



Environmental Protection Authority

**EPA REFERRAL
FORM**

Referral of a Proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority under Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) makes provision for the referral to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) of a proposal (significant proposals, strategic proposals and proposals under an assessed scheme) by a proponent, a decision making authority (DMA), or any other person.

The purpose of this form is to ensure that EPA has sufficient information about a proposal to make a decision about the nature of the proposal and whether or not the proposal should be assessed under Part IV of the EP Act. Information provided in the referral form must be brief (no more than 30 pages), sharp and succinct to achieve the purposes of this form.

This form does not prevent the referrer from providing a supplementary referral report. Should a referrer choose to submit a supplementary referral report please ensure the following.

- i. Information is short, sharp and succinct.
- ii. Attachments are below eight megabytes (8 MB) as they will be published on the EPA's website (exemptions apply) for public comment. To minimise file size, "flatten" maps and optimise pdf files.
- iii. Cross-references are provided in the referral form to the appropriate section/s in the supplementary referral report.

This form is to be used for all proposals¹ which can be referred to the EPA under section 38 of the EP Act; i.e. referrals from: **proponents** of proposals (significant proposals, strategic proposals, derived proposals, proposals under an assessed scheme); **DMAs** (significant proposals); and **third parties** (significant proposals).

This form is divided into several sections, including; Referral requirements and Declaration; Part A - Information of the proposal and proponent; and Part B Environmental Factors. Guidance on successfully completing this form is provided throughout the form and is also available in the EPA's *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Referral of a Proposal under s38 of the EP Act (EAG 16)*.

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¹ Please note that this form consolidates and replaces the following forms: *Referral of a Proposal by the Proponent to the EPA under section 38(1) of the EP Act*; *Referral of a Proposal by a third party to the EPA under section 38(1) of the EP Act*; and *Referral of a development proposal to the EPA by the decision making authority*.

Referral requirements and Declaration

The following section outlines the referral information required from a proponent, decision making authority and third party.

(a) Proponents

Proponents are expected to complete all sections of the form and provide GIS spatial data to enable the EPA to consider the referral. Spatial GIS data is necessary to inform the EPA's decision.

The EPA expects that a proponent will address Part B of the form as thoroughly as possible to demonstrate whether or not the EPA's objectives for environmental factors can be met.

If insufficient information is provided the EPA will request more information and processing of the referral will commence once the information is provided or the EPA decides to make a precautionary determination on the available information.

Proponent to complete before submitting form	
Completed all the questions in Part A (essential)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed all the questions in Part B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed all other applicable questions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Included Attachment 1 – any additional document(s) the proponent wishes to provide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Included Attachment 2 – confidential information (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (not applicable)
Enclosed an electronic copy of all referral information, including spatial data and contextual mapping but clearly separating any confidential information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed the Declaration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is the type of proposal being referred? <i>* a referred proposal seeking to be declared a derived proposal</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant <input type="checkbox"/> strategic <input type="checkbox"/> derived* <input type="checkbox"/> under an assessed scheme
Do you consider the proposal requires formal environmental impact assessment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what level of assessment? <i>API = Assessment of Proponent Information</i> <i>PER = Public Environmental Review</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> API Category A <input type="checkbox"/> API Category B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER


NB: The EPA may apply an Assessment on Proponent Information (API) level of assessment when the proponent has provided sufficient information about:

- the proposal;
- the proposed environmental impacts;
- the proposed management of the environmental impacts; and
- when the proposal is consistent with API criteria outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Division 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2012.

If an API A formal level of assessment is considered appropriate, please refer to Environmental Assessment Guideline No. 14 *Preparation for an Assessment on Proponent Information (Category A) Environmental Review Document EAG 14 (EAG14)*.

Declaration

I, **Kellie Parker**, declare that I am authorised on behalf of **Robe River Mining Co. Pty. Ltd.** (being the person responsible for the proposal) to submit this form and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading.

