



## Environmental Protection Authority

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

**Proposal title:** Wyloo North Iron Ore Mine

**Proposal location:** Pilbara, Western Australia

**APP number:** APP-0033214

**Date referral received:** 9-02-2026

**Date more information received:** N/A

**Referrer:** Fortescue Ltd

**Proponent:** Fortescue Ltd

#### Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the proposed clearing of approximately 4,954.5 hectares (ha) of native vegetation, including potential impacts to vegetation communities and flora of conservation significance; terrestrial fauna from the clearing of critical habitat; Subterranean fauna from proposed water abstraction and dewatering activities; terrestrial environmental quality and inland waters from potential impacts of seepage from tailings and waste rock landforms, and potential exposure of acid sulfate soils; social surroundings from construction and operational noise, dust and vibration and potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage sites.

#### Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Environmental Quality, Inland Waters, and Social Surroundings.

#### Public comment on referral information:

Does the proposal need further assessment due to its potential significant impacts?

Yes 5 No 0

If the proposal requires further assessment, should the EPA include further opportunities for public review?

Yes 5 No 0

*Total submissions:* 5

**Decision:** s. 38G(1) - Assess

#### Level of assessment:

Public Environmental Review, (required under s. 40(2)(b) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*) with 4 weeks public review (s. 40(4) and s.40(5))

#### Other details:

- (1) Additional information required through an EPA-prepared Environmental Scoping Document
- (2) Public review period for the proponent-prepared Environmental Review Document (4 weeks)

#### 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, with particular regard given to cumulative impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

**Appeals:** There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.

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**Darren Walsh**

Chair

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 04 March 2026