



## Environmental Protection Authority

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

**Proposal title:** Ministers North (Derived Proposal)

**Proposal location:** 85 kilometres north-west of Newman township in the Pilbara.

**Case number:** APP-0031930

**Date received:** 17-10-2025

**Date more information received:** 20-02-2026

**Referrer:** BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

**Proponent:** BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

**Potential significant effects:**

Clearing of 1,848 hectares of native vegetation including terrestrial fauna habitat; removal of subterranean fauna habitat through mine pit development, impacts to hydrological regimes and the quality of surface water and groundwater, greenhouse gas emissions; impacts to air quality from dust emissions; impacts to social surroundings including disturbance of Aboriginal heritage sites.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:**

Flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, air quality, 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	0
c) Public environmental review	1
Other comment:	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 08 June 2026.

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.

Darren Walsh

CHAIR

**Environmental Protection Authority**

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 08 June 2026