Signature				Name (print) Kellie Parker
Position	Managing Director	Organisation	Robe River Mining Co. Pty. Ltd.	
Email				
Address	152-158	St Georges Tce		
	Perth	WA	6000	
Date	14/11/16			

(b) Decision-making authority

The EPA expects decision-making authorities to complete applicable sections of Part A of the form and provide the proponent an opportunity to provide additional information in Part B of the form where appropriate.

Wherever possible the DMA should obtain relevant spatial information from the proponent and provide this to the EPA with the referral.

DMA to complete before submitting form	
Completed all the questions in Part A (essential)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provided Part B to the proponent for completion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed all other applicable questions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Included Attachment 1 – any supporting information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Enclosed an electronic copy of all referral information, including spatial data and contextual mapping	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed the below Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you consider the proposal requires formal environmental impact assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is the type of proposal being referred?	<input type="checkbox"/> significant proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant proposal under an assessed scheme

Declaration

I,, (*full name*) submit this referral to the EPA for consideration of the environmental significance of its impacts.

Signature		Name (print)	
Position		Organisation	
Email			
Address	Street No	Street Name	
	Suburb	State	Postcode
Date			

(c) Third Party

Third parties are asked to have consideration for the Significance Test outlined in Part A Section 1.5 of this form before referring a significant proposal to the EPA. The EPA will only consider proposals that are likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment.

Third parties are to provide sufficient information to clearly identify the significant proposal, the proponent, and their reasons for referring the proposal. This can be done by completing as much of Part A of the form as possible, taking into consideration the information available. Third parties may wish to fill in Part B of the form to advance their own views of the significance of the environmental impacts and the need for EPA assessment.

In most cases the EPA will seek additional information from the proponent. This will be to confirm or amend the identity of the proponent, the proposal, and to allow the proponent opportunity to provide its views on the significance of the environmental impacts and the need for EPA assessment.

Third Party to complete before submitting form	
Complete all applicable questions in Part A and B	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed the Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you consider the proposal requires formal environmental impact assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Declaration

I,, (*full name*) submit this referral to the EPA for consideration of the environmental significance of its impacts.

Signature		Name (print)	
Email			
Position		Organisation	
Address	Street No	Street Name	
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Date			

PART A: Information on the proposal and the proponent

All fields of Part A must be completed by the proponent and/or decision-making authority for this document to be processed as a referral. Third party referrers are only expected to fill in the fields they have information for.

1 PROPONENT AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

1.1 The proponent of the proposal

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
Name of the proponent	Robe River Mining Co. Pty. Ltd
Joint Venture parties (if applicable)	<p>Joint Venture Ownership is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd (30% share) • North Mining Limited (35% share) • Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd (20% share) • Cape Lambert Iron Associates, a partnership carried on by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd, Nippon Steel & Sumikin Resources Australia Pty Ltd and Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd (5% share) • Pannawonica Iron Associates, a partnership carried on by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd, Nippon Steel & Sumikin Resources Australia Pty Ltd (10% share)
Australian Company Number(s)	008 694 246
Postal Address <i>(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)</i>	GPO Box A42 Perth, WA 6837
Key proponent contact for the proposal <i>Please include: name; physical address; phone; and email.</i>	<p>Fiona Bell Senior Advisor Environmental Approvals Rio Tinto 152-158 St Georges Tce, Perth WA, 6000</p> <p>GPO Box A42, Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Telephone: (08) 6213 0123 Email: fiona.bell@riotinto.com</p>
Consultant for the proposal (if applicable) <i>Please include: name; physical address; phone; and email.</i>	Not applicable

1.2 Proposal

Proposal is defined under the EP Act to mean a "project, plan, programme policy, operation, undertaking or development or change of land use, or amendment of any of the foregoing, but does not include scheme". Before completing this section please refer to Environmental Protection

