.
 - Describe the mitigation and management measures proposed to address the potential impacts associated with vessel movement.

8. Updates to policy and guidance documents

The EPA requires that the Environmental Review Document (ERD) be submitted addressing the above additional information, as well as the work items listed in the ESD. In addition, several policy and guidance documents have been revised since publication of the ESD, such as the social surroundings and greenhouse gas emissions environmental factor guidelines. The EPA expects that the ERD and relevant appendices are prepared consistent with these guidelines, including providing:

- further detail on greenhouse gas emissions, including a detailed breakdown of scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions sources
- information on the extent and manner in which scope 1 emissions are expected to be covered under the Commonwealth Safeguard Mechanism
- the outcomes of consultation with traditional owners and an explanation of how consultation has guided the development of the proposal (for example, inclusion of any avoidance areas).

The EPA has published the [Environmental Impact Assessment Practice Guide Assessment of Proposals in Western Australia under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986](#), which consolidates the requirements of the Administrative Procedures and Procedures Manual, and has updated the [Instructions on how to prepare an Environmental Review Document](#). The ERD is to be prepared consistent with the requirements of these documents. This includes providing detailed information on how potential impacts associated with the proposal can be adequately regulated under other decision-making processes.

Consistent with recent assessments and the EPA's [Instructions: How to prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV environmental management plans](#), the EPA's preference is to reduce the number of management plans required, where practical. Where appropriate, management plans as referenced in the ESD could be consolidated to reduce the total number of management plans. The EPA also

encourages proponents, where possible, to develop specific environmental outcomes that are to be achieved throughout the life of the proposal. The ERD should demonstrate, in a technically robust manner, how the proposal's design and implementation will achieve the predicted environmental outcomes, and how monitoring will provide measurable and verifiable evidence of outcome achievement.

Responding to the RFI should be sent via the Environment Online Portal where possible, by responding to the RFI task in which this letter was received. Alternatively, by email to EOsupport@dwer.wa.gov.au quoting the RFI number RFI-0001124 in the subject line, or by post to the Environmental Protection Authority, Locked Bag 10, Joondalup DC, Perth WA 6919. Please quote RFI-0001124 on any further correspondence.

The EPA will not proceed with its assessment of the proposal until you have provided the requested information, and it is considered to be adequate, or if you advise the EPA that the further information is not available and/or cannot be obtained.

Yours sincerely



Darren Walsh
CHAIR

16 June 2026