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Statement No. 854 and 932 as amended

**AMENDMENT OF AN APPROVED PROPOSAL AND CONDITIONS WITHOUT
INQUIRY OR ASSESSMENT
(*Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

**HOPE DOWNS 4 IRON ORE MINE
SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA**

Proposal: The proposal is to construct and operate an iron ore mine and associated infrastructure at the Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Mine located approximately 30 kilometres north west of Newman within the Shire of East Pilbara.

Proponent: Hamersley HMS Pty Limited

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Assessment number: 1738 and 1936

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: 1374 and 1465

Introduction: Pursuant to section 45C(1)(c) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, an amendment to the proposal and to the implementation conditions (MS 854 published on 1 February 2011 and MS 932 published on 30 January 2013), was approved on 01 October 2025, and the amended proposal must be implemented in accordance with the following implementation conditions and procedures.

Note: A description of the consolidated proposal (the existing proposal approved on 1 February 2011 and amended on 30 January 2013, as amended by the proposal amendments approved on 01 October 2025) is contained in the Proposal Content Document (January 2025).

Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Ministerial Statement 854 issued on 1 February 2011 and Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Ministerial Statement 932 issued on 30 January 2013 have been deleted and replaced with the following conditions and procedures:

Conditions and procedures

Part A: Proposal extent

Part B: Environmental outcomes, prescriptions and objectives

Part C: Environmental management plans and monitoring

Part D: Compliance and other conditions

PART A: PROPOSAL EXTENT

A1 Limitations and Extent of Proposal

A1-1 The proponent must ensure that the proposal is implemented in such a manner that the following maximum extents are not exceeded:

Proposal element	Location	Maximum extent
Physical elements		
Development envelope	Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 3	No more than 18,479 ha
Conceptual footprint	Within the development envelope shown in Figure 2 Figure 3	Clearing of no more than 5,650 ha within a 18,479 ha development envelope
Direct disturbance of native vegetation	Within the development envelope	Clearing of no more than 296.5 ha of 'Good to Excellent' condition native vegetation within the extension areas . Clearing of no more than 0.1 ha of breakaway/cliff habitat within the extension areas .
Operational elements		
Dewatering rate	N/A	Up to 23 GL/a (including 3 GL/a of re-circulation water). Up to 140 m of drawdown to approximately 500 m relative to sea level (RSL).
Discharge of excess water to Kalgan Creek	Figure 4	Discharge location: Approximately 16 km east of the mining area, downstream of

		Kalgan Pool. The maximum footprint of creek bed saturation shall not: • exceed 29 km from point of discharge; and • extend closer than 30 km from the Fortescue Marsh boundary. Length of water pipeline: • approximately 16 km.
Discharge of excess water to Hope Downs 1	N/A	Length of water pipeline: up to 52 km
Ore Processing	N/A	In-pit and out of pit tailings storage facilities
Infrastructure Corridor	N/A	Length: up to 52 km
Timing elements		
Project life	N/A	Approximately 35 years

PART B – ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES, PRESCRIPTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

B1 Flora and Vegetation

B1-1 The proponent must ensure the implementation of the proposal achieves the following environmental **outcomes**:

- (1) **disturb** no more than 296.5 ha of ‘**Good**’ to **Excellent**’ condition native **vegetation** within the **extension areas**;
- (2) no impacts to any **threatened flora** or **priority ecological communities** and **threatened ecological communities**;
- (3) ensure the introduction or spread of **environmental weeds** is no greater than the **baseline** though the implementation of appropriate weed management measures within the **development envelope**; and
- (4) the cover of weeds within the **development envelope** does not exceed that existing on comparable, nearby land, which has not been disturbed during implementation of the proposal.

B1-2 The proponent must implement appropriate management measures to achieve the following environmental **objectives**:

- (1) minimise **disturbance** to **threatened flora**, **priority flora** and locally significant vegetation communities.

B1-3 The proponent must continue to monitor the three (3) reference sites every two (2) years to determine whether changes in **environmental weed** cover and type are a result of project implementation or broader regional changes and demonstrates how achievement of the environmental **outcome** in condition B1-1(4) will be monitored and substantiated.

B1-4 The proponent must review and update the Environmental Management Plan that demonstrates how achievement of the environmental **outcomes** in conditions B1-1 and B1-3 will be monitored and substantiated, how the environmental **objective** in condition B1-2 will be achieved, and satisfies the requirements of condition C4 and C5, and submit it to the **CEO**.

B2 Terrestrial Fauna

B2-1 The proponent must ensure the implementation of the proposal achieves the following environmental **outcomes**:

- (1) no **disturbance** to **gorge/gully** and **major drainage habitat** within the **extension areas**; and

- (2) **disturb** no more than 0.1 ha of **breakaway/cliff habitat** within the **extension areas**.

B2-2 The proponent must implement the proposal to achieve the following environmental **objectives**:

- (1) protect significant fauna habitats;
- (2) minimise impacts to individual fauna;
- (3) minimise impacts from **feral fauna** species within the **development envelope**; and
- (4) minimise impacts to fauna by vehicle/machinery movements within the **development envelope**.

B2-3 The proponent must review and update the Fauna Environmental Management Plan that demonstrates how achievement of the environmental **outcomes** in condition B2-1 will be monitored and substantiated, how the **objectives** in condition B2-2 will be achieved, and satisfies the requirements of condition C4 and C5, and submit it to the **CEO** for approval.

B3 Inland Waters

B3-1 The proponent must implement the proposal to achieve the following environmental **outcomes**:

- (1) ensure that the dewatering of groundwater as a result of abstraction and excavation of aquifers does not impact water levels and quality from the baseline of the following, as shown in Figure 4:
 - (a) Coondiner Creek, Eagle Rock Pool and Eagle Rock Falls and their associated **environmental values** and their associated vegetation communities;
 - (b) Kalgan Creek and Kalgan Pool and their associated vegetation communities; and
 - (c) Stuarts Pool, Mindy Mindy Creek Pool(s), Three Pools, Bella Pool, Cliff Pool and Steer Pool and their associated vegetation communities.
- (2) ensure no **disturbance** and no changes to water levels and water quality, beyond natural variation and attributable to the proposal, to significant water features (ephemeral pools), including water feature (HD4-WS-01A), as shown in Figure 4;

- (3) ensure water discharged to the environment meets specified water quality requirements developed in accordance with the **ANZG framework** or its revisions;
- (4) ensure that the discharge of surplus water to Kalgan Creek does not extend closer than 30 **km** to the boundary of Fortescue Marsh (defined by coordinates 802197.30E and 7498223.30N (MGA zone 50));
- (5) ensure that the discharge of surplus water to Kalgan Creek does not cause **irreversible impacts** to the creek or the health of the surrounding **riparian vegetation**; and
- (6) ensure run-off and/or seepage from the tailings storage facility and waste material landforms does not lead to the quality of surface water or groundwater within or adjacent to the **development envelope exceeding the ANZG framework** or its revisions.

