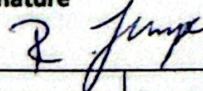


Form

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

PART A: Referrer, proponent and proposal information <i>ALL referrals</i>			
A1. 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 Renelle Thorpe <i>Name of the person or organisation referring</i>		Signature 	
Position	Planning and Approvals Lead	Organisation	BlueScope
Email	Renelle.Thorpe@bluescope.com	Phone	0419 509 616
Address	Level 24	181 William Street	
	Melbourne	Vic	3000
Date	30 April 2026		
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential? <i>If yes, specify which information is requested to be confidential, e.g. Environmental Review Document (ERD) appendix</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, Renelle Thorpe declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of BlueScope Future Technologies Pty Ltd and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading. Date: 30 April 2026			
A2. Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		BlueScope Future Technologies Pty Ltd	
Australian Company Number(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		676 749 456	
OR			
Australian Business Number(s) <input type="checkbox"/>			

A3. Proposal information	
Proposal title	Project NeoSmelt
What is the proposal? <i>(Include a brief description of the proposal)</i>	<p>The Proposal is to develop a research and development pilot plant that will combine Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) technology with Electric Smelting Furnace (ESF) capability to manufacture lower-emissions iron (relative to a blast furnace) from Pilbara iron ores.</p> <p>The Proposal is targeted to have the capacity to produce approximately 49,000 tonnes of iron per year.</p>
Where is the proposal?	The Proposal is located on Patterson Road in the Western Trade Coast, approximately 35 km south of Perth.
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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant proposal. <i>Choose which type of significant proposal</i> <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> derived proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class <input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme
A4. Environmental factors	
What are the relevant environmental factors for this proposal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health
A5. Basis for referral <i>Third party referrals ONLY</i>	
Outline the potentially significant environmental impacts?	
Are you providing supporting information? <i>If so, provide with the referral</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A6. Basis for referral <i>Decision-making authorities ONLY</i>	
What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i>	

PART B: Pre-referral and referral information <i>Proponent referrals ONLY</i>	
B1. Pre-referral discussions	
<p>Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?</p> <p><i>If so, provide name, date, and any references numbers. Further details on outcomes of discussions should be included in the ERD.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Meetings (01/02/2025; 10/03/2026; 19/01/2026) held with Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, including EPA Services, State Wide Delivery-Industry Regulation and Priority Approvals Cross Sector Triage officers.</p> <p>Meeting (19/01/2026) held with Chair of EPA and EPA Service and Priority Approvals Cross Sector Triage officers.</p>
<p>Have you had pre-referral discussions DMAs regarding parallel processing?</p> <p><i>If so, provide details in the ERD</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
B2. Minimum information requirements	
<i>Must be provided or a request for information will be issued under s. 38F</i>	
<p>Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you provided a Proposal Content Document? <i>(according to Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal for the type of proposal identified above).</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you provided an Environmental Review Document? <i>(according to Instructions and template: how to prepare an Environmental Review Document).</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
B3. Commonwealth Government approvals	
<p>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)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>EPBC No.: _____</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action</p>

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited
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