

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

**Proposal title:** Mulga Downs Iron Ore Mine

**Proposal location:** 210 km south of Port Hedland and 180 km north west of Newman in the Pilbara Region of Western Australia, Shire of Ashburton.

**CMS number:** CMS18134

**Date referral received:** 24-12-2021

**Date more information received:** 05-01-2022

**Referrer and Proponent:** Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (ABN 69 008 676 417)

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the clearing up to 9,628 ha; conservation significant terrestrial fauna from the clearing of habitat; subterranean fauna from dewatering of groundwater and discharge of excess water via direct disposal and injection via managed aquifer recharge and loss of habitat; social surroundings (Aboriginal heritage) from construction and operation activities.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial environmental quality, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, greenhouse gas emissions, social surroundings, 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	30
<i>Total submissions:</i>	30

**Decision:** s. 38G(1) – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

Public Environmental Review

**Other details**

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (6 weeks)

**Explanation of decision:**

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.



**Prof. Matthew Tonts**

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 24 February 2022