

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**

Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd

PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES

Revised Proposal for the Roy Hill Iron Ore Mine

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND ANY APPROVED CHANGES

MS 1189 first issued 19 May 2022 and approved changes on 2 July 2024.

s.45C changes issued on 24 November 2022 and 2 July 2024.

DECISION

Pursuant to s. 45C (1) (c) and s. 45C(5) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Chair acting as delegate for the Minister for Environment gives approval to the following amendments of the approved proposal:

- Replace the proposal description to allow externally sourced ore integration
- Minor 7.2 ha expansion of the development envelope (Figure 1a of MS1189) to include miscellaneous tenement L46/129.
- Revised proposal extent (Figure 2 and Figure 5 of MS1189) to show the confirmed Southwest Injection Borefield (SWIB) activity extent.
- Revised proposal extent (Figure 3 of MS1189) for an additional in-pit tailings storage facility (IPTSF) location Delta 2 (D2).
- Administrative change to remove the use of 'indicative' from condition 1-1 and Figures 3 and 4.
- Administrative change to correct the maximum extent of excess water used for dust suppression to 'no more than 7.4 GL per annum'.
- Administrative changes to condition 1-1 and condition 10 to reflect the change from an access road to a haul road

The amended proposal content document and figures are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- The integration of externally sourced ore is not expected to impact surface, or groundwater features as existing controls and DMA processes will ensure ongoing adherence to EPA objectives. Any externally sourced ore that differs

in characterisation from existing ore will trigger a revised Mining Proposal, as well as crossing criteria thresholds under the Water Management Plan (WMP), requiring contingency actions.

- The minor expansion of the development envelope to include the haul road within tenement L46/129 is unlikely to result in any new or additional impacts to values of flora and vegetation, or terrestrial fauna due to existing controls to mitigate impacts.
- Changing the purpose of the access road to a haul road is unlikely to result in any new or additional impacts as the road is already constructed and doesn't require additional works. The proponent has advised that it has consulted with the representatives for the Traditional Owners, the Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation (KNAC) during the design and construction of the road, and also concerning the ministerial statement amendments.
- The extent of the SWIB is proposed to increase by 659.10 ha to occupy a total area of 1,938.22 ha. This increase is likely to assist in reducing groundwater pressure within the aquifer by spreading injection over a larger area. The proponent has not requested to increase the volume of water injected above the approved extent and is not authorised to clear any additional flora or vegetation. Impacts to the depth and quality of groundwater in relation to the SWIB will be monitored and managed under the WMP with contingency actions implemented in the case of threshold criteria exceedances.
- Risk associated with the inclusion of the additional IPTSF can be mitigated under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1978* and the *Mining Act 1978* through a Mining Proposal amendment. Negative impacts to groundwater and surface water due to an additional IPTSF are additionally monitored and managed under the WMP.
- An administrative change to remove the use of 'indicative' from condition 1-1 and Figures 3 and 4. The use of 'indicative' is redundant, and its removal provides clarity within the Ministerial Statement.
- Administrative changes for condition 1-1 for the correction of the maximum extent of excess water used for dust suppression to 'no more than 7.4 GL per annum'. This change corrects an initial error made in the EPA report 1716 which was subsequently carried through to the Proposal Content Document and MS 1189.
- 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
Environmental Protection Authority
under delegated authority

Approval date: 07 May 2025

Attachment 1- Amended proposal content document and figures showing the new approved proposal