




Environmental Protection Authority

EPA Referral Form

Form for the referral of a proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority under Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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 David Morley		Signature 	
Position	Senior Advisor - Approvals	Organisation	Atlas Iron Pty Ltd
Email	David.Morley@atlasiron.com.au		
Address	Level 17	300 Murray St	
	Perth	WA	6000
Date	20 September 2021		
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	
Referral declaration for organisations, proponents and decision-making authorities: I, David Morley, 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.			
Part A: Proponent and proposal description			
Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s (including Trading Name if relevant)		Atlas Iron Pty Ltd	
Australian Company Number(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		110 396 168	
OR			
Australian Business Number(s) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Contact for the proposal (if different from the referrer) <i>Please include: name, physical address, phone, and email.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

<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>The Proposal is located on mining tenement M45/1257-I, which is held by Atlas Iron.</p>
Proposal type	
<p>What type of proposal is being referred?</p> <p>For a change to an approved proposal please state the Ministerial Statement number/s (MS No./s) of the approved proposal</p> <p>For a derived proposal please state the Ministerial Statement number (MS No.) of the associated strategic proposal</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant – new proposal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> significant – change to approved proposal (MS No./s: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strategic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> derived (Strategic MS No.: _____)</p>
<p>For a significant proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment and warrant referral to the EPA? 	<p>The Proposal includes clearing of up to 125 ha of vegetation within a Development Envelope of 246 ha to support the development, operation and closure of three open pits.</p> <p>Atlas has conducted desktop assessments and field surveys at a local level to investigate the potential risks to Environmental Factors.</p> <p>The following preliminary key environmental factors have been identified for the Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flora and Vegetation Terrestrial Fauna
<p>For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme, provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme name and number <p>For the Responsible Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What new environmental issues are raised by the proposal that were not assessed during the assessment of the planning scheme? How does the proposal not comply with the assessed scheme and/or the environmental conditions in the assessed planning scheme? 	<p>Not applicable.</p>
Proposal description	
<p>Title of the proposal</p>	<p>Sanjiv Ridge Project - Stage 2</p>
<p>Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.</p>	<p>Shire of East Pilbara</p>
<p>Location:</p> <p>a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or</p> <p>b) if remote the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.</p>	<p>The Proposal is located 241 km southeast of Port Hedland and 33 km south of Marble Bar.</p>
<p>Proposal description – including the key characteristics of the proposal</p>	<p>Please refer to attached 'Referral Information' document (Section 2.3)</p>

<i>Provide as an attachment to the form</i>		
Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps and figure in the appropriate format? <i>Refer to instructions at the front of the form</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Spatial data for Development Envelope and Conceptual Footprint submitted with referral. Figures are provided in attached 'Referral Information' document.	
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	The Proposal is located within the Panorama Pastoral Station, which supports cattle grazing. The Proposal is located on land subject to a registered Njamal Native Title determination.	
Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA at DWER Services? If so, quote the reference number and/or the DWER contact.	Yes. Meeting with Troy Sinclair on 17 December 2020 and subsequent occasional telephone/email contact.	
Part B: 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	
<i>For each of the environmental factors identified above, complete the following table, or provide the information in a supplementary report</i>		
Potential environmental impacts		
1	EPA Factor	Flora and Vegetation
2	EPA policy and guidance - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this factor?	Refer Section 5 of attached 'Referral Information' document.
3	Consultation – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer Section 3 of attached 'Referral Information' document.
4	Receiving environment – Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Refer Section 5 of attached 'Referral Information' document.
5	Proposal activities – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Refer Section 5 of attached 'Referral Information' document.

6	Mitigation – Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Refer Section 5 of attached ‘Referral Information’ document.
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Part C: Other approvals and regulation

State and Local Government approvals

Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented?
If yes, please provide details.

Yes No

If this proposal has been referred by a decision-making authority, what approval(s) are required from you?

Not applicable.

Please identify other approvals required for the proposal:

Proposal activities e.g. clearing, dewatering, mining, processing, dredging	Land tenure/access e.g. Crown land, Mining lease, specify legislation for access if relevant	Type of approval e.g. Native Vegetation Clearing Permit, licence, mining proposal,	Legislation regulating the activity e.g. <i>EP Act 1986 – Part V, RiWI Act 1914, Mining Act 1979</i>
Clearing and mining	Mining Lease	Ministerial Approval	EP Act 1986 EPBC Act 1999
Mining, including supporting activities and infrastructure	Mining Lease	Mining Proposal and Mine Closure Plan	Mining Act 1978

Commonwealth Government approvals

Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)?

Yes No

Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?

Yes No
Date: 18 February 2021
EPBC No.: 2021/8885

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.

Yes No
 Decision – controlled action
 Decision – not a controlled action

If the proposal is determined to be a controlled action, do you request that this proposal be assessed under the bilateral agreement or as an accredited assessment?

Yes - Bilateral No
 Yes - Accredited

Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal?
If yes, describe.

Yes No
Approval: