

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

Proposal Title: Lancefield Quarry

Proposal Location: Shire of Laverton

Case Number: CMS 17918

Date referral received: 09-11-2020

Date more information received: 24-03-2021

Referrer: Focus Minerals Ltd

Proponent: Focus Minerals Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Inland Waters from storage of small volumes of hydrocarbons within a drinking water source area; Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of native vegetation; Terrestrial Fauna from the clearing of fauna habitat and vehicle strikes; and Social Surroundings from dust and noise generated during operation of the plant and traffic movements.

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 0

Total submissions: 0

Decision: s. 39A – Not Assess

Referral Examined, preliminary investigations and inquiries conducted. Proposal not to be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act – No advice given.

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the likely environmental effects of the proposal are not so significant as to warrant formal assessment because of the small scale and duration of the operation, the lack of significant flora, vegetation and fauna, the inert nature of the waste rock, and the remote location of the proposal away from sensitive receptors. The EPA is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposal can be adequately managed through the implementation of the proposal in accordance with the referral documentation and the proponent's management and mitigation measures. The EPA notes that the crushing and screening will require regulation under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the proposal will require a native vegetation clearing permit.

Appeals: This decision is appealable. Appeals close 20-04-2021. Appeals are administered by the Office of the Appeals Convenor.



Professor Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 31 March 2021