

## OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY SCHEDULE 4 OF THE EPBC REGULATIONS

Matters to be addressed by the draft public environment report and environmental impact statement as set out in Schedule 4 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000* are detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Matters to be addressed by the ERD**

Regulation Reference	Description	Report Section/Information
1 General information	1.01 The background of the action including:	
	(a) the title of the action.	Table 2-1
	(b) the full name and postal address of the designated Proponent.	Table 1-1
	(c) a clear outline of the objective of the action.	Table 2-1
	(d) the location of the action.	Table 2-1; Figure 2-1
	(e) the background to the development of the action.	Section 2.1
	(f) how the action relates to any other actions (of which the Proponent should reasonably be aware) that have been, or are being, taken or that have been approved in the region affected by the action.	Section 3.2
	(g) the current status of the action.	Section 3.1
(h) the consequences of not proceeding with the action.	<p>The consequence of not proceeding with the Proposed Action would be Rio Tinto's inability to maintain the current iron ore production level from Greater Hope Downs mining hub and fully use existing infrastructure and processing facilities.</p> <p>The Proposed Action would extend the life of mine at Greater Hope Downs operations and is critical to the Proponent's business activities in the Pilbara region.</p>	
2 Description	2.01 A description of the action, including:	
	(a) all the components of the action.	Table 2-2 and Section 2.1
	(b) the precise location of any works to be undertaken, structures to be built or elements of the action that may have relevant impacts.	Table 2-2; Figure 2-2; Figure 2 3; Figure 2-4
	(c) how the works are to be undertaken and design parameters for those aspects of the structures or elements of the action that may have relevant impacts.	Section 2.1
	(d) relevant impacts of the action.	Sections 13.6.7, 13.7.7, 13.8.7 and 13.9.7, supported by Section 7.6
(e) proposed safeguards and mitigation measures to deal with relevant impacts of the action.	Section 13.5 supported by Section 7.5	

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	(f) any other requirements for approval or conditions that apply, or that the Proponent reasonably believes are likely to apply, to the proposed action.	Sections 13.2, 13.6.9, 13.7.9, 13.8.9 and 13.9.9
	(g) to the extent reasonably practicable, any feasible alternatives to the action, including: (i) if relevant, the alternative of taking no action (ii) a comparative description of the impacts of each alternative on the matters protected by the controlling provisions for the action (iii) sufficient detail to make clear why any alternative is preferred to another	Section 2.2
	(h) any consultation about the action, including: (i) any consultation that has already taken place (ii) proposed consultation about relevant impacts of the action (iii) if there has been consultation about the proposed action—any documented response to, or result of, the consultation	Section 4
	(i) identification of affected parties, including a statement mentioning any communities that may be affected and describing their views	Section 4
3 Relevant impacts		
	(a) a description of the relevant impacts of the action	Sections 13.4, supported by Section 7.4
	(b) a detailed assessment of the nature and extent of the likely short term and long term relevant impacts	Sections 13.6.7, 13.7.7, 13.8.7 and 13.9.7, supported by Section 7.6
	(c) a statement whether any relevant impacts are likely to be unknown, unpredictable or irreversible.	Relevant impacts to EPBC-listed matters are addressed in Section 13. Impacts are generally well understood from previous similar projects in the Pilbara. Clearing has been assessed as an irreversible impact, and offsets are proposed where there is a loss of critical (high significance and moderate significance) habitat for MNES. Monitoring is proposed to confirm that the outcomes are as predicted.
	(d) analysis of the significance of the relevant impacts.	Sections 13.6.8, 13.7.8, 13.8.8 and 13.9.8, supported by Section 7.6
	(e) any technical data and other information used or needed to make a detailed assessment of the relevant impacts.	Appendix C.1 to C.6
4 Proposed safeguards and mitigation measures	4.01 Information given under paragraph 2.01(e) must include:	
	(a) a description, and an assessment of the expected or predicted effectiveness of, the mitigation measures.	Section 13.5

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	(b) any statutory or policy basis for the mitigation measures.	Sections 13.2, 13.6.9, 13.7.9, 13.8.9 and 13.9.9
	(c) the cost of the mitigation measures.	The cost of mitigation measures is part of the Proposal's overall cost.
	(d) an outline of an environmental management plan that sets out the framework for continuing management, mitigation and monitoring programs for the relevant impacts of the action, including any provisions for independent environmental auditing.	Appendix A.9
	(e) the name of the agency responsible for endorsing or approving each mitigation measure or monitoring program.	<p>DWER is responsible for approving mitigation measures and monitoring programs relating to protected fauna. However, DWER may seek technical advice and/or endorsement from other agencies, e.g. DBCA and DCCEEW.</p> <p>DWER is responsible for compliance with conditions that prescribe monitoring and mitigation requirements as part of approvals given under the EP Act.</p>
	(f) a consolidated list of mitigation measures proposed to be undertaken to prevent, minimise or compensate for the relevant impacts of the action, including mitigation measures proposed to be taken by State governments, local governments or the Proponent.	<p>A consolidated list of mitigation measures has been included in the Executive Summary.</p> <p>Mitigation measures will be the responsibility of the Proponent.</p>
5 Other approvals and conditions	5.01 Information given under paragraph 2.01(f) must include:	
	<p>(a) details of any local or State government planning scheme, or plan or policy under any local or State government planning system that deals with the proposed action, including:</p> <p>(i) what environmental assessment of the proposed action has been, or is being, carried out under the scheme, plan or policy</p> <p>(ii) how the scheme provides for the prevention, minimisation and management of any relevant impacts</p>	Not applicable
	(b) a description of any approval that has been obtained from a State, Territory or Commonwealth agency or authority (other than an approval under the Act), including any conditions that apply to the action	Section 3.2
	(c) a statement identifying any additional approval that is required	Section 3.2
	(d) a description of the monitoring, enforcement and review procedures that apply, or are proposed to apply, to the action.	Appendix A.9

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6 Environmental record of person proposing to take the action	6.01 Details of any proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against:	
	(a) the person proposing to take the action	Not applicable
	(b) for an action for which a person has applied for a permit, the person making the application.	Not applicable
	6.02 If the person proposing to take the action is a corporation—details of the corporation's environmental policy and planning framework	Appendix A.9
7 Information sources	7.01 For information given in a draft public environment report or environmental impact statement, the draft must state:	
	(a) the source of the information	Sections 7.3 and 13.3
	(b) how recent the information is	Sections 7.3 and 13.3
	(c) how the reliability of the information was tested	Tables 7-2 and 13-3
	(d) what uncertainties (if any) are in the information	Sections 7.3 and 13.3