

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

**Proposal title:** Mt Weld Rare Earths Project – Life of Mine Proposal

**Proposal location:** 35 kilometres (km) south-east of Laverton in the Northern Goldfields Region of Western Australia

**Date referral received:** 17-08-2022

**Date more information received:** 25-08-2022

**Referrer:** Mt Weld Mining Pty Limited

**Proponent:** Mt Weld Mining Pty Limited

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the clearing of 2,241.6 ha; terrestrial fauna from the clearing of habitat and from road collision; terrestrial environmental quality from an increase in waste generation and the long-term storage of waste material (including naturally occurring radioactive mineral (NORM) waste); human health from the transport and storage of NORM waste materials; and social surroundings from impacts to areas of cultural and heritage significance.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, terrestrial environmental quality, human health, and social surroundings.

**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	5
<i>Total submissions:</i>	5

**Decision:** s. 38G(1) – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

Referral Information, with Public Review and additional information

***Other details***

No scoping required

Public review period for Referral Documentation (four weeks)

**Explanation of decision:**

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

**Appeals:** Decision is not appealable.



**Prof. Matthew Tonts**

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date: 4 October 2022**