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
Title of the proposal	Mesa A Hub Proposal
What project phase is the proposal at?	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoping <input type="checkbox"/> Feasibility <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Pre-feasibility
Proposal type <i>More than one proposal type can be identified, however for filtering purposes it is recommended that only the primary proposal type is identified.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Power/Energy Generation <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrocarbon Based – coal <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrocarbon Based – gas <input type="checkbox"/> Waste to energy <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable – wind <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable – wave <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable – solar <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable – geothermal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mineral / Resource Extraction <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration – seismic <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration – geotechnical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Oil and Gas Development <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration <input type="checkbox"/> Onshore – seismic <input type="checkbox"/> Onshore – geotechnical <input type="checkbox"/> Onshore – development <input type="checkbox"/> Offshore – seismic <input type="checkbox"/> Offshore – geotechnical <input type="checkbox"/> Offshore – development <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Development <input type="checkbox"/> Processing <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiation <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Development <input type="checkbox"/> Residential – subdivision <input type="checkbox"/> Residential – development <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial – subdivision <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial – development <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial – subdivision <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial – development <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural – subdivision <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural – development <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Linear Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Rail <input type="checkbox"/> Road <input type="checkbox"/> Power Transmission

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Pipelines <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resource Development <input type="checkbox"/> Desalination <input type="checkbox"/> Surface or Groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage <input type="checkbox"/> Pipelines <input type="checkbox"/> Managed Aquifer Recharge <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Developments <input type="checkbox"/> Port <input type="checkbox"/> Jetties <input type="checkbox"/> Marina <input type="checkbox"/> Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging <i>If other, please state below:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
Description of the proposal – describe the key characteristics of the proposal in accordance with <u>EAG 1</u> .	<p>The Proponent is seeking to extend the life of the existing Mesa A Operation located approximately 43 km west of Pannawonica in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.</p> <p>The Proposal includes development of additional mine pits and associated infrastructure, water treatment facilities, processing facilities and water management infrastructure as well as expansion of existing mine pits, waste dumps and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>The preliminary key characteristics of the Proposal are provided in Table 4-2 of the Environmental Review Document.</p>
Timeframe in which the proposal is to occur (including start and finish dates where applicable).	Under the current project schedule, construction activities are planned to commence in Quarter 4, 2018 once all required internal and external approvals are granted.
Details of any staging of the proposal.	Not applicable
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	Existing land uses in the Proposal Area include pastoral activities (Yarraloola Station), mineral exploration, mining activities and traditional owner activities such as camping, fishing and hunting. Existing tenure in and near the Proposal Area is shown in Figure 2-1 of the Environmental Review Document.

Proponent and/or DMA to complete	
<p>Have pre-referral discussions taken place with the OEPA?</p> <p>If yes, please provide the case number. If a case number was not provided, please state the date of the meeting and names of attendees.</p>	<p>Pre-referral meeting held on 10 May 2016. Attendees: Peter Tapsell (OEPA), Grant O'Donoghue (RTIO), Peter Royce (RTIO), Fiona Bell (RTIO).</p>
DMA (Responsible Authority) to complete	
<p>For a proposal under an assessed scheme (as defined in <u>section 3 of the EP Act</u>, applicable only to the proponent and DMA) provide details (in an attachment) as to whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The environmental issues raised by the proposal were assessed in any assessment of the assessed scheme.</i> <i>The proposal complies with the assessed scheme and any environmental conditions in the assessed scheme.</i> 	

1.3 Strategic / derived proposals

Complete this section if the proposal being referred is a strategic proposal or you are seeking the proposal to be declared a derived proposal. Note: Only a proponent may refer a strategic proposal and seek a proposal to be declared a derived proposal.

Proponent to complete	
Is this referred proposal a strategic proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are you seeking that this proposal be declared a derived proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If you are seeking that this proposal be declared a derived proposal, what is the Ministerial Statement number (MS #) of the associated strategic proposal?	Not applicable

1.4 Location

Proponents and DMAs must provide spatial data. Please refer to EAG 1 for more detail.

