

Public record pursuant to s. 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Western Ridge (Newman Hub) Derived Proposal

Proposal location: 2 kilometres southwest of Newman township in the Pilbara

Case number: APP-0000227

Date received: 17-01-2023

Date more information received: 15-07-2023

Referrer: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Proponent: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, subterranean fauna and inland waters from the clearing of native vegetation/loss of habitat and from indirect impacts; climate from greenhouse gas emissions; air quality from dust emissions; social surroundings from disturbance of Aboriginal heritage; and mine closure effects.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, social surroundings.

Public comments 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. 38E(4) – Declared a derived proposal

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the proposal is consistent with the provisions s.38E(4). For further details see the Statement of Reasons, published on the EPA website, on 8 September 2023.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.

Public Advice:

The EPA's decision regarding declaration of the proposal is outlined in the Statement of Reasons. The EPA has provided 'Other Advice' as part of the Statement of Reasons which contains advice to the proponent, the Minister for the Environment and the public.



Prof. Matthew Tonts
CHAIR

Date: 7 September 2023

