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Dear Shaun,

**ASHBURTON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT – REFERRAL UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986**

Onslow Iron Pty Ltd (ACN 612 668 201), a wholly owned subsidiary of Mineral Resources Limited (ACN 118 549 910), herein, MRL) is undertaking planning for the Ashburton Infrastructure Project (AIP, the Proposal) to service iron ore mining and export developments in the West Pilbara region of Western Australia (WA).

MRL is referring the Proposal under Section 38, Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) of the Act as it has the potential to significantly affect key environmental factors, as defined by the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

The Proposal was also referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act), assessment No 2021/9054, on 5 October 2021, and is currently under assessment.

MRL has completed the attached EPA referral form for the Proposal and supporting attachments for submission to EPA. MRL has also developed a Referral Supporting Document (RSD) to present sufficient information on the Proposal and the effects of the Proposal on the environment to allow assessment of the Proposal under Part IV of the EP Act, that has been submitted via the DWER ISBHub - **Ashburton Infrastructure Project**.

MRL requests that the EPA treat Attachment 1 - Stakeholder Engagement Register as confidential.

Should you require any further information or queries on the AIP s.38 referral or supporting documents, please feel free to contact me directly on (08) 9329 3407 or 0437 595 684.

Yours sincerely,



**Les Purves**  
General Manager – Environmental, Communities, Land Access