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete	
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	Shire of Ashburton
Location: 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.	43 km west of Pannawonica (refer to Figure 1-1 of the Environmental Review Document)
Have maps and figures been included with the referral (consistent with <u>EAG 1</u> where appropriate)? <i>The types of maps and figures which need to be provided (depending on the nature of the proposal) include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maps showing the regional location and context of the proposal; and figures illustrating the proposal elements. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The following maps are included in the Environmental Review Document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figure 1-1: Regional location Figure 2-1: Existing tenure near the Development Envelope Figure 4-1: Indicative conceptual mine layout
Proponent and DMA to complete	
Have electronic copies of spatial data been included with the referral? NB: <i>Electronic spatial (GIS or CAD) data, geo-referenced and conforming to the following parameters:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIS: polygons representing all activities and named; CAD: simple closed polygons representing all activities and named; datum: GDA94; projection: Geographic (latitude/longitude) or Map Grid of Australia (MGA); format: ESRI geodatabase or shapefile, MapInfo Interchange Format, Microstation or AutoCAD.. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1.5 Significance test and environmental factors

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete	
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

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrological Processes <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters Environmental Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality & Atmospheric Gases <input type="checkbox"/> Amenity <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offsets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation and Decommissioning
Having regard to the Significance Test (refer to Section 7 of the <i>EIA Administrative Procedures 2012</i>) in what ways do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment and warrant referral to the EPA?	The Proposal may have a significant effect on the environment in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing of approximately 2500 ha of native vegetation generally in Good to Excellent condition; • Removal of troglofauna habitat as a consequence of mining; • Dewatering of mine pits; and • Discharge of surplus water.

1.6 Confidential information

All information will be made publically available unless authorised for exemption under the EP Act or subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1992.

Proponent to complete	
Does the proponent request that the EPA treat any part of the referral information as confidential? <i>Ensure all confidential information is provided in a separate attachment in hard copy.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

2 REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

This section applies to the Local, State and Commonwealth regulatory considerations for the referred proposal.

2.1 Government approvals

2.1.1 State or Local Government approvals

DMA to complete	
What approval(s) is (are) required from you as a decision-making authority?	
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented? If yes, please provide details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2.1.2 Regulation of aspects of the proposal

Complete the following to the extent possible.

Proponent to complete	
<p>Do you have legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?</p> <p><i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i></p> <p><i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Legal access over much of the Proposal Area is provided by ML248SA under the <i>Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964</i>, Exploration Licences 08/1148, 08/1196, 08/1772 and 08/788 and <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> Lease K876559.</p> <p>Underlying Pastoral Lease N49500 tenure held by Yarraloola Pastoral Station Partnership provides access to the proposed work areas not covered by the above mentioned <i>Mining Act 1978</i> tenure (excluding the area within the Northwest Coastal Highway Road Reserve vested in Main Roads WA).</p> <p>Grants of additional tenure and/or conversion of tenure will be required for bore field development, waste dumps, pipelines, haul roads and other infrastructure.</p>

Outline both the existing approvals and approvals that will be / are being sought as a part of this proposal.

Proponent to complete			
Aspects* of the proposal	Type of approval	Legislation regulating this activity	Which State agency /entity regulate this activity?
Mesa A/Warramboe Iron Ore Mining Project	Ministerial Statement 756	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Part IV</i>	EPA
Mesa A Hub Proposal	Ministerial Statement	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Part IV</i>	EPA
Mesa A Hub Proposal	State Agreement	<i>Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964</i>	DSD
Clearing	Native Vegetation Clearing Permit	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Part V</i>	DER
Heritage	Section 18 consent to disturb a protected site	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i>	DAA
Construction of well and groundwater abstraction	Licence	<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>	DoW

Construction and operation of plant and waste water treatment facilities and discharge of surplus water	Works Approval and Licence	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Part V</i>	DER
Closure	Closure Plan	<i>Mining Act 1978</i>	DMP

*e.g. mining, processing, dredging

2.1.3 Commonwealth Government *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* approvals

Refer to the assessment bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Western Australia for assistance on this section.

