

Newman Hub (Orebody 32 Below Water Table)

Proposal content document

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Table 1: General proposal content description

Proposal title	Orebody 32 Below Water Table		
Proponent name	BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd		
Short description	The proposal is a derived proposal for the expansion of existing mining operations at Newman (Figure 1), authorised by the Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal, Ministerial Statement 1105.		
	The proposal is to expand the existing Orebody 32 above water table iron ore mine (authorised by the Eastern Ridge Revised Proposal, Ministerial Statement 1037) in BHP's Newman Hub to below the water table. The proposal is located approximately 3.6 kilometres (km) northeast of Newman (Figure 2) and includes, but is not limited to, the following activities and operations in Ministerial Statement 1105 Table 3, associated with below water table mining:		
	groundwater abstraction for mine pit dewatering		
	expansion of mine pit excavation to below the water table		
	ancillary infrastructure and activities associated with dewatering (including abstraction water bores)		
	ancillary infrastructure and activities associated with surplus water discharge (including laydown areas, borrow pits and surplus water pipeline from Orebody 32 to Ophthalmia Dam)		
	 ground-disturbance and earthworks (vegetation and habitat removal) associated with surplus water discharge 		
	discharge of surplus water into Ophthalmia Dam		
	rehabilitation and decommissioning activities.		
	The proposal will use existing and approved elements for the Eastern Ridge mine (authorised by the Eastern Ridge Revised Proposal, Ministerial Statement 1037) for the mining, transportation and processing of ore:		
	mine elements - clearing for mine pit, ore stockpiles and ex-pit overburden storage areas		
	transportation elements - including haul roads, conveyors, service corridors and rail infrastructure		
	processing elements - including ore handling plants and crushers.		

Table 2: Proposal content elements

Element	Location / description	Maximum extent, capacity or range			
Physical elements					
Below water table mine and associated infrastructure and activities	Figure 2 Development Envelope - Mine	No clearing (0 ha) of native vegetation within the mine area of the 933 ha Development Envelope			

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		All disturbance to be within areas disturbed for the Orebody 32 above water table mine				
Surplus water discharge and associated infrastructure and activities	Figure 2 Development Envelope - Pipeline	Clearing of up to 224 ha of native vegetation within the pipeline corridor area of the 933 ha Development Envelope				
Operational elements						
Pit lake	Figure 2 Development Envelope - Mine	Option for open void and formation of pit lake in Orebody 32				
Greenhouse Gas Emissions						
Peak annual average						
Scope 1	Diesel consumption	Less than 97,534 t CO ₂ -e per annum				
Scope 2	Electricity use	0 t CO ₂ -e per annum				
Annual average life of mine						
Scope 1	Diesel consumption	Less than 41,000 t CO ₂ -e per annum				
Scope 2	Electricity use	0 t CO ₂ -e per annum				
Total (based on annual average Scope 1 and Scope 2 and 30 year below water table mine life)		767,864 t CO ₂ -e				
Other elements which affect extent of effects on the environment						
Maximum project life (based on period of dewatering)		30 years				
Commissioning						
Commissioning of the dewatering and surplus water discharge infrastructure subject to operational elements above						
Rehabilitation and closure						
Any permanent pit lake that forms following the permanent cessation of dewatering will be designed and managed to be safe and non-polluting						