B3-2 The proponent must, from the commencement of dewatering, monitor groundwater levels (**mAHD**), and the extent of surface water expression and depth for permanent pools at the **agreed sites**.

B3-3 The proponent must, from the commencement of dewatering, monitor the condition and cover of **riparian vegetation** at each of the **agreed sites**.

B3-4 The proponent must manage excess water discharged to Kalgan Creek until such time as dewatering at the Hope Downs 1 iron ore mine ceases. At this time the proponent must then cease discharge to Kalgan Creek and transfer water to Hope Downs 1 for aquifer reinjection unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the **CEO** that discharge to Kalgan Creek can continue.

B3-5 The proponent must review and update the Environmental Management Plan that demonstrates how achievement of the environmental **outcomes** in conditions B3-1, B3-2, B3-3 and B3-4 will be monitored and substantiated, and satisfies the requirements of condition C4, and submit it to the **CEO**.

B4 Acid or Metalliferous Drainage

B4-1 The proponent must ensure the implementation of the proposal achieves the following environmental **objectives**:

- (1) limit the generation and release of acid or metalliferous drainage so that **environmental values** are protected; and
- (2) characterise the geochemical properties of materials with the potential to generate acid or metalliferous drainage using **national and international standards**.

B4-2 The proponent must review and update the Environmental Management Plan that demonstrates how the environmental **objectives** in conditions B4-1 will be achieved, and satisfies the requirements of C5, and submit it to the **CEO**.

B5 Rehabilitation and closure

B5-1 The proponent must ensure the rehabilitation and closure activities of the **proposal** achieves the following environmental **outcomes**:

- (1) pits, with a closure acid and metalliferous drainage risk, and where there is a demonstratable moderate or high risk of disturbance from that drainage to sensitive environmental or cultural heritage receptors, will be backfilled to above post mining recovered water levels within the **extension areas**;
- (2) waste dumps and tailing storage facilities are designed in consultation with **DMPE** and are constructed so that their stability, surface drainage, resistance to erosion can support local **native vegetation** within the surrounding area;
- (3) no impact to fauna or regional groundwater from the formation of pit lakes as a result of decommissioning and closure of mine voids;
- (4) the post-mining profile, including rehabilitating landforms, will be designed in consideration of visually integrating into the surrounding undisturbed landscape, continuing the surrounding contours of the low hills and slopes within the **extension areas**;
- (5) rehabilitated vegetation is self-sustaining and not impacted by **environmental weeds**;
- (6) rehabilitated areas are consistent with the species diversity and abundance of **native vegetation** within comparative analogue or reference sites;
- (7) no impacts to water quality at sensitive environmental or cultural receptors from acid and/or metalliferous materials;
- (8) seed used in rehabilitation is of **local provenance**;
- (9) closure planning and rehabilitation are undertaken in a **progressive manner** consistent with achievement of the above **outcomes** during operations, where practicable, and as soon as practicable upon closure;
- (10) annual reporting on progressive rehabilitation against the approved completion criteria, to ensure they are evidence-based, effective and achievable;
- (11) annual reporting on hectares rehabilitated.

B5-2 The proponent must implement the proposal to achieve the following environmental **objectives**:

- (1) ensure that the proposal is decommissioned and the site of the proposal rehabilitated to be safe, stable and non-polluting and in an ecologically appropriate and sustainable manner;
- (2) ensure that during decommissioning the quality of the water in the Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Mine pit voids is monitored; and
- (3) ensure that during decommissioning monitoring continues to demonstrate that there is no ongoing acid and/or metalliferous impacts to water quality.

B5-3 The proponent must update the rehabilitation completion criteria to include the **extension areas** within five (5) years of implementation of these areas, for the approval of the **CEO** on advice from **DBCA** and **DMPE**;

B5-4 The proponent must, in consultation with **DBCA** and **DMPE**, prepare a Rehabilitation Report that demonstrates how achievement of the environmental **outcomes** and **objectives** in conditions B5-1, B5-2 and B5-3 will be monitored and substantiated, and how the environmental **objectives** in condition B5-2 will be achieved, and submit it to the **CEO**.

B5-5 The proponent must review and update the Mine Closure Plan(s) in accordance with the *DEMIRS Statutory Guidelines for Mine Closure Plans March 2020 (updated in January 2023)* (or any subsequent revisions of the guidelines), to the requirements of the **CEO**, on advice of the **DPME**, the **DWER**, and the **DBCA**.

B6 Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund

B6-1 The proponent must contribute to the **Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund** calculated pursuant to condition B6-2, to achieve the **objective** of counterbalancing the significant residual impacts, as a result of implementation of the proposal within the **extension areas**, to the following **environmental values**:

- (1) **‘Good’ to ‘Excellent’ condition native vegetation**;
- (2) **supporting habitat** for ghost bat (*Macroderma gigas*), northern quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), Pilbara leaf-nosed bat (*Rhynonictis aurantia*), and Pilbara olive python (*Liasis olivaceus barroni*) subject to any reduction approved by the **CEO** under condition B6-9.

B6-2 The proponent’s contribution to the **Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund** must be paid biennially, with the amount to be contributed calculated based on the clearing undertaken in the areas defined in condition B6-1 in each year of the biennial reporting period in accordance with the rates in condition B6-3. The first

biennial reporting period must commence from **ground disturbing activities** of the **environmental values** identified in condition B6-3.

B6-3 Calculated on the 2024 calendar year, the contribution rates are:

- (1) \$1,016 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of '**Good**' to '**Excellent**' **condition native vegetation** cleared as a result of the proposal within the Hamersley **IBRA** subregion.
- (2) \$1,016 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of the following values cleared as a result of the proposal:
 - (a) ghost bat (*Macroderma gigas*) **supporting habitat**;
 - (b) northern quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*) **supporting habitat**;
 - (c) Pilbara leaf-nosed bat (*Rhinochiropterus aurantia*) **supporting habitat**; and
 - (d) Pilbara olive python (*Liasis olivaceus barroni*) **supporting habitat**.