Proponent to complete	
1. 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 <i>If no continue to Part A section 2.1.4.</i>
2. What is the status of the decision on whether or not the action is a controlled action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal not yet referred <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal referred, awaiting decision <input type="checkbox"/> Assessed – controlled action <input type="checkbox"/> Assessed – not a controlled action
3. If the action has been referred, when was it referred and what is the reference number (Ref #)?	Not applicable
4. If the action has been assessed, provide the decision in an attachment. Has an attachment been provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5. Do you request this proposal to be assessed under the bilateral agreement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Yes, if the action is determined to be a Controlled Action

Complete the following to the extent possible for the Public Comment of EPBC Act referral documentation.

Proponent to complete	
6. Have you invited the public to comment on your referral documentation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7. How was the invitation published?	<input type="checkbox"/> newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> website Not applicable
8. Did the invitation include all of the following?	Not applicable
(a) brief description of the action	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Proponent to complete	
(b) the name of the action	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(c) the name of the proponent	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(d) the location of the action	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(e) the matters of national environmental significance that will be or are likely to be significantly impacted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(f) how the relevant documents may be obtained	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(g) the deadline for public comments	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(h) available for public comment for 14 calendar days	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(i) the likely impacts on matters of national environmental significance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(j) any feasible alternatives to the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(k) possible mitigation measures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Were any submissions received during the public comment period?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Have public submissions been addressed? If yes provide attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2.1.4 Other Commonwealth Government Approvals

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete			
Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>If yes, please complete the table below.</i>			
Agency / Authority	Approval required	Application lodged?	Agency / Local Authority contact(s) for proposal
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please attach copies of any relevant information on the proposal, supporting evidence and / or existing environmental surveys, studies or monitoring information undertaken and list the documents below.

Proponent, DMA and Third Party to complete			
(1)	Environmental Review Document	Rio Tinto	Supporting document for the s38 referral under the EP Act

PART B: ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The purpose of Part B is to assist the EPA to determine the significance of the likely environmental impacts of the proposal in accordance with the EPA's *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Environmental factors and objectives* (EAG 8) and *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Application of a significant framework in the EIA process* (EAG 9). Referrers completing Part B should refer closely to EAG 8 and EAG 9.

The EPA has prepared *Referral of a Proposal under s38 of the EP Act EAG No.16 - Appendix A* (Appendix A) to assist in identifying factors and completing the below table. Further guidance can be found in the guidance and policy documents cited in Appendix A under each factor.

How to complete Part B

For each environmental factor, that is likely to be significantly impacted by the implementation of the proposal, make a copy of the table below and insert a summary of the relevant information relating to the proposal. The table can be broken down into more than one table per factor, if the need arises. For example the hydrological processes factor can be presented in two separate tables, one for surface water and one for groundwater, or similarly one for construction and one for operations.

For complex proposals a supplementary referral report can be provided in addition to the referral form. If this option is chosen the table must still be completed (summaries are acceptable) to assist the Office of the EPA with statistical reporting and filtering proposals for processing.

Proponents expecting an API level of assessment must provide information in accordance with the EPA's *Environmental Assessment Guideline for Preparation of an API-A environmental review document* (EAG 14).

For each of the significant environmental factors, complete the following table (Questions 1 – 10).

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.	
Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Hydrological processes
EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To maintain the hydrological regimes of groundwater and surface water so that existing and potential uses, including ecosystem maintenance, are protected.
Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	Department of Water (2013). <i>Strategic Policy 2.09: Use of mine dewatering surplus</i> . Water and Rivers Commission (2005). <i>Statewide Policy No. 5: Environmental Water Provisions Policy for Western Australia</i> .
Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</i> • <i>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</i> • <i>consultation with community.</i> 	Refer to Table 8-1 of the Environmental Review Document.
Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment. <i>This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.</i>	Refer to Section 6.1.2 of the Environmental Review Document.
Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.	Refer to Section 6.1.3 of the Environmental Review Document.
Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential environmental impacts? The following should be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</i> • <i>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</i> • <i>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</i> • <i>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</i> 	Refer to Section 6.1.4 of the Environmental Review Document.

