

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

Proposal title: Recommencement of Operations at the Bellevue Gold Project
Proposal location: Approximately 40 kilometres north of Leinster in Western Australia
CMS number: CMS 18084

Date referral received: 17-12-2021

Date more information received: 18-03-2022, 22-03-2022, 24-03-2022, 1-04-2022, 12-04-2022, 13-04-2022

Referrer: Bellevue Gold Limited

Proponent: Bellevue Gold Limited

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of 363.2 ha of native vegetation, including significant flora and vegetation; Terrestrial Fauna from the clearing of habitat; and Inland Waters from changes to hydrological regimes including pit dewatering.

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	5
<i>Total submissions:</i>	5

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act.

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment, due to the proposal being within a historically disturbed area. The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal can be adequately managed through the implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation, and the proponent's management and mitigation measures. The EPA considers that the potential impacts of the proposal can be mitigated by the following statutory decision-making processes:

- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation - Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* – Division 3 – Prescribed Premises, Works Approval and Licence.
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation - Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* – Division 3 – Clearing of Native Vegetation.
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation – *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914* – 5C Groundwater Licence.
- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety – *Mining Act 1978* – Mining Proposal and Mine Closure Plan.
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage – *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* – Cultural Heritage Management Plan & Mining Agreement.

Appeals: This decision is appealable. Appeals close 20 June 2022. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor

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Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 27 May 2022