

Environmental Protection Authority

Public record pursuant to s. 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal title: Ministers North (Derived Proposal)

Proposal location: 85 kilometres north-west of Newman township in the Pilbara.

Case number: APP-0031930

Date received: 17-10-2025

Date more information received: 20-02-2026

Referrer: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Proponent: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of 1,848 hectares of native vegetation including terrestrial fauna habitat; removal of subterranean fauna habitat through mine pit development, impacts to hydrological regimes and the quality of surface water and groundwater, greenhouse gas emissions; impacts to air quality from dust emissions; impacts to social surroundings including disturbance of Aboriginal heritage sites.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, social surroundings.

Public comments on referral information:

Do not assess:	0
Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	1
Other comment:	1
<i>Total Submissions:</i>	2

Decision: s. 38E(4) – Declared a derived proposal

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that the proposal is consistent with the provisions s.38E(4). For further details see the Statement of Reasons, published on the EPA website, on 08 June 2026.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Darren Walsh

CHAIR

Environmental Protection Authority

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 08 June 2026