

***Environmental Protection Act 1986*****Section 45C****NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND AN APPROVED PROPOSAL  
AND IMPLEMENTATION CONDITIONS WITHOUT INQUIRY****PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

- a) Fortescue Limited (ACN: 002 594 872)  
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**PERTH WA 6000**
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**JOONDALUP DC WA 6919**
- c) Relevant decision-making authorities, see Attachment 1

**PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES**

Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT and ANY APPROVED CHANGES**

Ministerial Statement 1062, issued on 3 October 2017

**DECISION**

Pursuant to s. 45C (1) (c) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), and as delegate for the Minister for Environment, I give approval to the following amendments of the approved proposal:

- Amendment to the proposal description to account for the construction and operation of power generation facilities including a solar PV farm.
- Change in the indicative disturbance footprint within the authorised limit of 16,131 hectares (ha), remaining within the 37,061 ha of the Mine Development Envelope (MDE).

**SUMMARY OF REASONS**

- The proposed amendments occur entirely within the existing approved disturbance footprint (up to 16,131 ha) and does not result in any increase to the extent of disturbance authorised under Condition 1 of Ministerial Statement 1062.
- No conservation significant flora and vegetation or fauna has been recorded within the disturbance area of the Proposed Amendment.

- No changes are proposed to other implementation conditions.
- The flora and vegetation types and fauna habitat within the proposed disturbance area of the Proposed Amendment are widespread across the broader study area.
- There are no new environmental factors likely to be significantly affected as a result of the amendments.
- The effects of the amendments on their own, the effect of the amendments in the context of the existing referred proposal, cumulative impacts, and holistic impacts have been considered.
- The amended proposal will be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.

**EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:**

1. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to be able to be implemented under s. 45 of the EP Act.

**RIGHTS OF APPEAL:**

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.



**Darren Walsh**

CHAIR

*For the Minister for Environment under Notice of Delegation under section 18 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

4 March 2026

Attachment 1 – Relevant decision-making authorities

Attachment 2 – Mine Development Envelope and Revised Indicative Disturbance Footprint

## Attachment 1

## Relevant decision-making authorities (DMAs)

DMA	Legislation and approval
Minister for Environment	<i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- s. 40 authority to take or disturb threatened species</li> </ul>
Minister for Water	<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- s. 17 permit to interfere with beds and banks</li> <li>- s. 5C licence to take water</li> <li>- s. 26D licence to construct or alter a well</li> <li>- dewatering licence</li> </ul>
Minister for State Development	<i>Railway and Port (The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Act</i>
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 1972</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- s.18 consent to impact a registered Aboriginal heritage site</li> </ul>
Chief Executive Officer, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part V works approval and licence</li> <li>- Part V clearing permit</li> </ul>
Chief Executive Officer, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	<i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- authority to take flora and fauna (other than threatened species)</li> </ul>
Executive Director Resource and Environmental Compliance, Department of Mines, petroleum and exploration	<i>Mining Act 1978</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- mining proposal</li> </ul>
Chief Dangerous Goods Officer, Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety	<i>Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- storage and handling of dangerous good</li> </ul>
Worksafe Commissioner, Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety	<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2020 and Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- mine safety</li> <li>- s. 42(3)a approval to commence mining operations</li> </ul>
Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Ashburton	<i>Building Act 2011</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- building permit (worker accommodation, offices etc)</li> </ul>

DMA	Legislation and approval
	<p><i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- planning approval/development approval</li> </ul> <p><i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (and relevant local By Law)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- extractive industries licence</li> </ul>
Chief Executive Officer, Shire of East Pilbara	<p><i>Building Act 2011</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- building permit (worker accommodation, offices etc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- planning approval/development approval</li> </ul> <p><i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (and relevant local By Law)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- extractive industries licence</li> </ul>

