

**NOTICE OF SECTION 38E DECLARATION
THAT PROPOSAL IS A DERIVED PROPOSAL
(Section 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

Strategic proposal: Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal

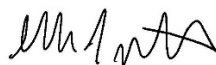
Strategic proposal statement: Ministerial Statement 1105 published on 11 July 2019

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) at its meeting 1180 dated 17 August 2023 meeting, declared the Western Ridge Newman Hub to be a derived proposal in accordance with section 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* I have today as Chair of the EPA, given written notice of the EPA's declaration to the Minister for Environment pursuant to section 38E(6) of the Act.



**Prof. Matthew
Tonts**
CHAIR

24 August 2023



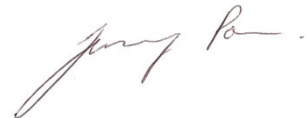
Ms Lee McIntosh
DEPUTY CHAIR

28 August 2023



**Mr Hamish
Beck**
MEMBER

24 August 2023



Dr Jennifer Pope
MEMBER

25 August 2023

Schedule 1 – Description of derived proposal

Derived proposal: Newman Hub (Western Ridge) Derived Proposal

Proponent: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd
ABN: 46 008 700 981

Proponent address: 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Description of the derived proposal: As detailed in Table 1 below and Figures 1 and 2 attached to this Notice

Table 1: Element, Location and Extent of the proposal

Element	Location	Extent
<i>Physical Elements</i>		
Expansion of existing mining at Newman Hub to develop four iron ore pits (Western Ridge), mine and associated infrastructure and activities	Figure 1 and 2	Clearing up to 4,281 hectares (ha) of native vegetation within a development envelope of 7,235 ha (to be undertaken within the 98,500 ha of Ministerial Statement 1105)
<i>Operational Elements</i>		
Dewatering and water supply	-	Dewatering and abstraction of up to 13 gigalitres per annum
Management of surplus water	Figure 1	Controlled discharge of up to 13 gigalitres per annum to Ophthalmia Dam.
Primary Crushing	Figure 1	Up to 30 million tonnes per annum
Pit lakes	Figure 1	Open void and formation of pit lake within mine pits
Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO ₂ -e) emissions	--	5.06 million tonnes CO ₂ -e over the life of proposal
<i>Timing elements</i>		
Operational life of proposal	-	31 years

