

Section 43A

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

PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN

- (a) Image Resources NL (ACN: 063 977 579)
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PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:

Atlas Project
Assessment No. 2311

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:

- Reduce the mine development envelope (MDE) from 302 hectares (ha) to 274.8 ha.
- Reduce the disturbance footprint within the MDE from 292 ha to 272.2 ha.
- Change to the alignment of the external infrastructure development envelope (EIDE) and reduce the extent from 70 ha to 37.8 ha.
- Reduce the disturbance footprint within the EIDE from 70 ha to 28.8 ha.
- Relocate the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) spray field within the EIDE.

Figures and the amended proposal content document are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- The area of native vegetation clearing proposed under the proposal has been reduced from 292 ha to 272.2 ha within the MDE. The changes have been proposed by the proponent due to refinements in the mine planning since the release of the Environmental Review Document (ERD) to avoid and reduce impacts, including consideration of results of further flora and vegetation survey work undertaken in October 2023 after the ERD was published.
- The area of native vegetation clearing proposed under the proposal has been reduced from 26 ha to 16.2 ha within the EIDE. This reduction can be attributed to two of the three proposed additional water supply bores not being considered viable for the proposal after testing, and therefore no longer nominated.

- The proposed 29.6 ha reduction in clearing of native vegetation is likely to avoid and minimise impacts to flora and vegetation and terrestrial fauna by reducing impacts to the Banksia woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain threatened ecological community, minimising impacts to priority flora species, reducing impacts to Carnaby's black cockatoo foraging habitat, reducing impacts to habitat for potential short range endemic invertebrate species.
- No change to impacts to the inland waters factor is anticipated from the change.
- The spray field for the WWTP will be relocated but will remain adjacent to the accommodation camp, within land historically cleared for pasture. No new environmental values are likely to be impacted by discharge at the new spray field location. The operation of the WWTP and spray field as described in the ERD will not change. The proponent's obligation relating to seeking approval for a works approval and licence under Part V of the EP Act will not be affected.
- The amendments are unlikely to affect any new environmental values or increase the extent of any environmental impacts considered during assessment of the existing 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.



Ms Lee McIntosh
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority
 DEPUTY CHAIR

19 January 2024

Attachment 1: Figure
Attachment 2: Amended Proposal content document

Figure 1: Amended Development Envelopes



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