



Statement No.  
000650

**MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**STATEMENT TO AMEND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL  
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 46 OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

**TELFER PROJECT, POWER SUPPLY & INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR  
PORT HEDLAND TO TELFER GOLD MINE, GREAT SANDY DESERT**

**Proposal:** Supply of electrical power to the Telfer Gold Mine along a 440 kilometre infrastructure corridor from Port Hedland, as documented in schedule 1 of Statement No. 605.

The corridor will contain either a natural gas pipeline to supply a power station at the mine, or an overhead electrical transmission line delivering power from a power station located at Port Hedland.

**Proponent:** Newcrest Mining Limited

**Proponent Address:** Level 9, 600 St Kilda Road, MELBOURNE VIC 3004

**Assessment Number:** 1518

**Previous Assessment Number:** 1444

**Previous Statement Number:** 605 published on 1 October 2002

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Bulletin 1127

**Previous Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Bulletin 1058

The implementation of the proposal to which the above reports of the Environmental Protection Authority relate is subject to the conditions and procedures contained in Ministerial Statement No. 605 (1 October 2002), as amended by the following:

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*Condition 8 (Fauna Management (Open Trench)) and associated definitions and notes are inserted immediately following condition 7 of Statement No. 605:*

**8 Fauna Management (Open Trench)**

- 8-1 The proponent shall not maintain in excess of twenty kilometres of open trench at any one time, except when excavating in "rocky terrain" where an additional ten kilometres of open trench is permitted, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 8-2 No part of the trench shall remain open for longer than seven days, with the exception of trench in "rocky terrain" which shall not remain open for longer than 15 days.
- 8-3 Not less than six full-time "fauna clearing crews" shall be employed to remove fauna from the trench.
- 8-4 The full length of open trench shall be cleared by the "fauna clearing crews" at least once each day before 10am.

**Definitions**

- 1 "Rocky terrain" means areas in the infrastructure corridor which contain material that is too hard to be excavated with the bucket-wheel trenchers and requires drilling and/or blasting of rock.
- 2 "Fauna clearing crews" means employees whose responsibility is to daily walk the open trench to recover and record fauna found within the open trench.

**Notes**

- 1 In matters regarding fauna in the above conditions, the proponent shall liaise with the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

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