

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

Proposal Title: Earl Grey Lithium Project (Revised Proposal)

Proposal Location: Approximately 100 kilometres (km) south-south-east of the townsite of Southern Cross and approximately 350 km east of Perth, Western Australia.

Case Number: CMS 18064

Date referral received: 30 August 2021

Date more information received: N/A

Referrer: Covalent Lithium Pty Ltd

Proponent: Covalent Lithium Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There is potential impact on: Flora and vegetation from the clearing of 56 hectares (ha) of native vegetation, terrestrial fauna from the clearing of Malleefowl and Chuditch habitat and from collision, inland waters and terrestrial environmental quality from potential seepage from the tailing storage facility on groundwater and soil and Greenhouse Gas emissions from mining operations

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, terrestrial environmental quality, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, greenhouse gas emissions.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	1
c) Public environmental review	1
<i>Total submissions:</i>	2

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 weeks public review).

Explanation of decision:

Assessment is required to determine how the environmental impacts as a result of implementation of the proposal would be managed. The EPA considers that the proponent has provided sufficient information to undertake the assessment on Referral Information with additional information. The EPA has requested additional information to determine the impacts of the proposal on key environmental factors. The EPA has requested the preparation of additional information on flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, terrestrial environmental quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Professor Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 27 October 2021