

Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal Title: Binduli North Gold Mine Proposal

Proposal Location: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Case Number: CMS 17944

Date referral received: 23-12-2020

Date more information received: 23-04-2021

Referrer: Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd

Proponent: Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

The proposal has the potential to impact on Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of native vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna from clearing of potential habitat, Terrestrial Environmental Quality and Inland Waters from the storage and handling of chemicals and waste products, Air Quality from the release of emissions and Social Surroundings from construction and operational noise and dust.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	1
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	2
<i>Total submissions:</i>	3

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act – No advice given.

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment as much of the proposal location has already been disturbed by mining and the vegetation and habitat types present within the development envelope are widespread and well represented within the region.

The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal can be adequately managed through implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation and the proponent's management and mitigation measures.

The EPA notes there are other statutory processes relevant to this proposal including the clearing of native vegetation in accordance with a permit under Part V Division 2 (Clearing) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the management of groundwater abstraction through amendment of the current Groundwater Well Licence issued under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*.

Appeals: Decision is appealable. Appeals close 24 May 2021. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.



Professor Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 6/5/2021