

Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Sino Iron Mine Continuation

Proposal location: 83 km south west of Karratha in the Pilbara Region of Western Australia, Shire of Ashburton.

CMS number: CMS18132

Date referral received: 22-12-2021

Date more information received: 6-01-2022

Referrer and Proponent: Sino Iron Pty Ltd (ACN 058 429 708) and Korean Steel Pty Ltd (ACN 058 429 600)

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Inland waters, Marine environmental quality, Marine fauna, Benthic communities and habitat from the continuous discharge of mine pit dewater at 667 L/sec into the Fortescue River Estuary; Flora and vegetation could be impacted from dewatering of groundwater; and Greenhouse gasses emissions from pumping operations and continuation of mine.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Inland waters, Flora and vegetation, Marine environmental quality, Marine fauna, Benthic communities and habitat, Greenhouse gas emissions.

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	2
<i>Total submissions:</i>	2

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Assess

Level of assessment:

Assess on Referral information with additional Information requested -Two week public review

Other details

Additional Information

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are significant. A detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental impacts could be managed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



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CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 16 March 2022