

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

**Proposal title:** Bidamina Project

**Proposal location:** South of Orange Springs Road, Cowalla

**Case number:** APP-0000080

**Date referral received:** 11-11-2022

**Date more information received:** 30-11-2022

**Referrer:** Image Resources NL

**Proponent:** Image Resources NL

### Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of up to 1000 hectares (ha); Terrestrial Fauna from the clearing of habitat and indirect impacts; Inland Waters from excavation of mine pits, groundwater abstraction and alteration of the hydrological regime; Terrestrial Environmental Quality from disturbance of soil structure and quality; Human Health from potential radiation exposure; and Social surroundings from construction and operation noise, dust emissions and potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage values.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, Terrestrial Environmental Quality, Human Health, and Social Surroundings.

### Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	1
Assess: a) Referral information	2
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	153
<i>Total submissions:</i>	156

**Decision:** s. 38G(1) – Assess

### Level of assessment:

Public Environmental Review, as required under s.40(2)(b) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (6-week public review). *Environmental Protection (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2021* apply.

### Other details

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document.

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (6 weeks).

### Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex, and the proposal is located in an area of high biodiversity. The EPA considers that sufficient information has not been provided with the referral, and that 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. Public Environmental Review has been recommended due to the extent of further information required, the number of preliminary key environmental factors identified, and the moderate level of public interest.

**Appeals:** Decision is not appealable.

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**Lee McIntosh**  
DEPUTY CHAIR  
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

18 January 2023