

Section 43A

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND A REFERRED PROPOSAL
DURING ASSESSMENT**

PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN

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PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:

Medcalf Vanadium Project
Assessment No. 2156

Pursuant to s. 43A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) gives approval to the assessment of the proposal being completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the proponent's request:

- Addition of two exclusion zones including a 427 hectare (ha) on-tenement exclusion zone and 6,940 ha off-tenement exclusion zone. The exclusion zones are located outside the Development Envelope and will prohibit vegetation clearing within a combined area of 7,367 ha.

Figures are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- The change comprises the addition of two exclusion zones to prevent the clearing of native vegetation and to provide environmental benefits and enhancements. The activities proposed to be permitted within the exclusion zones are intended to provide environmental benefit and include traditional owner access and cultural activities, surveys and research, rehabilitation of cleared or degraded areas, land management practices (weed and feral animal control, restricting unauthorised access, controlled burning, etc.), monitoring (e.g. for dust), and existing track access and maintenance.
- The exclusion zones provide protection to individuals and critical habitat for Threatened *Marianthus aquilonaris*, protection to priority species, *Eucalyptus rhomboidea* and *Stenanthemum bremerense*, and protection of part of the Bremer Range Priority Ecological Community.

- The amendments are proposed to provide positive environmental benefits, including to:
 - protect and manage significant flora individuals and associated habitat, including fauna habitat
 - Preserve part of the proposed Bremer Range Nature Reserve
 - preserve connection between the Frank Hann National Park and the proposed Bremer Range Nature Reserve
- The preliminary environmental factors identified for the proposal included Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Environmental Quality, Terrestrial Fauna and Inland Waters. The proposed amendment may result in a positive change in impact to Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna and Social Surrounds. No change in impacts to other environmental factors is anticipated from the amendments.
- The proposed amendments will not result in any disturbance of Aboriginal Heritage Sites or areas or artefacts of Aboriginal cultural value. The proposed amendments may positively change impacts to Social Surroundings, as the proposed permitted activities within the exclusion zones include traditional owner access and cultural activities.
- There are no new environmental factors likely to be significantly affected as a result of the amendments, and no additional EPA functions need to be performed to assess the amended proposal.

EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:

1. The assessment of the proposal is to be completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the decision set out in this notice.
2. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to have been referred to the EPA under s. 38 of the EP Act.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.



Prof. Matthew Tonts
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority
 CHAIR

9 April 2024

Attachment 1: Figures

Figure 1: On-tenement exclusion zone

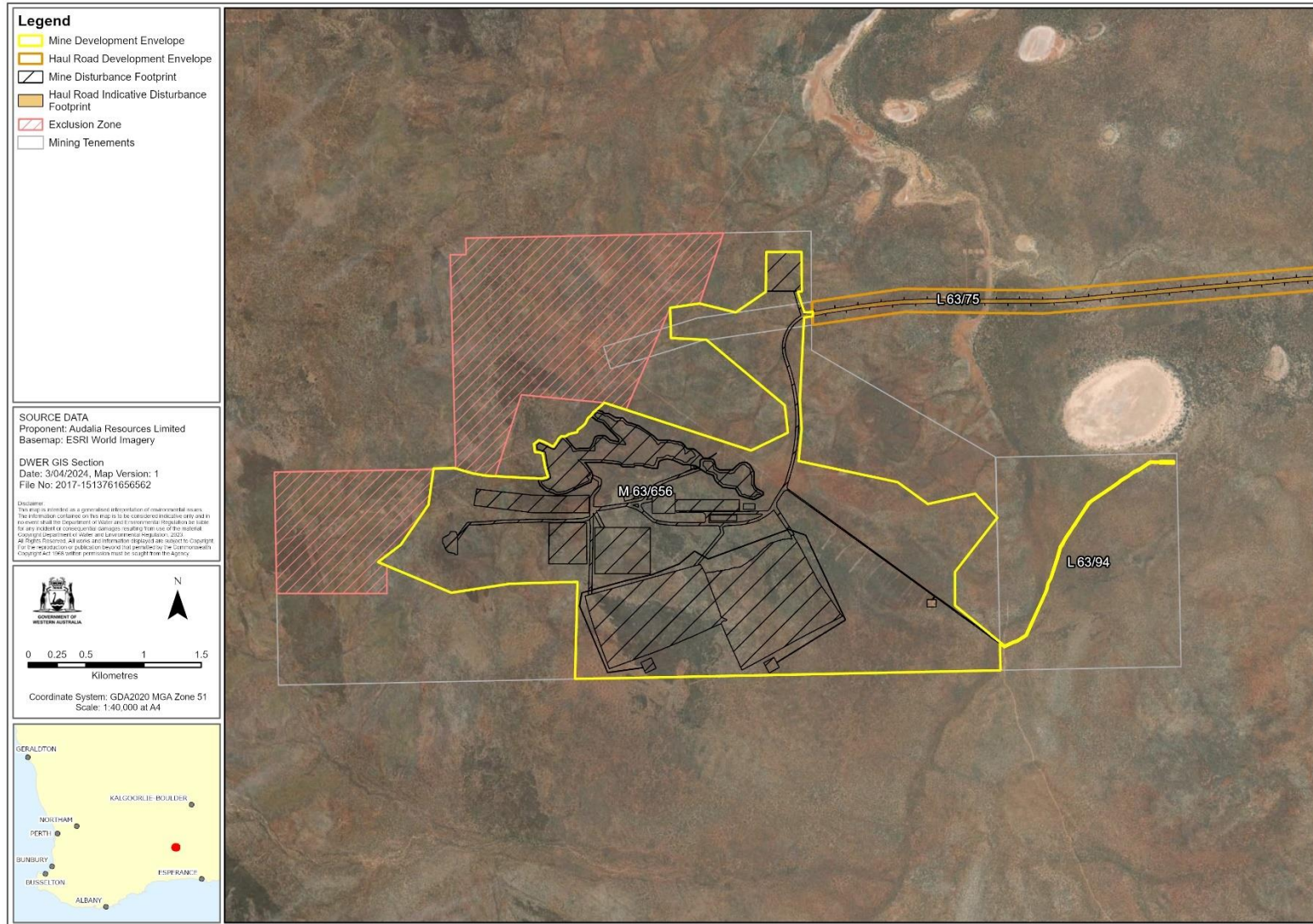


Figure 2: Off-tenement exclusion zone

