



Environmental Protection Authority

Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986**

Proposal Title: Mesa A Hub Revised Proposal

Proposal Location: 43 km West of Pannawonica, Shire of Ashburton

Case Number: CMS 16112

Date referral received: 21-11-2016 **Date more information received:** N/A

Referrer: Robe River Mining Co. Pty. Ltd. **Proponent:** Robe River Mining Co. Pty. Ltd.

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of an additional 2,500 ha of native vegetation in 'good to excellent' condition (42 ha occurs within the current Mesa A Mining Exclusion Zone (MEZ)); Impacts on stygofauna and troglofauna habitat and individuals from mine pit development and dewatering activities; Impacts on hydrological regimes and groundwater and surface water quality from groundwater drawdown due to dewatering activities and the discharge of surplus dewater into Warrambo Creek; Impacts to mesa landforms from mining activities; Potential impacts to aboriginal heritage sites due to mine construction activities and aboriginal heritage values of Warrambo Creek. Impacts to terrestrial fauna including Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) resulting in the Proposal being declared a Controlled Action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Hydrological Processes and Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Landforms, 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	0
<i>Total submissions:</i>	0

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment: Environmental Review – 2 week public review period

Other details: EPA-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

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, and how the environmental issues could be managed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.


Mr Robert Harvey
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Under Notice of Delegation No. 30 published 08 February 2013

Date:

16/2/2017

* This is an amendment of a previous public record (20 December 2016) due to the proposal being declared a Controlled Action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.