

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

Proposal Title: Sino Iron Mine Continuation Proposal

Proposal Location: 80km south west of Karratha in the Pilbara Region of Western Australia

Case Number: CMS17033

Date referral received: 15/02/17

Date more information received: 04/04/2017

Referrer: Citic Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd

Proponent: Sino Iron Pty Ltd / Korean Steel Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of up to 7366 ha of native vegetation, discharge of dewater into the Fortescue River Estuary, impacts on the local environment post closure

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Environmental Quality, Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Environmental Quality, Terrestrial Fauna, Hydrological Processes, Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Air Quality,

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

Total submissions: 0

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment: Referral information

(with additional information required under section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*)

The additional information required, which will be published in the EPA website, is:

- Additional chapter required for Air Quality.
- Peer reviews required for Air Quality and Terrestrial Environmental Quality chapters.
- Further information to demonstrate that the EPA's objective for Flora and Vegetation can be met.

Explanation of decision:

The proposal raises a number of preliminary key environmental factors. The proponent has generally provided adequate referral information about the proposal, the potential impacts, and proposed management measures to enable the EPA to undertake its assessment, however some additional information is required relating to Air Quality, Terrestrial Environmental Quality, and Flora and Vegetation. There were no comments on the referral indicating limited public concern.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Dr Tom Hatton
CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 7 April 2017