Figure 1: Location of Western Ridge Proposal

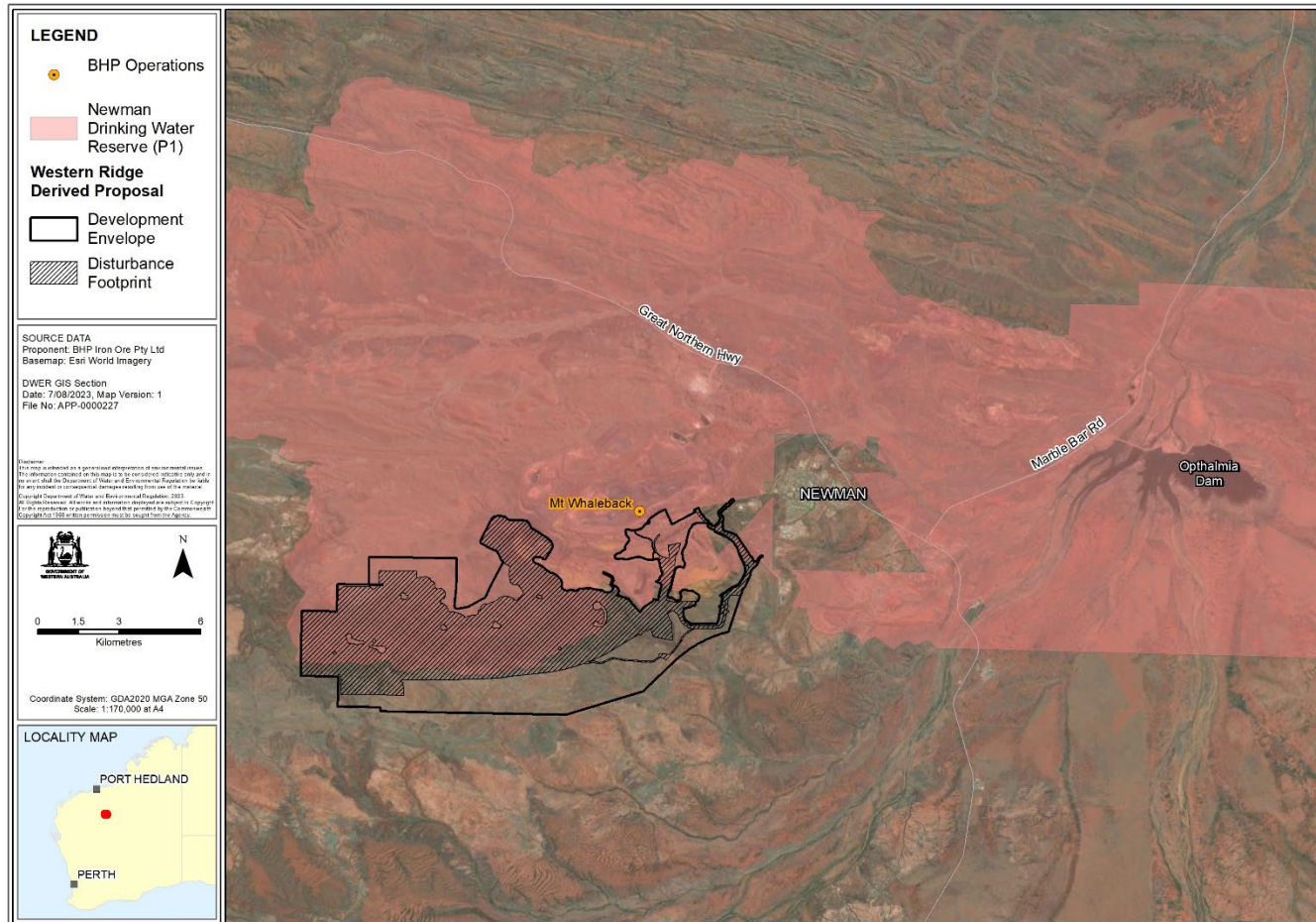
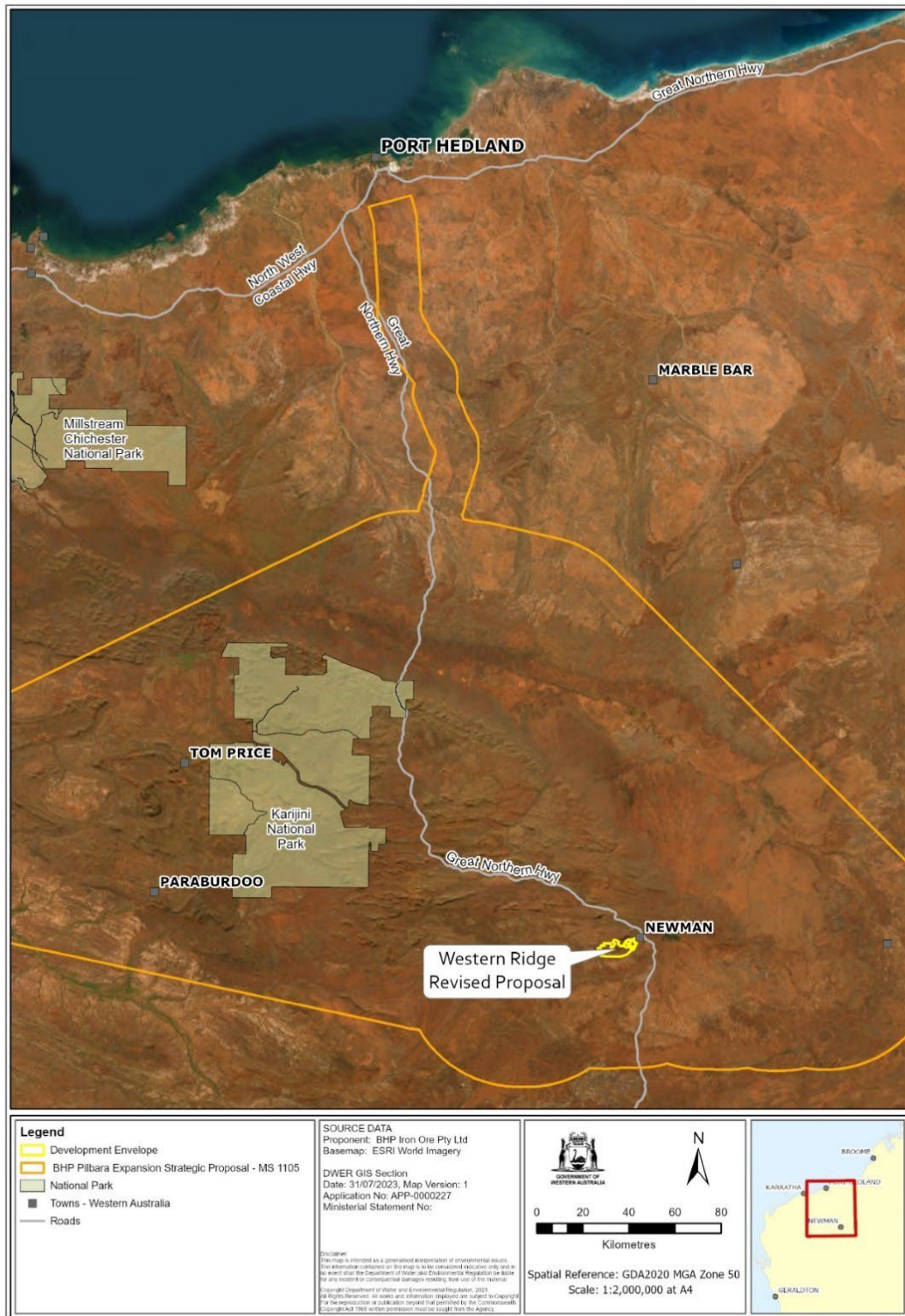


Figure 2: Western Ridge Proposal in relation to the Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal approval boundary.



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