

Form

Referral of a proposal under s. 38 of the EP Act

PART A: PROPONENT AND REFERRER INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION			
Referrer information			
Who is referring this proposal?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input type="checkbox"/> Decision-making authority <input type="checkbox"/> Community member/third party	
Name (print) Rebecca Wright		Signature	
Position	Manager, Environmental Planning	Organisation	BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd (BHPIO)
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Date	15 September 2025		
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential? <i>Provide confidential information in a separate attachment.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Mine Closure Plan Appendices outlined below – - Appendix H: Banjima People Closure Principles - Appendix J: Technical Reports	
Does the referrer confirm that they consent to receive correspondence electronically?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative: I, Rebecca Wright, declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading. Date: 16 September 2025			
Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd	

Australian Company Number(s) <input type="checkbox"/> OR Australian Business Number(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	46 008 700 981
Pre-referral discussions	
Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)? <i>If so, provide name, date, and overview of discussions.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No A pre-referral meeting was held on 27 August 2025 between BHP and EPA Services. BHPIO introduced the key environmental factors, potential impacts, proposed mitigation and management, and environmental outcomes.
Proposal information	
Proposal name	Ministers North – Derived Proposal
What is the proposal? (Include general description in the Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal)	<p>The Proposal is for iron ore mining operations at Ministers North, as a Derived Proposal considered as part of the Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal under the Ministerial Statement 1105 approval.</p> <p>The Derived Proposal comprises a Development Envelope of 5,556.6 hectares (ha) and an Indicative Footprint of up to 2,360 ha with clearing of up to 1,848 ha of native vegetation.</p> <p>The Derived Proposal includes two above groundwater open pits (North and South), one ex-pit Overburden Storage Area (OSA), in-pit backfilling of waste, various non-process infrastructure and an infrastructure corridor to transport ore mined at Ministers North to the existing Yandi site for processing.</p>
Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What type of proposal is being referred? <i>For significant amendment or derived proposal, provide the associated existing Ministerial statement number/s</i> <i>For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme,</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> significant proposal. <i>Choose which type of significant proposal</i> <input type="checkbox"/> new proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (conditions only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal and conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> derived proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class <input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme Derived Proposal Request under Ministerial Statement 1105

<i>provide the scheme number and name</i>	
Proposal content: <i>Complete the corresponding template (Proposal Content Document) from the Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal for the type of proposal identified above. The completed form must be submitted with the referral.</i>	
Alternatives	The Ministers North Derived Proposal Request (section 1.2) details alternatives considered in the development of the Derived Proposal.

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Environmental factors

What are the likely significant environmental factors for this proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Benthic Communities and Habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Processes <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Environmental Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Fauna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flora and Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Landforms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health
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For each of the environmental factors identified above, complete the following table, or provide the information in a supplementary report

Potential environmental impacts – Inland Waters

1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 5.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 5.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 5.4
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 5.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 5.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 5.7

Potential environmental impacts – Flora and Vegetation

1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 6.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 6.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 6.4

4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 6.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 6.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 6.7
Potential environmental impacts – Terrestrial Fauna		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 7.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 7.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 7.4
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 7.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 7.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 7.7
Potential environmental impacts – Subterranean Fauna		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 8.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 8.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 8.4
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 8.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 8.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 8.7
Potential environmental impacts – Air Quality		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 9.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 9.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 9.4
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 9.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 9.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 9.7
Potential environmental impacts – Greenhouse Gas Emissions		

1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 10.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 10.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 10.4
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 10.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 10.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 10.7
Potential environmental impacts – Social Surroundings		
1	EPA policy and guidance	Refer to Section 11.2
2	Receiving environment	Refer to Section 11.3
3	Likely environmental impacts	Refer to Section 11.4
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Refer to Section 11.5
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Refer to Section 11.6
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Refer to Section 11.7
Holistic impact assessment		
BHPIO has undertaken a holistic impact assessment for the Derived Proposal- refer to Section 14.		
Cumulative environmental impact assessment		
<p>BHP undertook a cumulative environmental impact assessment for the Strategic Proposal. BHP considered the successive, incremental and interactive impacts on the environment of the Strategic Proposal with past, present and reasonably foreseeable future activities including third party activities. These are detailed in the PERSP (BHP Billiton 2016). In assessing the Pilbara Expansion as a Strategic Proposal, the EPA considered the cumulative impacts of future proposals by the proponent.</p> <p>BHP provides further cumulative impact assessment for this Derived Proposal in Section 15.</p>		
Consultation		
BHP has undertaken stakeholder consultation in relation to the Derived Proposal. Refer to Section 3 and Section 11 of the Ministers North Derived Proposal Request.		
Supporting documents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers North Derived Proposal Ministerial Statement 1105. Proposal Content Document. • Ministers North Derived Proposal Request Ministerial Statement 1105 including appendices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appendix 1. Proposal Content Document ○ Appendix 2. Derived Proposals Clearing Extent Tracking ○ Appendix 3. Proposed Content for Section 38E(6) and Section 45B Notices ○ Appendix 4. BHP Rehabilitation Report ○ Appendix 5. Flora and Vegetation Study Reports 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appendix 6. Terrestrial Fauna Study Reports ○ Appendix 7. Subterranean Fauna Study Reports ○ Appendix 8. Inland Waters Study Reports ○ Appendix 9. Air Quality Study Reports ○ Appendix 10. Terrestrial Fauna EMP ○ Appendix 11. Air Quality EMP ○ Appendix 12. Mine Closure Plan ○ Appendix 13. Impact Reconciliation Procedure ○ Appendix 14. IBSA Data Packages ○ Appendix 15. Likelihood of occurrence tables 	
Has the referrer provided survey information according to the Instructions and Form: IBSA Data Packages and/or the Instructions and form: IMSA Data Packages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Conclusion	
<p>BHP considers there will be significant residual impacts to the following values, and as a result, offsets will be provided (Refer to Section 13 Offsets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native vegetation in 'Good to Excellent' Condition • Riparian Vegetation • Critical and supporting habitat for the Ghost Bat • Critical and supporting habitat for the Northern Quoll • Critical and supporting habitat for the Pilbara Olive Python 	

