



Environmental Protection Authority

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

Proposal title: Sanjiv Ridge Pit Expansion, Stage 1 Below Groundwater Table Mining (Significant amendment to Ministerial Statement 1125).

Proposal location: Approximately 33km south of Marble Bar in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

APP number: APP-0033376

Date referral received: 18-02-2026

Date more information received: N/A

Referrer: Atlas Iron Pty Ltd

Proponent: Atlas Iron Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the clearing of 196.8 ha; terrestrial fauna from the clearing of habitat; inland waters from the abstraction of groundwater; subterranean fauna from dewatering of pits and loss of habitat; and social surroundings from disturbance of Aboriginal heritage sites.

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, subterranean fauna, and social surroundings.

Public comment on referral information:

Does the proposal need further assessment due to its potential significant impacts?

Yes 2 No 0

If the proposal requires further assessment, should the EPA include further opportunities for public review?

Yes 2 No 0

Total submissions: 2

Decision: s. 38G(1) Assess

Level of assessment:

Assess by environmental review s. 40(2)(b).

Other details:

(1) Additional information required by s. 40(2)(a)

Explanation of decision:

Assessment is required based on the potential impacts from the clearing of vegetation and fauna habitat, abstraction of groundwater, removal of subterranean fauna habitat, and disturbance of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

Appeals: There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.

Darren Walsh

Chair

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 17 March 2026