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Statement No. 1167

**STATEMENT TO CHANGE THE IMPLEMENTATION CONDITIONS  
APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL  
(Section 46 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

EARL GREY LITHIUM PROJECT

**Proposal:** Proposal to develop a pegmatite-hosted lithium deposit at the abandoned Mt Holland mine site, located 105 km south-southeast of Southern Cross, Shire of Yilgarn.

**Proponent:** Covalent Lithium Pty Ltd  
Australian Company Number 623 090 139

**Proponent Address:** Level 18, 109 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** 1697

**Previous Report Relating to this Proposal:** 1651

**Preceding Statement/s Relating to this Proposal:** 1118

Pursuant to section 45 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, as applied by section 46(8), it has been agreed that the implementation conditions set out in Ministerial Statement No 1118, be changed as specified in this Statement.

**Condition 6-1 of Ministerial Statement 1118 is amended by adding 6-1(2):**

6-1(2) The proponent shall ensure there are no proposal-related impacts to more than 9,732 individuals of *Microcorys elatoides* and 2 individuals of *Banksia sphaerocarpa var. dolichostyla*.

**Condition 7-1 of Ministerial Statement 1118 is amended by adding 7-1(4):**

7-1(4) The proponent shall ensure there is no proposal-related direct or adverse indirect impacts to Malleefowl from feral animals in the Development Envelope by controlling feral animals within, and a three kilometre buffer surrounding, the Development Envelope.

**Condition 8-1 of Ministerial Statement 1118 is deleted and replaced with:**

8-1 The proponent shall undertake offsets with the objective of counterbalancing the significant residual impact on the following environmental values:

- (1) 386 ha of foraging and breeding habitat for malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*);
- (2) 386 ha of foraging and potential breeding habitat for chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroi*);
- (3) 2 individuals of Ironcap Banksia (*Banksia sphaerocarpa var. dolichostyla*);  
and
- (4) 9,732 individuals of *Microcorys elatoides*,

as a result of the implementation of the proposal, as defined in Table 2 of Schedule 1 and delineated by coordinates in Schedule 2.

**Condition 8-8 of Ministerial Statement 1118 is deleted and replaced with:**

8-8 The Flora Offset Strategy required by condition 8-7 shall:

- (1) identify an area, or areas, to be protected, managed and/or rehabilitated for conservation that contains the flora values identified in condition 8-1 on advice of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions;
- (2) demonstrate how the proposed offset counterbalances the significant residual impact to 2 individuals of *Banksia sphaerocarpa var. dolichostyla* and 9,732 individuals of *Microcorys elatoides*, as identified in condition 8-1 through application of the principles and completion of the WA Offsets Template, as described in the *WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines 2014*, and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 - Environmental Offsets Policy Assessment Guide* (October 2012), or any approved updates of these guidelines;
- (3) identify the environmental values of the offset area(s);
- (4) identify and commit to a protection mechanism for any area(s) of land acquisition, being either the area(s) is ceded to the Crown for the purpose of management for conservation, or the area(s) is managed under other suitable mechanisms for the purpose of conservation as agreed by the CEO;
- (5) if any land is to be ceded to the Crown for the purpose of management for conservation, the proponent will identify:
  - (a) the quantum of, and provide funds for, the upfront works associated with establishing the conservation area;

- (b) the quantum of, and provide a contribution of funds for, the management of this area for seven (7) years after completion of purchase; and
  - (c) an appropriate management body for the ceded land;
- (6) where rehabilitation and/or other on-ground actions are proposed, state the objectives and targets to be achieved, including completion criteria, which demonstrate;
  - (a) how on-ground management or rehabilitation actions will result in a tangible improvement to the environmental value(s) being offset; and
  - (b) the consistency of the objectives and targets with the objectives of any relevant Recovery Plans or area management plans;
- (7) detail the management and/or rehabilitation actions and a timeframe for the actions to be undertaken;
- (8) detail any funding arrangements and timing of funding for conservation activities;
- (9) detail the monitoring, reporting and evaluation mechanisms for management and/or rehabilitation actions; and
- (10) define the role of the proponent and/or any relevant management authority.

[signed on 14 May 2021]

HON AMBER-JADE SANDERSON MLA  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; CLIMATE ACTION**



Figure 4: Malleefowl Mound Exclusion Zones

## **Schedule 2**

All coordinates are in metres, listed in Map Grid of Australia Zone 50 (MGA Zone 50), datum of Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

Coordinates defining the areas shown in Figures 3 and 4 of Schedule 1, and referred to in Ministerial Conditions 6 and 7 are held by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation under the following reference numbers:

Development Envelope DWERDT199591

Conservation Significant Flora Exclusion Zones DWERDT199595

Malleefowl Mound Exclusion Zones DWERDT355557