B6-4 The rates in condition B6-3 change annually each subsequent calendar year in accordance with the percentage change in the **CPI** applicable to that calendar year.

B6-5 To achieve the **objective** in condition B6-1 the proponent must prepare an Impact Reconciliation Procedure, and submit to the **CEO**. This procedure must:

- (1) spatially define the **environmental values** identified in condition B6-1;
- (2) spatially define the areas where offsets required by condition B6-1 are to be exempt;
- (3) include a methodology to calculate the amount of clearing undertaken during each year of the biennial reporting period for each of the **environmental values** identified in condition B6-3;
- (4) state that clearing calculation for the first biennial reporting period will commence from **ground disturbing activities** in accordance with condition B6-2 and end on the second 31 December following commencement of **ground disturbing activities**;
- (5) state that clearing calculations for each subsequent biennial reporting period will commence on 1 January of the required reporting period, unless otherwise agreed by the **CEO**; and
- (6) be prepared in accordance with Instructions on how to prepare *Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV Impact Reconciliation*

Procedures and Impact Reconciliation Reports (March 2024) (or any subsequent revisions).

- B6-6 The proponent must submit an Impact Reconciliation Report in accordance with the **confirmed** Impact Reconciliation Procedure in condition B6-5.
- B6-7 The Impact Reconciliation Report required pursuant to condition B6-6 must be prepared in accordance with EPA guidance and:
- (1) provide the location and spatial extent of the clearing undertaken as a result of the proposal during each year of each biennial reporting period; and
 - (2) include evidence that clearing undertaken in any area was necessary for the commencement of proposal-related activities or operations in that cleared area within six (6) months of the clearing having occurred.
- B6-8 The proponent may apply in writing and seek the written approval of the **CEO** to reduce all or part of the contribution payable under condition B6-2 where:
- (1) a payment has been made to satisfy a condition of an approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in relation to the proposal; and
 - (2) the payment is made for the purpose of counterbalancing impacts of the proposal on matters of national environmental significance.
- B6-9 The **CEO** may grant approval to discount the amount payable under condition B6-3(2) and condition B6-3(3) if the **CEO** is satisfied that the payment will offset the significant residual impacts of the proposal.
- B6-10 The clearing of **native vegetation** previously approved under Ministerial Statement 854 is exempt from the requirements to offset under condition B6-1.
- B6-11 Condition C2 applies to the **confirmed** Impact Reconciliation Procedure required by condition B6-5 as if it were an environmental management plan.
- B6-12 Failure to implement a **confirmed** Impact Reconciliation Procedure or submit an Impact Reconciliation Report as required by condition B6-6 represents a non-compliance with these conditions.

PART C – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND MONITORING

C1 Environmental Management Plans: Conditions Related to Commencement of Implementation of the Proposal

- C1-1 The proponent must:

- (1) within twelve (12) months of the date of this Statement, or otherwise agreed to by the **CEO**, revise and submit the Environmental Management Plans required by condition B1-4 and B3-5 to meet the requirements of those conditions;
- (2) within twelve (12) months of the date of this Statement, or otherwise agreed to by the **CEO**, revise and submit the Fauna Management Plan required by condition B2-3 to meet the requirements of that condition;
- (3) within twelve (12) months of the date of this Statement, and five-yearly thereafter, on advice from **DBCA** and **DMPE**, submit the Rehabilitation Report required by condition B5-4 that meets the requirements of that condition;
- (4) within twelve (12) months of the date of this Statement, or otherwise agreed to by the **CEO**, and five-yearly thereafter, on advice from **DBCA**, submit the Mine Closure Plan required by condition B5-6 that meets the requirement of that condition; and
- (5) within (12) twelve months of the date of this Statement revise and submit the Impact Reconciliation Procedure (Offsets) required by condition B6-6 that meets the requirements of that condition.

C2 Environmental Management Plans: Conditions Relating to Approval, Implementation, Review and Publication

C2-1 Upon being required to implement an environmental management plan under Part B, or after receiving notice in writing from the **CEO** under condition C1-1 that the environmental management plan(s) required in Part B satisfies the relevant requirements, the proponent must:

- (1) implement the most recent version of the **confirmed** environmental management plan; and
- (2) continue to implement the **confirmed** environmental management plan referred to in condition C2-1(1), other than for any period which the **CEO** confirms by notice in writing that it has been demonstrated that the relevant requirements for the environmental management plan have been met, or are able to be met under another statutory decision-making process, in which case the implementation of the environmental management plan is no longer required for that period.

C2-2 The proponent:

- (1) may review and revise a **confirmed** environmental management plan provided it meets the relevant requirements of that environmental management plan, including any consultation that may be required when preparing the environmental management plan;

- (2) must review and revise a **confirmed** environmental management plan and ensure it meets the relevant requirements of that environmental management plan, including any consultation that may be required when preparing the environmental management plan, as and when directed by the **CEO**; and
 - (3) must revise and submit to the **CEO** the **confirmed** Environmental Management Plan if there is a material risk that the **outcomes** or objectives it is required to achieve will not be complied with, including but not limited to as a result of a change to the proposal.
- C2-3 Despite condition C2-1, but subject to conditions C2-4 and C2-5, the proponent may implement minor revisions to an environmental management plan if the revisions will not result in new or increased **disturbances**, direct or indirect, that would **disturb** to the environment or result in a risk to the achievement of the limits, **outcomes** or **objectives** which the environmental management plan is required to achieve.
- C2-4 If the proponent is to implement minor revisions to an environmental management plan under condition C2-3, the proponent must provide the **CEO** with the following at least twenty (20) business days before it implements the revisions:
 - (1) the revised environmental management plan clearly showing the minor revisions;
 - (2) an explanation of and justification for the minor revisions; and
 - (3) an explanation of why the minor revisions will not result in new or increased **disturbances** to the environment or result in a risk to the achievement of the limits, **outcomes** or **objectives** which the environmental management plan is required to achieve.
- C2-5 The proponent must cease to implement any revisions which the **CEO** notifies the proponent (at any time) in writing may not be implemented.
- C2-6 **Confirmed** environmental management plans, and any revised environmental management plans under condition C2-4(1), must be published on the proponent's website and provided to the **CEO** in electronic form suitable for on-line publication by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation within twenty (20) business days of being implemented, or being required to be implemented (whichever is earlier).

