

Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Karara Iron Ore Project – Mine Life Extension (significant amendment to the Karara Iron Ore Project)

Proposal location: Approximately 225 kilometres east-southeast of Geraldton and 320 kilometres north-northeast of Perth, in the Midwest region of Western Australia

CMS number: 18153

Date referral received: 21-02-2022

Date more information received: 13-06-2022, 30-09-2022 & 21-12-2022.

Referrer: Karara Mining Limited

Proponent: Karara Mining Limited

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation, landforms, terrestrial fauna and inland waters from the clearing of native vegetation/loss of habitat and from indirect impacts; climate from greenhouse gas emissions; and social surroundings from disturbance of Aboriginal heritage.

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, landforms, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, greenhouse gas emissions, social surroundings

Public comment on referral information:

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

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with additional information (required under s. 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*) and public review

Other details

Public review period for additional assessment information (4 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex with the local region known for its high biodiversity values. The referral is supported by biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage surveys as well as historical baseline information. Some additional survey work is required to enable detailed assessment. A greenhouse gas management plan is required along with additional information on landforms, subterranean fauna and inland waters. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MAT TONTS', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 21 June 2023