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Statement No. 1010

**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED**  
**(*Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

**INCREASE IN ABSTRACTION AND REINJECTION AT CLOUDBREAK MINE**

**Proposal:** Increase in abstraction and reinjection at Cloudbreak Mine

**Proponent:** Fortescue Metals Group Limited  
Australian Company Number 002 594 872

**Proponent Address:** Level 2, 87 Adelaide Terrace  
East Perth WA 6004

**Assessment Number:** 2006

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** 1547

**Previous Assessment Numbers:** 1848 and 1980

**Previous Reports of the Environmental Protection Authority:** 1429 and 1498

**Previous Statement Numbers:** 899 and 962

Pursuant to section 45 the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) it has been agreed that the Proposal described and documented in Table 1 of Schedule 1 may be implemented and that, pursuant to section 45B of the EP Act, the implementation of the Proposal is subject to the implementation conditions in Statement No. 899 dated 5 June 2012, as amended by the implementation agreement set out in Statement No. 962 dated 18 March 2014.

Words and expressions used in this Statement shall have the same respective meanings as in the EP Act.

[Signed 3 August 2015]

Albert Jacob MLA

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE**

**Schedule 1****Table 1: Summary of the Proposal**

<b>Proposal Title</b>	Increase in abstraction and reinjection at Cloudbreak Mine
<b>Short Description</b>	<p>Increase in the volume of groundwater abstraction from 100 Gigalitres per annum (GL/a) to 150 GL/a and reinjection from 95 GL/a to 150 GL/a at the existing Cloudbreak Life of Mine proposal (described in Ministerial Statement No. 899 and amended by Statement 962).</p> <p>The proposal will utilise all relevant infrastructure and facilities of the existing proposal including pipelines, abstraction bores, saline and brackish groundwater reinjection bores and monitoring bores.</p>

**Table 2: Location and authorised extent of physical and operational elements**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Element</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Authorised Extent</b>
Dewatering	Figure 1 of Attachment 3 to Ministerial Statement 899	Groundwater abstraction up to 150 Gigalitres per annum
Surplus dewater management	Figure 1 of Attachment 3 to Ministerial Statement 899	Groundwater reinjection up to 150 Gigalitres per annum

## Attachment 1 to Ministerial Statement 1010

Change to proposal approved under section 45C of the  
*Environmental Protection Act 1986*


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This Attachment replaces Schedule 1 of Ministerial Statement 1010

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**Proposal:** Increase in abstraction and reinjection at Cloudbreak Mine

**Proponent:** Fortescue Limited

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**Changes:**

- Increase the existing groundwater and reinjection abstraction limit at the Cloudbreak mine from 150 GL/annum to 175 GL/annum.

**Table 1: Summary of the Proposal**

<b>Proposal Title</b>	Increase in abstraction and reinjection at Cloudbreak Mine
<b>Short Description</b>	<p>Increase in the volume of groundwater abstraction from <b>150</b> Gigalitres per annum (GL/a) to <b>175</b> GL/a and reinjection from <b>150</b> GL/a to <b>175</b> GL/a at the existing Cloudbreak Life of Mine proposal (described in Ministerial Statement No. 899 and amended by Statement 962).</p> <p>The proposal will utilise all relevant infrastructure and facilities of the existing proposal including pipelines, abstraction bores, saline and brackish groundwater reinjection bores and monitoring bores.</p>

**Table 2: Location and authorised extent of physical and operational elements**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Element	Location	Previously Authorised Extent	Authorised Extent
Dewatering	Figure 1 of Attachment 3 to Ministerial Statement 899	Groundwater abstraction up to 150 Gigalitres per annum	<b>Groundwater abstraction up to 175 Gigalitres per annum</b>
Surplus dewater management	Figure 1 of Attachment 3 to Ministerial Statement 899	Groundwater reinjection up to 150 Gigalitres per annum	<b>Groundwater reinjection up to 175 Gigalitres per annum</b>

Note: Text in **bold** in Table 1 and Table 2 indicates a change to the proposal.

9 February 2024

**Prof Matthew Tonts**

CHAIR  
Environmental Protection Authority  
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