C3 Conditions Related to Monitoring

- C3-1 The proponent must undertake monitoring capable of:
 - (1) substantiating whether the proposal limitations and extents in Part A are exceeded; and

- (2) **detecting** and substantiating whether the environmental **outcomes** identified in Part B are achieved (excluding any environmental **outcomes** in Part B where an environmental management plan is expressly required to monitor achievement of that **outcome**).

C3-2 The proponent must submit as part of the Compliance Assessment Report required by condition D2, a compliance monitoring report that:

- (1) outlines the monitoring that was undertaken during the implementation of the proposal;
- (2) identifies why the monitoring was capable of substantiating whether the proposal limitation and extents in Part A are exceeded;
- (3) for any environmental **outcomes** to which condition C3-1(2) applies, identifies why the monitoring was scientifically robust and capable of **detecting** whether the environmental **outcomes** in Part B are met;
- (4) outlines the results of the monitoring;
- (5) reports whether the proposal limitations and extents in Part A were exceeded and (for any environmental **outcomes** to which condition C3-1 (2) applies) whether the environmental **outcomes** in Part B were achieved, based on analysis of the results of the monitoring; and
- (6) reports any actions taken by the proponent to remediate any potential non-compliance.

C4 Environmental Management Plans: Conditions Relating to Monitoring and Adaptive Management for Outcomes Based Conditions

C4-1 The environmental management plans required under condition B1-4, B2-3 and B3-5 must contain provisions which enable the substantiation of whether the relevant **outcomes** of those conditions are met, and must include:

- (1) **threshold criteria** that provide a limit beyond which the environmental **outcomes** are not achieved;
- (2) **trigger criteria** that will provide an early warning that the environmental **outcomes** are not likely to be met;
- (3) monitoring parameters, sites, control/reference sites, methodology, timing and frequencies which will be used to measure **threshold criteria** and **trigger criteria**. Include methodology for determining alternate monitoring sites as a contingency if proposed sites are not suitable in the future;
- (4) **baseline** data;
- (5) data collection and analysis methodologies;

- (6) adaptive management methodology;
 - (7) **contingency measures** which will be implemented if **threshold criteria** or **trigger criteria** are not met; and
 - (8) reporting requirements.
- C4-2 Without limiting condition C3-1, failure to achieve an environmental outcome, or the exceedance of a **threshold criteria**, regardless of whether threshold **contingency measures** have been or are being implemented, represents a non-compliance with these conditions.
- C5 Environmental Management Plans: Conditions Related to Management Actions and Targets for Objective Based Conditions**
- C5-1 The environmental management plans required under conditions B1-4, B2-3 B3-5 and B4-2 must contain provisions which enable the achievement of the relevant objectives of those conditions and substantiation of whether the objectives are reasonably likely to be met, and must include:
- (1) **management actions**;
 - (2) **management targets**;
 - (3) **contingency measures** if **management targets** are not met; and
 - (4) reporting requirements.
- C5-2 Without limiting condition C2-1, the failure to achieve an environmental objective, or implement a **management action**, regardless of whether **contingency measures** have been or are being implemented, represents a non-compliance with these conditions.

PART D – COMPLIANCE, TIME LIMITS, AUDITS AND OTHER CONDITIONS

D1 Non-compliance Reporting

- D1-1** If the proponent becomes aware of a potential non-compliance, the proponent must:
- (1) report this to the **CEO** within seven (7) days;
 - (2) implement **contingency measures**;
 - (3) investigate the cause;
 - (4) investigate environmental impacts;
 - (5) advise rectification measures to be implemented;
 - (6) advise any other measures to be implemented to ensure no further impact;

- (7) advise timeframe in which contingency, rectification and other measures have and/or will be implemented; and
- (8) provide a report to the **CEO** within twenty-one (21) days of being aware of the potential non-compliance, detailing the measures required in conditions D1-1(1) to D1-1(7) above.

D1-2 Failure to comply with the requirements of a condition, or with the content of an environmental management plan required under a condition, constitutes a non-compliance with these conditions, regardless of whether the **contingency measures**, rectification or other measures in condition D1-1 above have been or are being implemented.

D2 Compliance Reporting

D2-1 The proponent must provide an annual Compliance Assessment Report to the **CEO** for the purpose of determining whether the implementation conditions are being complied with.

D2-2 Unless a different date or frequency is approved by the **CEO**, the first annual Compliance Assessment Report must be submitted within fifteen (15) months of the date of this Statement, and subsequent reports must be submitted annually from that date.

D2-3 Each annual Compliance Assessment Report must be endorsed by the proponent's Chief Executive Officer, or a person approved by proponent's Chief Executive Officer to be delegated to sign on the Chief Executive Officer's behalf.

D2-4 Each annual Compliance Assessment Report must:

- (1) state whether each condition of this Statement has been complied with, including:
 - (a) exceedance of any proposal limits and extents;
 - (b) achievement of environmental **outcomes**;
 - (c) achievement of environmental objectives;
 - (d) requirements to implement the content of environmental management plans;
 - (e) monitoring requirements;
 - (f) implement **contingency measures**;
 - (g) requirements to implement adaptive management; and
 - (h) reporting requirements;

- (2) include the results of any monitoring (inclusive of any raw data) that has been required under Part C in order to demonstrate that the limits in Part A, and any **outcomes** or any objectives are being met;
- (3) provide evidence to substantiate statements of compliance, or details of where there has been a non-compliance;
- (4) include the corrective, remedial and preventative actions taken in response to any potential non-compliance;
- (5) be provided in a form suitable for publication on the proponent's website and online by the **DWER**; and
- (6) be prepared and published consistent with the latest version of the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition D2-5 which the **CEO** has confirmed by notice in writing satisfies the relevant requirements of Part C and Part D.

D2-5 The proponent must update the Compliance Assessment Plan which is submitted to the **CEO** at least six (6) months prior to the submission of the next Compliance Assessment Report required by condition D2-2, or prior to implementation of the **extension areas**, whichever is sooner.