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.	
<p>Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.</p> <p><i>It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;</i> • <i>putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and</i> • <i>comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.</i> 	<p>Refer to Section 6.1.5 of the Environmental Review Document.</p>
<p>EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? Refer to <u>EAG 9</u></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>meets the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>may meet the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>is unlikely to meet the EPA's objective</i></p>
<p>Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). <i>E.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.</i></p>	<p>The Proposal has been designed to avoid, minimise and manage potential environmental impacts to hydrological processes.</p> <p>Preliminary data indicate limited to no hydraulic connectivity exists between the Mesa C deposit and the Robe River alluviums and therefore it is unlikely that semi-permanent pools in the Robe River will be directly affected by short-term mine dewatering at Mesa C. Further hydrogeological investigations are underway.</p>

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
1	Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Flora and Vegetation
2	EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To maintain representation, diversity, viability and ecological function at the species, population and community level'
3	Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	<p>EPA (2000). <i>Position Statement No. 2: Protection of Native Vegetation in Western Australia.</i></p> <p>EPA (2002). <i>Position Statement No. 3: Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection.</i></p> <p>EPA (2004). <i>Guidance Statement No. 51: Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia.</i></p> <p>EPA and Parks and Wildlife (2015). <i>Technical Guide – Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment.</i></p>
4	<p>Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</i> • <i>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</i> • <i>consultation with community.</i> 	Refer to Table 8-1 of the Environmental Review Document.
5	<p>Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment.</p> <p><i>This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.</i></p>	Refer to Section 6.2.2 of the Environmental Review Document.
6	Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.	Refer to Section 6.2.3 of the Environmental Review Document.

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
7	<p>Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential environmental impacts? The following should be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</i> • <i>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</i> • <i>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</i> • <i>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</i> 	Refer to Section 6.2.4 of the Environmental Review Document.
8	<p>Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.</p> <p><i>It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;</i> • <i>putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and</i> • <i>comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.</i> 	Refer to Section 6.2.5 of the Environmental Review Document.
9	<p>EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? Refer to <u>EAG 9</u></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>meets the EPA's objective</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>may meet the EPA's objective</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>is unlikely to meet the EPA's objective</i>

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.

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Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). *e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.*

The Proposal has been designed to avoid, minimise and manage potential environmental impacts to flora and vegetation.

The Priority 3 PEC Sand Sheet Vegetation (Robe Valley) adjacent to the Proposal Area will not be directly impacted by the Proposal, nor will any changes be made to the Sand Sheet catchment.

An implementation condition will be suggested for the proposed additional clearing of native vegetation in 'Good' or 'Excellent' condition.

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
1	Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Terrestrial Fauna
2	EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To maintain representation, diversity, viability and ecological function at the species, population and assemblage level
3	Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	<p>EPA (2002). <i>Position Statement No. 3: Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection.</i></p> <p>EPA (2004). <i>Guidance Statement No. 56: Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia.</i></p> <p>EPA (2009). <i>Guidance Statement No. 20: Sampling of Short Range Endemic Invertebrate Fauna for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia.</i></p> <p>EPA and Department of Environment and Conservation (2010). <i>Technical Guide – Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment.</i></p> <p>Department of the Environment (2013). <i>Matters of National Environmental Significance: Significant impact guidelines 1.1.</i></p> <p>Department of the Environment (2016). <i>EPBC Act referral guideline for the endangered northern quoll, Dasyurus hallucatus.</i></p> <p>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (2010). <i>Survey guidelines for Australia's threatened bats.</i></p> <p>Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011). <i>Survey guidelines for Australia's threatened mammals.</i></p> <p>Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011). <i>Survey guidelines for Australia's threatened reptiles.</i></p>

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4	<p>Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</i> • <i>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</i> • <i>consultation with community.</i> 	Refer to Table 8-1 of the Environmental Review Document.
5	<p>Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment.</p> <p><i>This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.</i></p>	Refer to Section 6.3.2 of the Environmental Review Document.
6	<p>Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.</p>	Refer to Section 6.3.3 of the Environmental Review Document.
7	<p>Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential environmental impacts? The following should be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</i> • <i>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</i> • <i>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</i> • <i>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</i> 	Refer to Section 6.3.4 of the Environmental Review Document.

