

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

Proposal Title: Australian Vanadium Project – Mining and Beneficiation Operations

Proposal Location: 40 km south-southeast of Meekatharra along Meekatharra-Sandstone Rd.

Case Number: CMS17549

Date referral received: 15/03/2021

Date more information received:

Referrer: Australian Vanadium Limited

Proponent: Australian Vanadium Limited

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of 3,806 ha of native vegetation, Inland Waters from watercourse diversions and drawdown, Subterranean Fauna from dewatering and loss of habitat.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Subterranean Fauna, Inland Waters, Flora and Vegetation

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	1
<i>Total submissions:</i>	1

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with additional information required under section 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (2-week public review).

Other details


The additional information will include the following:

- cumulative impact assessment
- timing of proposed additional archaeological and ethnographic surveys
- details of water requirements, their sources and cumulative drawdown impacts
- clarification of GHG emissions
- details on managing intersection with an Emissions Reduction Fund project.

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed. The EPA considers there to be sufficient information to undertake the assessment on referral information, with additional information required, as detailed above. This information will be subject to a two-week public review.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Professor Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 14 April 2021