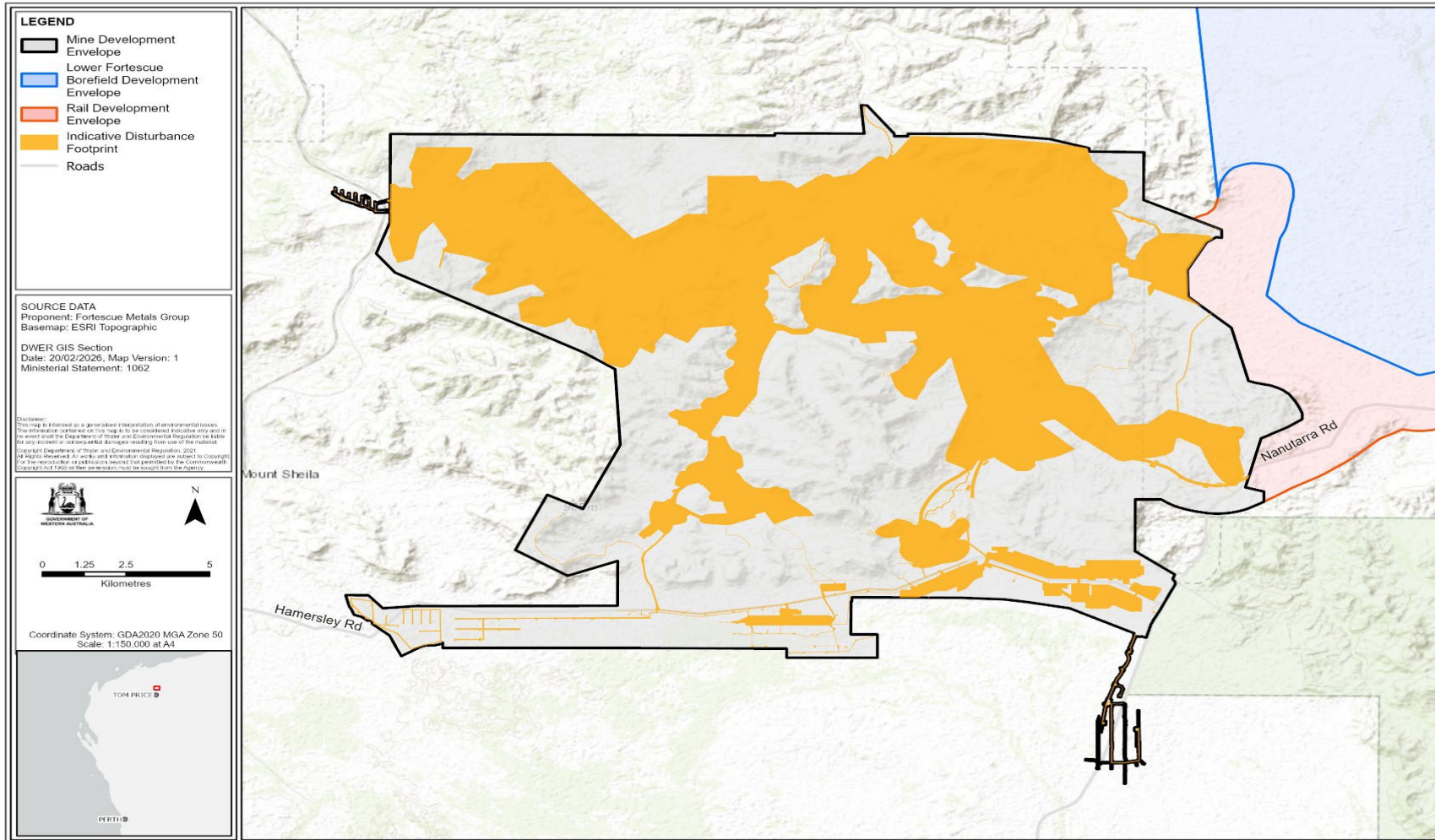


Figure 1: Mine Development Envelope and Revised Indicative Disturbance Footprint