D2-6 The Compliance Assessment Plan must include:

- (1) what, when and how information will be collected and recorded to assess compliance;
- (2) the methods which will be used to assess compliance;
- (3) the methods which will be used to validate the adequacy of the compliance assessment to determine whether the implementation conditions are being complied with;
- (4) the retention of compliance assessments;
- (5) the table of contents of Compliance Assessment Reports, including audit tables; and
- (6) how and when Compliance Assessment Reports will be made publicly available, including usually being published on the proponent's website within sixty (60) days of being provided to the **CEO**.

D3 Contact Details

D3-1 The proponent must notify the **CEO** of any change of its name, physical address or postal address for the serving of notices or other correspondence within twenty-eight (28) days of such change. Where the proponent is a corporation or an association of persons, whether incorporated or not, the postal address is that of the principal place of business or of the principal office in the State.

D4 Public Availability of Data

D4-1 Subject to condition D4-2, within a reasonable time period approved by the **CEO** upon the issue of this Statement and for the remainder of the life of the proposal, the proponent must make publicly available, in a manner approved by the **CEO**, all validated environmental data collected before and after the date of this Statement relevant to the proposal (including sampling design, sampling methodologies, monitoring and other empirical data and derived information products (e.g. maps)), environmental management plans and reports relevant to the assessment of this proposal and implementation of this Statement.

D4-2 If:

- (1) any data referred to in condition D4-1 contains trade secrets; or
- (2) any data referred to in condition D4-1 contains particulars of confidential information (other than trade secrets) that has commercial value to a person that would be, or could reasonably be expected to be, destroyed or diminished if the confidential information were published,

the proponent may submit a request for approval from the **CEO** to not make this data publicly available and the **CEO** may agree to such a request if the **CEO** is satisfied that the data meets the above criteria.

D4-3 In making such a request the proponent must provide the **CEO** with an explanation and reasons why the data should not be made publicly available.

D5 Independent Audit

D5-1 The proponent must arrange for an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of this statement, including achievement of the environmental **outcomes** and/or the environmental objectives and/ or environmental performance with the conditions of this statement, as and when directed by the **CEO**.

D5-2 The independent audit must be carried out by a person with appropriate qualifications who is nominated or approved by the **CEO** to undertake the audit under condition D5-1.

D5-3 The proponent must submit the independent audit report with the Compliance Assessment Report required by condition D2, or at any time as and when directed in writing by the **CEO**. The audit report is to be supported by credible evidence to substantiate its findings.

D5-4 The independent audit report required by condition D5-1 is to be made publicly available in the same timeframe, manner and form as a Compliance Assessment Report, or as otherwise directed by the **CEO**.



Darren Walsh

CHAIR

01 October 2025

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

For the Minister for Environment under Notice of Delegation under section 18 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Table 1: Abbreviations and definitions

Acronym or abbreviation	Definition or term
Agreed sites	Means Coondiner Creek, Eagle Rock Pool, Eagle Rock Falls, Kalgan Creek, Kalgan Pool, Stuarts Pool, Mindy Mindy Creek Pool(s), Three Pools, Bella Pool, Cliff Pool and Steer Pool.
ANZG Framework	Policy, process and guidelines set out as per the Australian and New Zealand Environmental and Conservation Council and Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand (ANZECC/ARMCANZ (2000)) Australian Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters and its updates.
Baseline	Initial conditions measured before disturbance associated with the proposal, which is used for comparison with data collected during and after disturbance to identify and measure changes in conditions.
Breakaway/cliff habitat	The area defined as the habitat type “breakaway/cliff habitat” “in the <i>Hope Downs 4 Extension Detailed Fauna Survey</i> (Stantec 2024).
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State responsible for the administration of section 48 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> , or the CEO’s delegate.
Confirmed	In relation to a plan required to be made and submitted to the CEO, means, at the relevant time, the plan that the CEO confirmed, by notice in writing, meets the requirements of the relevant condition. In relation to a plan required to be implemented without the need to be first submitted to the CEO, means that plan until it is revised, and then means, at the relevant time, the plan that the CEO confirmed, by notice in writing, meets the requirements of the relevant condition.
Contamination	Means having a substance present in land or water at above background concentrations that presents, or has the potential to present, a risk of harm to human health, the environment or any environmental values .
Contingency Measures	Planned actions for implementation if it is identified that an environmental outcome, environmental objective, threshold criteria or management target are likely to be, or are being, exceeded. Contingency measures include changes to operations or reductions in disturbance to reduce impacts and must be decisive actions that will quickly bring the impact to below any relevant threshold, management target and to ensure that the environmental outcome and/or objective can be met.
CPI	The All Groups Consumer Price Index numbers for Perth compiled and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
DMPE	Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration.
Detecting	The smallest statistically discernible effect size that can be achieved with a monitoring strategy designed to achieve a statistical power value of at least 0.8 or an alternative value as determined by the CEO .
Disturb/ disturbance	Means directly has or materially contributes to the disturbance effect on health, diversity or abundance of the receptor/s being impacted or on an environmental value . In relation to flora, vegetation or fauna habitat, includes to result in the death, destruction, removal, severing or doing substantial damage to. In relation to fauna, includes to have the effect of altering the natural behaviour of fauna to its detriment. In relation to inland waters, includes to have the effect of altering hydrological regimes or water quality to the detriment of the environmental value supported by or dependent on surface water and/or groundwater.
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.
Environmental Weeds	Any plant declared under section 22(2) of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> , any plant listed on the Weeds of National Significance List and any weeds listed on the DBCAs Pilbara Impact and Invasiveness Ratings list, as amended or replaced from time to time.
Environmental value(s)	A beneficial use, or ecosystem health condition.
Extension areas	Known as Texas East and Area 4 East as shown in Figure 3.
Feral fauna	Non-native (introduced) fauna species that are, or have the potential to, become established in the wild. Examples relevant to the proposal include but are not limited to: cat (<i>Felis catus</i>), red fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>), cane toad (<i>Rhinella marina</i>) and goat (<i>Capra hircus</i>).
GL/a	Gigalitres per annum.
‘Good’ to ‘Excellent’ condition native vegetation	Means the condition of native vegetation rated in accordance with the <i>Technical guidance – Flora and vegetation surveys for environmental impact assessment (EPA 2016)</i> including any revision to this technical guidance.

