


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 Christiaan Els <i>Name of the person or organisation referring</i>		Signature 	
Position	CFO & Company Secretary	Organisation	Atlas Iron Pty Ltd
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Address	1314	Hay Street	
	West Perth	WA	6005
Date	18/02/2026		
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, Christiaan Els declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of Atlas Iron Pty Ltd and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading. Date: 18/02/2026			
A2. Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		Atlas Iron Pty Ltd	
Australian Company Number(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR Australian Business Number(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		110 396 168	
A3. Proposal information			
Proposal title		Sanjiv Ridge Pit Expansion, Stage 1 Below Groundwater Table Mining	

<p>What is the proposal? <i>(Include a brief description of the proposal)</i></p>	<p>The proposal involves expansion of the existing Stage 1 approval to allow mining below the water table at Mine Pits (Sparrow, Shark Gully, Runway North and Runway South), development of additional pits (Pedmore and CD15), an increase to groundwater abstraction to support operations, management of surplus water and potentially acid forming material, and additional clearing of native vegetation for expanded waste rock landforms and other supporting infrastructure.</p>
<p>Where is the proposal?</p>	<p>Located approximately 33km south of Marble Bar in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.</p>
<p>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></p>	<p><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</p>
<p>A4. Environmental factors</p>	
<p>What are the relevant environmental factors for this proposal?</p>	<p><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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health</p>
<p>A5. Basis for referral <i>Third party referrals ONLY</i></p>	
<p>Outline the potentially significant environmental impacts?</p>	
<p>Are you providing supporting information? <i>If so, provide with the referral</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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>✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>18/12/2025 - Meeting with DWER EPA Scoping meeting to discuss the proposed Stage 5 below water table expansion, studies, impacts and management, timeline and approval pathway</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>✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>17/12/2025 - Meeting with DCCEEW Scoping meeting to discuss the proposed Stage 5 below water table expansion, studies, impacts and management, timeline and approval pathway</p>
B2. Minimum information requirements	
<i>Must be provided or a request for information will be issued under s. 38F</i>	
Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?	✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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>	✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you provided an Environmental Review Document? <i>(according to Instructions and template: how to prepare an Environmental Review Document).</i>	✓ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Referral document
B3. 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)?	✓ 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.)?	<p>✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Date: 30/06/2025</p> <p>EPBC No.: EPBC 2025/10228)</p>
If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action? If 'yes',	<p>✓ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>✓ Decision – controlled action</p>

check the appropriate box and provide the decision in an attachment.	<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 ✓ No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited