

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

Proposal title: North Star Magnetite Project Extension (significant amendment to North Star Magnetite Project, Ministerial Statement 993)

Proposal location: approximately 110km southeast of Port Headland in the Pilbara region

CMS number: 18243

Date referral received: 28-07-2022

Date more information received: 08-11-2022

Referrer: Sean McGunnigle (FMG)

Proponent: FMG Iron Bridge Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of native vegetation in good to excellent condition up to 606.9 ha including priority and threatened flora species, clearing of habitats for conservation significant fauna under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, hydrological and water quality changes including clearing of pools and drainage of habitat, impacts to subterranean fauna with unknown occurrence beyond the development envelope, potential impacts to of Aboriginal Heritage sites and values and greenhouse gas emissions.

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, greenhouse gas emissions, 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	1
Total submissions:	1

Decision: s. 38G(1) – Assess

Level of assessment:

Referral Information with additional information (required under s. 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*) and public review

Other details

Public review period for the revised Environmental Review Document (4 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex require further detail to adequately inform a revised Environmental Review Document for public review. 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 is not appealable.



Prof. Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 14 December 2022