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Gorge/gully habitat	The area defined as the habitat type “gorge/gully” in the <i>Hope Downs 4 Extension Detailed Fauna Survey</i> (Stantec 2024).
Ground Disturbing Activities	Any activity or activities undertaken in the implementation of the proposal, including any clearing, civil works or construction.
Ha	Hectare.
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia.
Irreversible impacts	Adverse impact which is unlikely to or does not return to pre-impact state within five (5) years. Where an adverse impact is a negative change that is neither trivial nor negligible that could result in a reduction in health, diversity or abundance of the receptor(s) being impacted, or a reduction in environmental value. Adverse impacts can arise from direct or indirect impacts, or other impacts from the proposal.
Local provenance	Refers to Hamersley IBRA subregion as delineated by the PIL03 of <i>Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia, Version 7.1</i> (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water).
Management Actions	The identified actions implemented with the intent of to achieving the environmental objective.
Management Target	A type of indicator to evaluate whether an environmental objective is being achieved.
Major drainage habitat	The area defined as the habitat type “Major drainage habitat” in the <i>Hope Downs 4 Extension Detailed Fauna Survey</i> (Stantec 2024).
mAHD	Means groundwater level elevation in metres above Australian Height Datum.
National and international standards	The national and international standards are the Australian Government’s <i>Leading Practice Sustainable Development Program for the Mining Industry - Preventing Acid and Metalliferous Drainage</i> (September 2016, developed by, Department of Industry Tourism and Resources), and the <i>Global Acid and Metalliferous Drainage (GARD) Guide</i> (December 2008 (updated in July 2021) developed by the International Network for Acid Prevention (INAP)).

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Native Vegetation	Native vegetation is defined by section 3(1) of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> and means indigenous aquatic or terrestrial vegetation and includes dead vegetation unless that dead vegetation is of a class declared by regulation to be excluded but does not include vegetation in a plantation. Section 51A further defines that native vegetation includes vegetation that was intentionally sown, planted or propagated as required under the Act or another written law.
Objective(s)	An objective is the proposal-specific desired state for an environmental factor/s to be achieved from the implementation of management actions.
Outcome(s)	A proposal-specific result to be achieved when implementing the proposal.
Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund	A special purpose account created pursuant to section 16(1)(d) of the <i>Financial Management Act 2006</i> by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.
Priority flora	Species listed as priority by DBCA .
Priority ecological communities	Ecological communities listed as priority by DBCA .
Progressive manner	In relation to rehabilitation, the stage treatment of disturbed areas during exploration, construction, development and mining operation as soon as these areas become available.
Riparian vegetation	As defined in Table 10 of the <i>Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Project-Public Environmental Review</i> (January 2010)..
Supporting habitat	Fauna habitat type breakaway/cliff for ghost bat, Pilbara leaf-nosed bat, Pilbara olive python and northern quoll as described in the <i>Hope Downs 4 Extension Detailed Fauna Survey</i> (Stantec 2024).
Trigger Criteria	Indicators that have been selected for monitoring to provide a warning that, if exceeded, the environmental outcome may not be achieved. They are intended to forewarn of the approach of the threshold criteria and trigger response actions.
Threatened ecological communities	Ecological communities listed as threatened under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 or the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
Threatened flora	Flora listed as threatened under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 or the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999</i> .

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Threshold Criteria	The indicators that have been selected to represent limits of impact beyond which the environmental outcome is not being met.

Figures (attached)

Figure 1: Regional Location of Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Mine

Figure 2: Hope Downs 4 Project Area

Figure 3: Conceptual mine layout - Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Mine

Figure 4: Surface water features within and adjacent to the Hope Downs 4 Iron Ore Mine

