

Section 38E Notice  
Statement 1105 – No. 3

**NOTICE OF SECTION 38E DECLARATION  
THAT PROPOSAL IS A DERIVED PROPOSAL  
(Section 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

**Strategic proposal:** Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal

**Strategic proposal statement:** Ministerial statement 1105 published on 11 July 2019

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) at its meeting 1216 dated 21 May 2026, declared Ministers North to be a derived proposal in accordance with section 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. I have today as Chair of the EPA, given written notice of the EPA's declaration to the Minister for Environment pursuant to section 38E(6) of the Act.



Darren Walsh  
**CHAIR**  
**Environmental Protection Authority**

08 June 2026

## Schedule 1 – Description of derived proposal

**Derived proposal:** Ministers North (Derived Proposal)

**Proponent:** BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd, ACN: 008 700 981

**Proponent address:** 125 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000

**Description of the derived proposal:** As detailed in the Table 1 below and Figures 1 and 2 attached to this Notice

**Table 1:** Element, Location and Extent of the proposal.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Element	Location	Extent
<b>Physical Elements</b>		
Iron ore mine and associated activities and operations, being new mining operations at Ministers North	Figure 1 and 2	Indicative footprint of up to 2,360 hectares (ha) including clearing up to 1,848 ha of native vegetation within a 5,556.6 ha development envelope (to be undertaken within the 98,500 ha clearing limit of Ministerial Statement 1105)
<b>Operational Elements</b>		
Water Supply		Water supply will be sourced from other users including BHP operations and third parties
Max pit depth (at closure)		569 m AHD (minimum 5m separation from groundwater table)
<b>Timing Element</b>		
Life of proposal (construction, operations and decommissioning)		28 years

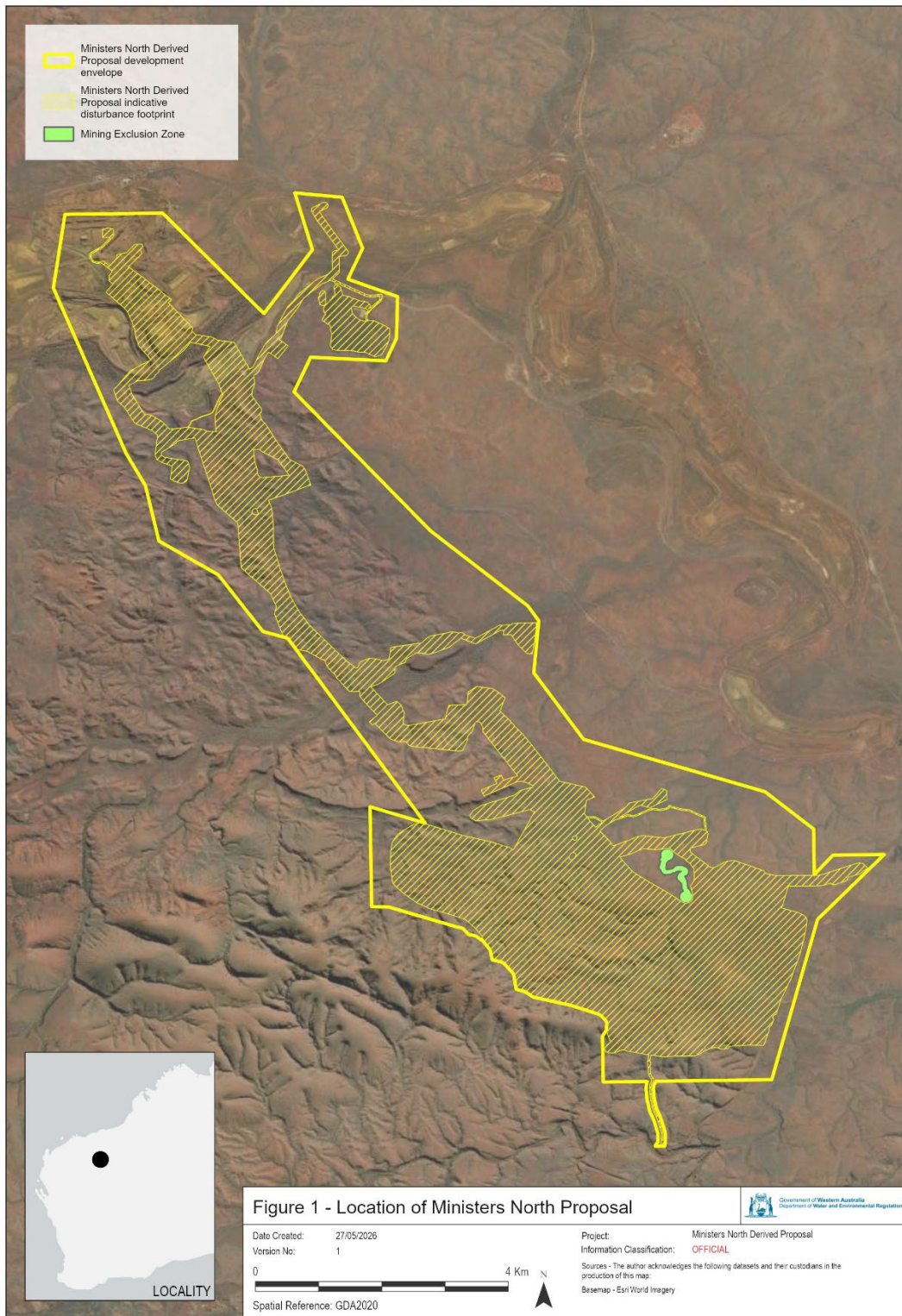


Figure 1: Location of the Ministers North (Derived Proposal)



**Figure 2: Ministers North (Derived Proposal) in relation to the Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal**