

Environmental Protection Act 1986

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:

Proposal Title Hope Downs 2
Assessment No. 2316

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:

- Amendment to the Proposal Content Document to reflect the updates made to the GHG MP and ERD to align with the EPA GHG Guidelines released in April 2023.
- Proposal Elements with Greenhouse Gas Emissions:
 - **Scope 1:** increase in predicted peak annual Scope 1 emissions by 47,597tonnes (t) CO₂-e per annum, from 200,518 t CO₂-e/annum to 248,115 t CO₂-e/annum.
 - **Scope 2:** increase in predicted peak annual Scope 2 emissions by 41,460 tCO₂-e per annum, from 6,330 tCO₂-e/annum to 47,790 t CO₂-e/annum.
 - **Scope 3:** decrease in total Scope 3 emissions by 21 million tonnes (Mt) CO₂-e, from 382 Mt CO₂-e/annum to 361 Mt CO₂-e/annum.

The amended proposal content document is attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS:

- The change in emissions is due to final recalculations based on a revised mine schedule and to meet the new EPA Environmental Factor Guideline released in April 2023, resulting in increased GHG Scope 1 and 2 emissions.
- Although the 8-week public environmental review occurred from 4 December 2023 to 18 December 2023 the estimated emissions, as amended, were provided in the

publicly available greenhouse gas environmental management plan (Appendix A6 of the environmental review document).no new environmental factors identified as a result of the amendments, there are no additional EPA functions that need to be performed to assess the amended proposal.

- As there are no new environmental factors identified as a result of the amendments, there are no additional EPA functions that need to be performed to assess the amended proposal.
- The amended proposal will still be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.
- The Proposal Content Document has been amended to reflect the emissions calculations in the Hope Downs 2 Greenhouse Gas Environmental Management Plan (GHG EMP), ERD Appendix A6.

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

5 September 2024

Attachment 1- Amended proposal content document.