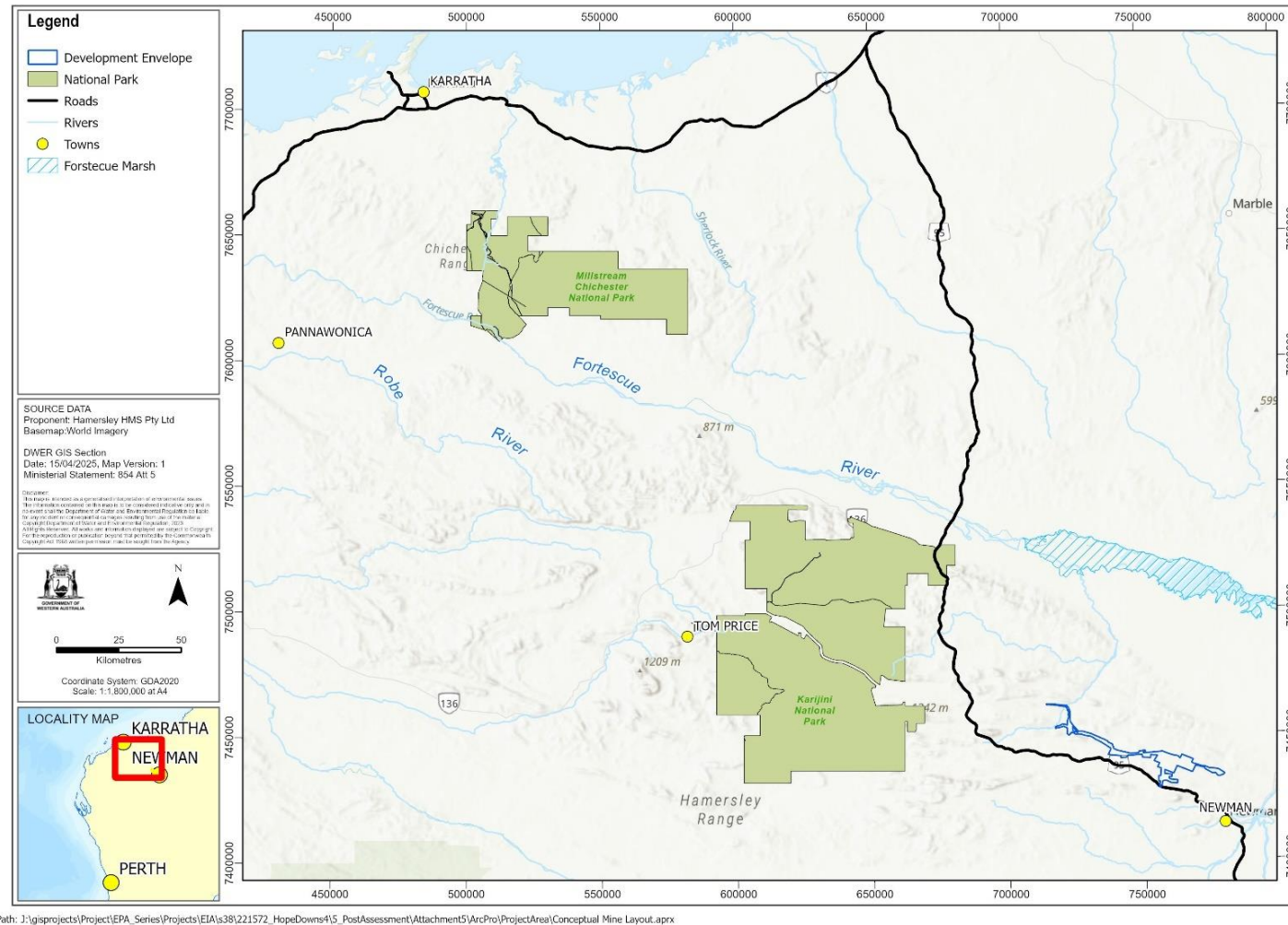


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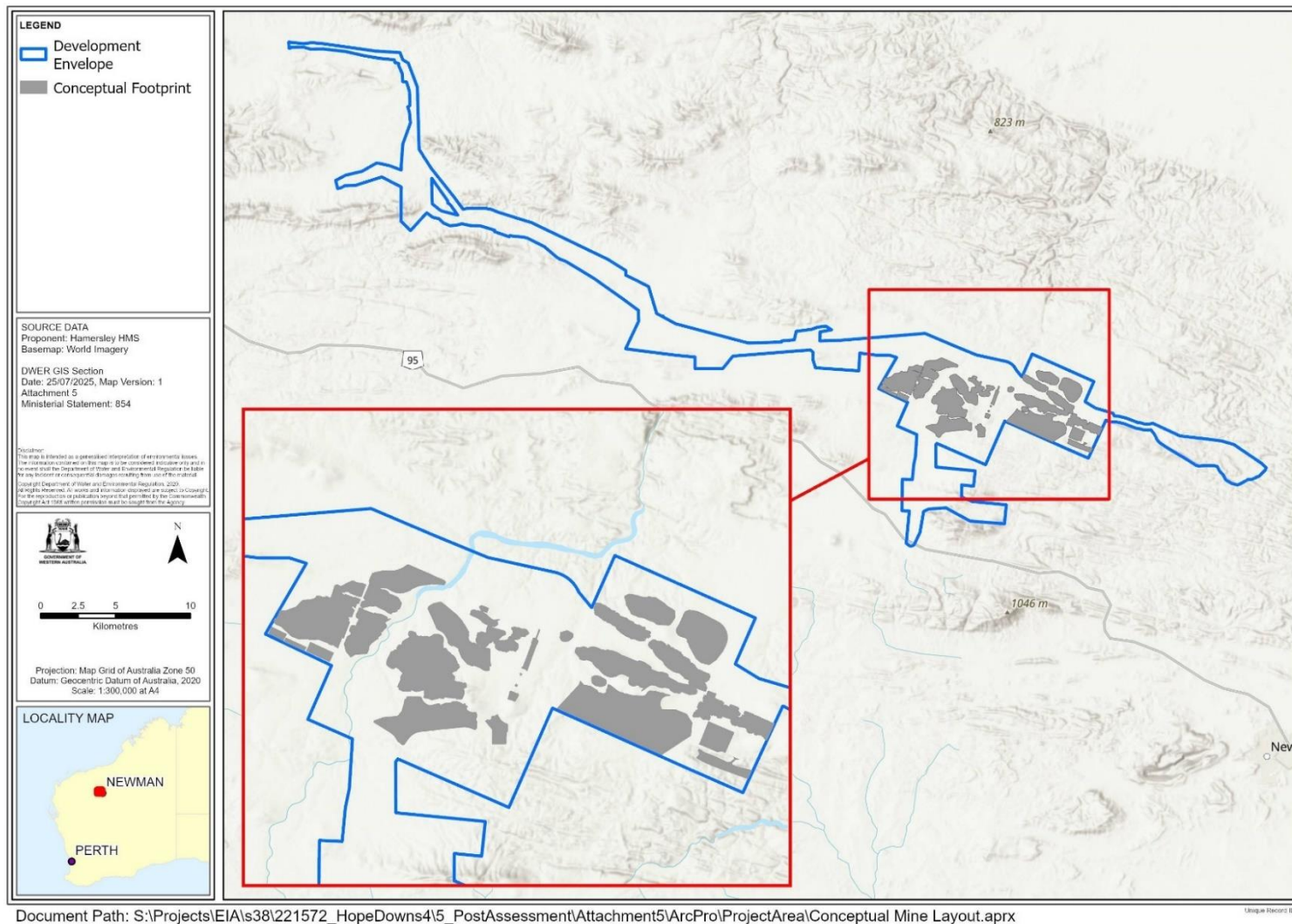