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
8	<p>Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.</p> <p><i>It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;</i> • <i>putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and</i> • <i>comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.</i> 	<p>Refer to Section 6.3.5 of the Environmental Review Document.</p>
9	<p>EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? Refer to <u>EAG 9</u></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>meets the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>may meet the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>is unlikely to meet the EPA's objective</i></p>
10	<p>Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). <i>E.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.</i></p>	<p>The Proposal has been designed to avoid, minimise and manage potential environmental impacts to terrestrial fauna.</p> <p>The escarpments of Mesa B and Mesa C provide some of the most significant habitat features in the survey area. Retention of the mesa escarpments (except where cuts are required to provide access) will ensure that these habitats continue to be available to fauna.</p>

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
1	Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Subterranean Fauna
2	EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To maintain representation, diversity, viability and ecological function at the species, population and assemblage level.
3	Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	EPA (2013). <i>Environmental Assessment Guideline No. 12 for Consideration of subterranean fauna in environmental impact assessment in Western Australia.</i> EPA (2007). <i>Draft Guidance Statement No. 54a: Sampling Methods and Survey Considerations for Subterranean Fauna in Western Australia.</i>
4	Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</i> • <i>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</i> • <i>consultation with community.</i> 	Refer to Table 8-1 of the Environmental Review Document.
5	Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment. <i>This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.</i>	Refer to Section 6.4.2 of the Environmental Review Document.
6	Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.	Refer to Section 6.4.3 of the Environmental Review Document.
7	Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential environmental impacts? The following should be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</i> • <i>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</i> • <i>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</i> • <i>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</i> 	Refer to Section 6.4.4 of the Environmental Review Document.

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8	<p>Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.</p> <p><i>It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;</i> • <i>putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and</i> • <i>comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.</i> 	<p>Refer to Section 6.4.5 of the Environmental Review Document.</p>
9	<p>EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? Refer to <u>EAG 9</u></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>meets the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>may meet the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>is unlikely to meet the EPA's objective</i></p>
10	<p>Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). <i>E.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.</i></p>	<p>The Proposal has been designed to avoid, minimise and manage potential environmental impacts to subterranean fauna.</p> <p>Troglofauna habitat at Warrambo, Highway and Tod Bore is part of a contiguous system that extends beyond the Proposal Area. Troglofauna in these areas are unlikely to be restricted to the proposed mining areas.</p> <p>Significant volumes of troglofauna habitat at Mesa A, Mesa B and Mesa C will be retained. Ongoing sampling at Mesa A indicates that this is a suitable approach and that the existing Mining Exclusion Zone at Mesa A is providing a suitable volume of habitat to maintain troglofauna representation.</p> <p>An implementation condition will be suggested as part of the Proposal.</p>

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
1	Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Offsets
2	EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To counterbalance any significant residual environmental impacts or uncertainty through the application of offsets.
3	Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	Government of Western Australia (2011). <i>WA Environmental Offsets Policy</i> . Government of Western Australia (2014). <i>WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines</i> . EPA (2014). <i>Environmental Protection Bulletin No. 1: Environmental Offsets</i> .
4	Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</i> • <i>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</i> • <i>consultation with community.</i> 	Refer to Table 8-1 of the Environmental Review Document.
5	Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment. <i>This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.</i>	Refer to sections 6.1.2, 6.2.2, 6.3.2 and 6.4.2 of the Environmental Review Document.
6	Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.	Refer to sections 6.1.3, 6.2.3, 6.3.3 and 6.4.3 of the Environmental Review Document.
7	Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential environmental impacts? The following should be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</i> • <i>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</i> • <i>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</i> • <i>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</i> 	Refer to sections 6.1.4, 6.2.4, 6.3.4 and 6.4.4 of the Environmental Review Document.

