



Office of the Environmental Protection Authority

S38 Referrals, S16 and/or S46 Advice

Title: Mining Area C - Southern Flank

Location: Shire of East Pilbara

Ref ID: CMS16136

Date Received: 30-05-2016

Date More Information Received:

Referrer: BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Proponent: BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Contact: Mr Gavin Price

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Preliminary Environmental Factors: Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Hydrological Processes, Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Heritage, Rehabilitation and Decommissioning, Offsets

Potential Significant Effects: Large-scale clearing of flora and vegetation, including fauna habitat. Changes to groundwater levels in aquifers from groundwater abstraction and disposal of surplus dewater. Loss of subterranean fauna habitat from dewatering. Potential long term impacts to groundwater from waste rock landforms and pit lakes.

Public Comments On Referral Information:	Assess-API-A: 0 Assess-API B: 0 Assess – PER: 1 Do Not Assess: 0 TOTAL COMMENTS: 1
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Determination: Assess: Public Environmental Review (PER) Public Review Period: 4 weeks (Assessment No. 2085)

Explanation of Decision: Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, including long-term impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed.

No appeals.

Chairman's Initials: *A*

Date: 29/6/16