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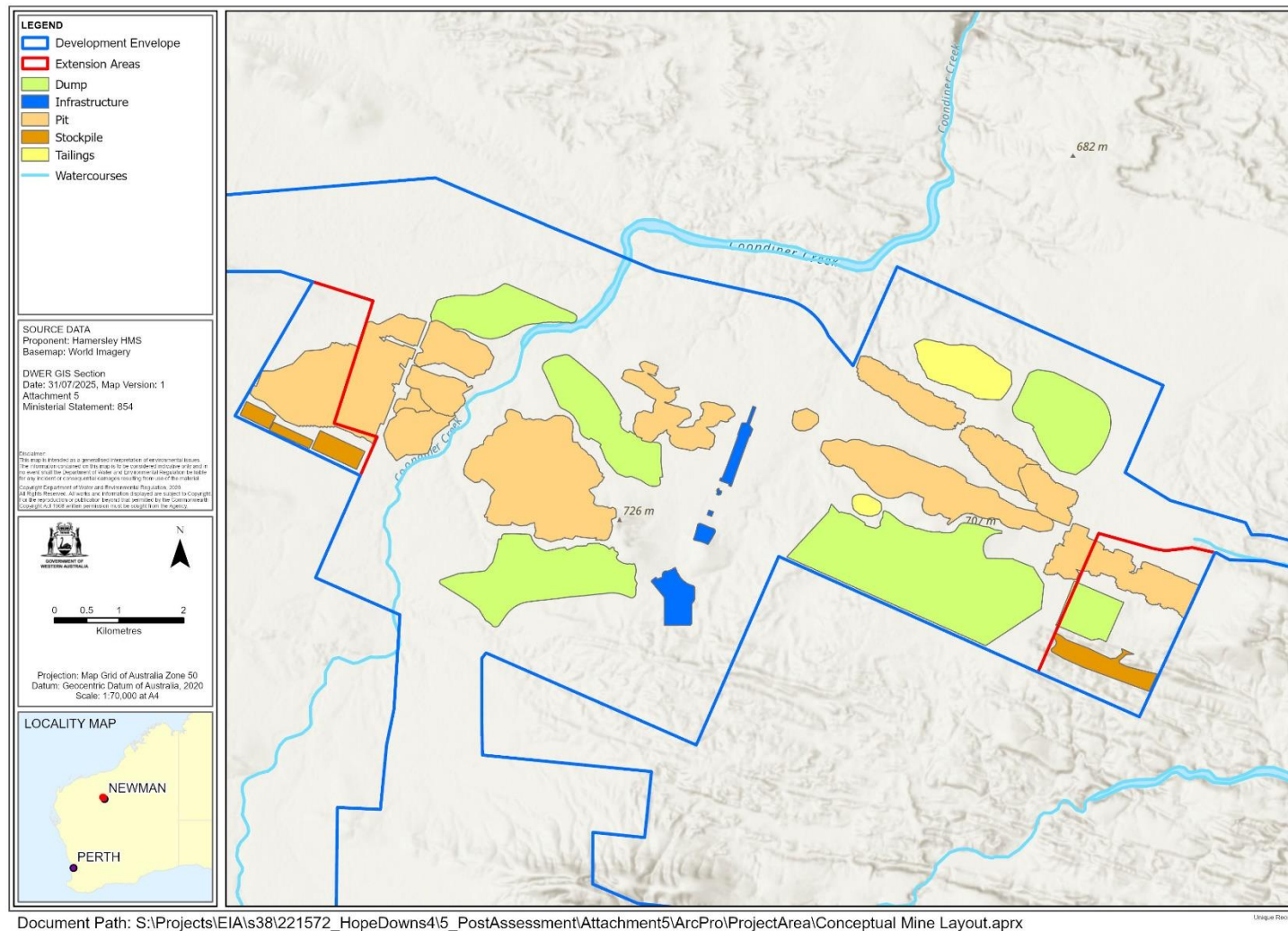
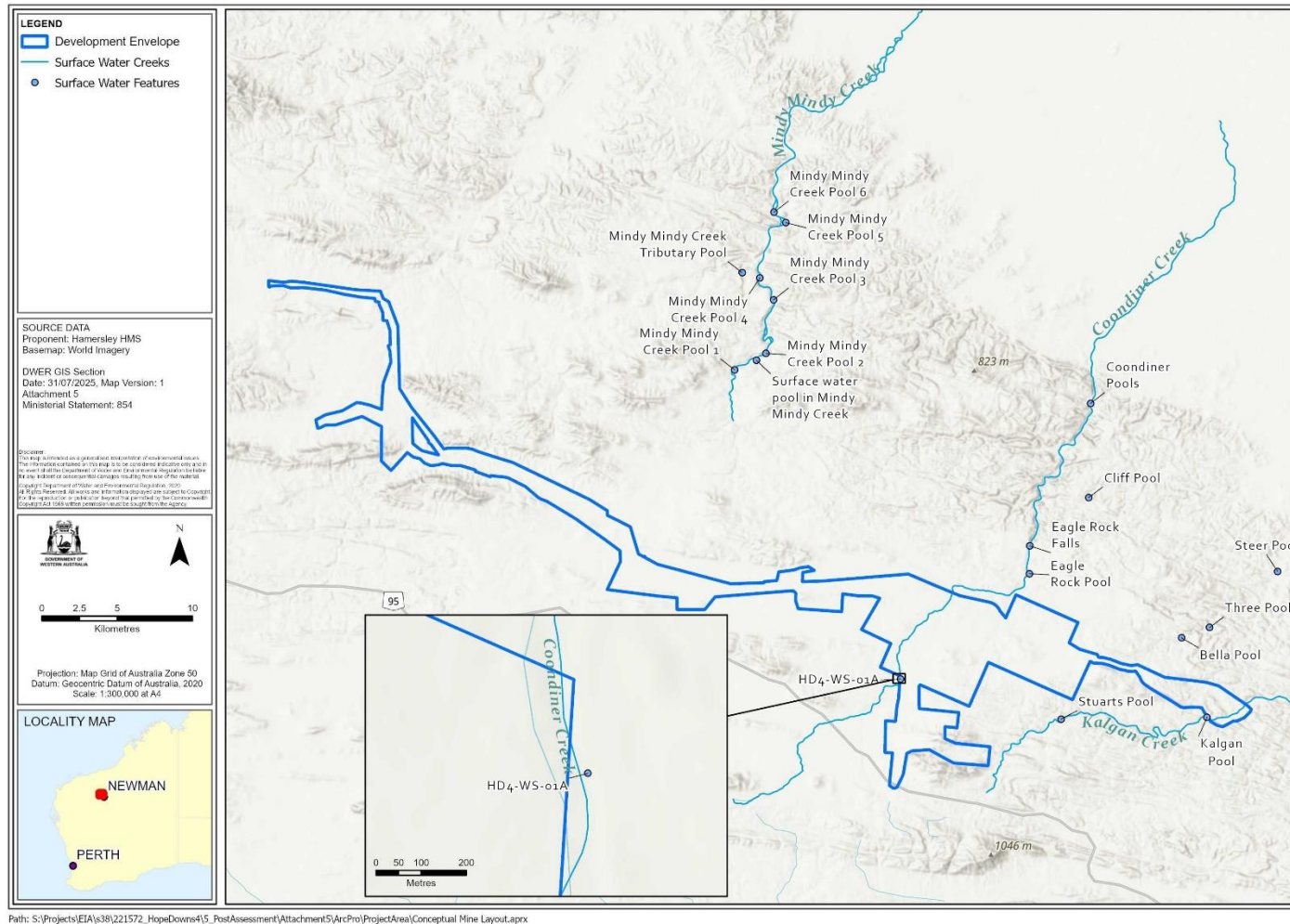


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Figure 4: Surface water features within and adjacent to the development envelope.

Schedule 1

All co-ordinates are in metres, listed in Map Grid of Australia Zone 50 (MGA Zone 50), datum of Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020).

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