

Public record pursuant to s. 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Orebody 32 Below Water Table

Proposal location: Central Pilbara, 3.6 kilometres northeast of Newman

Case number: APP-0000093

Date received: 28-10-2022

Date more information received: 07-07-2023

Referrer: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Proponent: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of 224 hectares of native vegetation, dewatering of stygofauna habitat, impacts to Ethel Gorge Aquifer Stygobiont Community Threatened Ecological Community, impacts to Aboriginal heritage values, impacts from mine closure, greenhouse gas emissions, and changes to hydrogeology.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, inland waters, greenhouse gas emissions, social surroundings.

Public comments on referral information:

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	1
c) Public environmental review	1
<i>Total Submissions:</i>	2

Decision: s. 38E(4) – Declared a derived proposal

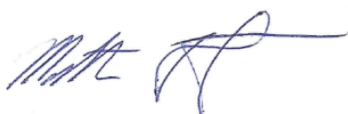
Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the proposal is consistent with the provisions s.38E(4). For further details see the Statement of Reasons, published on the EPA website, on 8 September 2023.

Public Advice:

The EPA's decision regarding declaration of the proposal is outlined in the Statement of Reasons. The EPA has provided 'Other Advice' as part of the Statement of Reasons which contains advice to the proponent, the Minister for the Environment and the public.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 7 September 2023