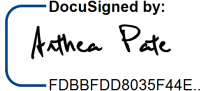


Form

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 Anthea Pate <i>Name of the person or organisation referring</i>		Signature  FDBBFDD8035F44E...	
Position	Manager Environment and Approvals	Organisation	Covalent Lithium
Email	anthea.pate@covalentlithium.com	Phone	+61 409 365 133
Address	L5, 109	St Georges Tce	
	Perth	WA	6831
Date	13/10/2023		
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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, Anthea Pate declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of Covalent Lithium and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading. Date: 13 October 2023			
Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		COVALENT LITHIUM PTY LTD	
Australian Company Number(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		ABN 70 623 090 139	
OR			
Australian Business Number(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Pre-referral discussions			
Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

If so, provide name, date, and overview of discussions.	Please refer to Appendix 5 Stakeholder Consultation Register of the Environmental Review Document (ERD)
Proposal information	
Proposal name	Earl Grey Lithium Project, Life of Mine 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 to develop a pegmatite-hosted lithium deposit at the abandoned Mt Holland Mine Site, in a Development Envelope of 3,996 ha.</p> <p>The Proposal involves new clearing of up to 1,885 ha of native vegetation, and use of existing cleared/disturbed land</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, provide the scheme number and name</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal and conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal <input type="checkbox"/> derived proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class <input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme
Proposal content: 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.	
Alternatives	Please refer to Section 2.17 of the supporting Environmental Review Document (ERD) for information on the approved 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 type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input 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 – for each environmental factor

1	EPA policy and guidance	The required information and environmental impacts for relevant environmental factor are provided within the supporting ERD.
2	Receiving environment	
3	Likely environmental impacts	
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	
6	Likely environmental outcomes	

Holistic impact assessment

Refer to the supporting ERD.

Cumulative environmental impact assessment

Refer to the supporting ERD.

Consultation

Refer to the supporting ERD for stakeholder identification , consultation process, and outcomes.

Supporting documents

Covalent Lithium Revised Proposal Environmental Review Document and Appendices:

Appendix 1 Covalent Lithium Environment Policy

Appendix 2 Flora and Vegetation EMP (Draft revision)

Appendix 3 Terrestrial Fauna EMP (Draft revision) Appendix 4 Life of Mine EMP Appendix 5 Stakeholder Register Appendix 6 Flora and Vegetation Surveys Appendix 7 Fauna Surveys Appendix 8 Baseline Soils Survey Appendix 9 Hydrology Appendix 10 Hydrogeology Appendix 11 Waste Characterisation Appendix 12 Cultural Heritage Surveys Appendix 13 GHG Emissions Estimate	
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	
Refer to the supporting ERD.	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to both the proposal and the implementation conditions
Information of the approved proposal	Refer to the supporting ERD
Combined effects of the approved proposal and significant amendment	
Analysis of existing implementation conditions	Existing conditions are considered generally appropriate to manage the implementation of the project an align with the EPA framework. Only minor changes are considered likely to be required
Previous changes to the Proposal and or implementation conditions	Refer to the supporting ERD.
Compliance	
Environmental Performance	
Control of implementation of significant amendment	

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?	Not applicable
How does the proposal not comply with the assessed scheme and/or the environmental conditions in the assessed planning scheme?	Not applicable

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	Not applicable
Provide an analysis of the existing implementation conditions of the related strategic proposal in relation to the derived proposal	Not applicable

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)	Refer to the supporting ERD.
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)	

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 approved Earl Grey Lithium Project is located at the previously abandoned Mt Holland Mine Site, approximately 100 kilometres (km) south-south-east of the townsite of Southern Cross and approximately 350 km east of Perth, Western Australia
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	Shire of Yilgarn
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, please provide details.	
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	The current use of the land is mining and mineral processing. The current Approved Proposal comprises open cut mining and processing of a pegmatite-hosted lithium deposit (lithium ore) in a 2,347-hectare (ha) Development Envelope, within which up to 442 ha of native vegetation clearing has been authorised
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 The Proposal is situated within a number of Mining Lease, General Purpose Lease and Miscellaneous Licence tenements granted under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> (WA). Covalent Lithium has commercial agreements with the tenement holders to grant land access and authorise mining operations
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
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 To be referred Date: <u> TBA </u> EPBC No.: <u> TBA </u>
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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited
Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal? <i>If yes, describe.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u>	
What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i>	Refer to the supporting ERD.