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS ONLY

Type of significant amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to the approved proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to the implementation conditions <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to both the proposal and the implementation conditions
Information of the approved proposal	N/A
Combined effects of the approved proposal and significant amendment	N/A
Analysis of existing implementation conditions	N/A
Previous changes to the Proposal and or implementation conditions	N/A
Compliance	N/A
Environmental Performance	N/A
Control of implementation of significant amendment	N/A

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR A PROPOSAL UNDER AN ASSESSED SCHEME ONLY

What new environmental issues are raised by the proposal that were not assessed during the assessment of the planning scheme?	N/A
How does the proposal not comply with the assessed scheme and/or the environmental conditions in the assessed planning scheme?	N/A

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR DERIVED PROPOSALS ONLY

Demonstrate how the proposal will meet the environmental outcomes defined through the assessment of the strategic proposal	Refer to Sections 2.1.2 and 5.6, 6.6, 7.6, 8.6, 9.6, 10.6 and 11.6.
Provide an analysis of the existing implementation conditions of the related strategic proposal in relation to the derived proposal	Refer to Sections 2.1.2 and 5.7, 6.7, 7.7, 8.7, 9.7, 10.7 and 11.7.

PART C: OTHER APPROVALS AND REGULATION

Decision-making authorities and their approvals

Provide a table list of the decision-making authorities, associated legislation or agreement regulating the activity and the specific approval required. (Example table at the end of form)	BHPIO has considered other statutory decision-making authorities and processes. Refer to Section 2.6.
Provide a summary of the statutory decision-making processes you consider can mitigate the potential impacts of the proposal on the environment. (Note: this should be a summary of the information provided in Part B section 2.4). (Example table at the end of form)	BHPIO has considered other statutory decision-making authorities and processes. Refer to Section 2.6, Section 5.5.5, 6.5.5, 7.5.5, 8.5.5, 9.5.5, 10.5.4, 11.5.5.

Tenure and Local Government approvals

Location of proposal: a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or b) if remote, the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.	The Proposal is located approximately 85 km north-west of Newman
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Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	Shire of East Pilbara
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented? If yes, please provide details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	Intersects existing Mining Tenure and Pastoral Stations.
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal? <i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i> <i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Commonwealth Government approvals	
Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No On 18 September 2012, the Australian Government and BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd agreed to undertake a strategic assessment in accordance with section 146(1) of the EPBC Act. The BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pilbara Strategic Assessment Program (BHP Billiton 2017) was endorsed by the then Minister for the Environment and Energy on 11 May 2017 and an Approval Decision (with conditions) was issued on 19 June 2017. BHP has determined the Ministers North proposed action to be a Notifiable Action with a requirement to prepare and submit a Validation Notice to DCCEE prior to implementation of the Ministers North proposed action.
Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: _____ EPBC No.: _____
If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action? If 'yes', check the appropriate box and provide the decision in an attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action <input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action
If the proposal is determined to be a controlled action, do you request that this proposal be assessed under a Bilateral Agreement or as an accredited assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Bilateral <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited

<p>Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal? <i>If yes, describe.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Approval:</p>
<p>Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u></p>	
<p>What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>

Example Table: Other approvals

Decision-making authority	Legislation or Agreement regulating the activity	Approval required (and specify which proposal element the approval is related to)

Example table: Other statutory decision-making process which can mitigate potential impacts on the environment

Environmental impact	How is the impact regulated by other decision-making process(es)?	Limit(s) of the decision-making process(es) to regulate the impact eg time limits, excluded operations	Likely environmental outcome of decision-making process(es), and consistency with EPA objective	Conditions, enforcement, and review process required by decision-making process(es)	Stakeholder engagement in decision-making process(es)