

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

Proposal Title: West Angelas Revised Proposal

Proposal Location: The proposal is located approximately 130 kilometres north-west of Newman, in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Case Number: CMS17969

Date referral received: 25/03/2021

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 up to 7,200 hectares (ha) of native vegetation (in addition to the 12,205 ha currently authorised under Ministerial Statement 1113); impacts on stygofauna and troglofauna habitat and individuals from mine pit development and groundwater abstraction for dewatering activities and water supply; impacts on terrestrial fauna habitat including habitat for Matters of National Environmental Significance; impacts to hydrological regimes and the quality of surface water and groundwater; potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage values and visual amenity; additional greenhouse gas emissions from fuel combustion and electricity generation.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Social Surroundings (including Aboriginal heritage).

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	3
<i>Total submissions:</i>	3

Decision:

s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public Environmental Review – 8-week public review period

Other details:

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. A 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.



Professor Mathew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 22 April 2021