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
8	<p>Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.</p> <p><i>It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;</i> • <i>putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and</i> • <i>comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.</i> 	<p>Refer to sections 6.1.5, 6.2.5, 6.3.5, 6.4.5, 6.5.2 and 6.5.3 of the Environmental Review Document.</p>
9	<p>EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? <i>Refer to <u>EAG 9</u></i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>meets the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>may meet the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>is unlikely to meet the EPA's objective</i></p>
10	<p>Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). <i>E.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.</i></p>	<p>The Proposal has been designed to avoid, minimise and manage potential environmental impacts. Offsets are proposed to address residual impacts.</p> <p>An implementation condition will be suggested as part of the Proposal for the proposed additional clearing of native vegetation in 'Good' or 'Excellent' condition and any riparian vegetation likely to be impacted by the Proposal.</p>

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
1	Factor, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	Rehabilitation and decommissioning
2	EPA Objective, as defined in <u>EAG 8</u>	To ensure that premises are decommissioned and rehabilitated in an ecologically sustainable manner.
3	Guidance - what established policies, guidelines, and standards apply to this factor in relation to the proposal?	EPA (2015). <i>Environmental Protection Bulletin No. 19: EPA involvement in mine closure.</i> Department of Mines and Petroleum and EPA (2015). <i>Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans.</i> EPA (2006). <i>Guidance Statement No. 6: Rehabilitation of Terrestrial Ecosystems.</i>
4	Consultation - outline the need for consultation and the outcomes of any consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>anticipated level of public interest in the impact;</i> • <i>consultation with regulatory agencies; and</i> • <i>consultation with community.</i> 	The Proponent will consult with the Department of Mines and Petroleum and other relevant stakeholders regarding closure and rehabilitation.
5	Baseline information - describe the relevant characteristics of the receiving environment. <i>This may include: regional context; known environmental values, current quality, sensitivity to impact, and current level of cumulative impacts.</i>	Refer to Section 6.6 of the Environmental Review Document.
6	Impact assessment - describe the potential impact/s that may occur to the environmental factor as a result of implementing the proposal.	Refer to Section 6.6 of the Environmental Review Document.
7	Mitigation measures - what measures are proposed to mitigate the potential environmental impacts? The following should be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoidance - avoiding the adverse environmental impact altogether;</i> • <i>Minimisation - limiting the degree or magnitude of the adverse impact;</i> • <i>Rehabilitate – restoring the maximum environmental value that is reasonably practicable; and</i> • <i>Offsets – actions that provide environmental benefits to counterbalance significant residual environmental impacts or risks of a project or activity.</i> 	The Proponent will undertake progressive rehabilitation where practicable. The Proponent will prepare a Mine Closure Plan for the Proposal in accordance with the DMP and EPA Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans.

Proponent to complete. DMA and Third Party to complete to the best of their knowledge.		
8	<p>Residual impacts – review the residual impacts against the EPA objectives.</p> <p><i>It is understood that the extent of any significant residual impacts may be hard to quantify at the referral stage. Referrers are asked to provide, as far as practicable, a discussion on the likely residual impacts and form a conclusion on whether the EPA's objective for this factor would be met if residual impacts remain. This will require:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>quantifying the predicted impacts (extent, duration, etc.) acknowledging any uncertainty in predictions;</i> • <i>putting the impacts into a regional or local context, incorporating knowable cumulative impacts; and</i> • <i>comparison against any established environmental policies, guidelines, and standards.</i> 	<p>Refer to Section 6.6 of the Environmental Review Document.</p>
9	<p>EPA's Objective – from your perspective and based on your review, which option applies to the proposal in relation to this factor? Refer to <u>EAG 9</u></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>meets the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>may meet the EPA's objective</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>is unlikely to meet the EPA's objective</i></p>
10	<p>Describe any assumptions critical to your conclusion (in Question 9). <i>E.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.</i></p>	<p>The Proposal has been designed to avoid, minimise and manage potential environmental impacts.</p> <p>A draft Closure Plan will be submitted as part of the Proposal and an implementation condition will be suggested.</p>