

**NOTICE OF SECTION 38E DECLARATION
THAT PROPOSAL IS A DERIVED PROPOSAL
(Section 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

Strategic proposal: Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal

Strategic proposal statement: Ministerial statement 1105 published on 11 July 2019

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) at its meeting 1216 dated 21 May 2026, declared Ministers North to be a derived proposal in accordance with section 38E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. I have today as Chair of the EPA, given written notice of the EPA's declaration to the Minister for Environment pursuant to section 38E(6) of the Act.



Darren Walsh
CHAIR
Environmental Protection Authority

08 June 2026

Environmental Protection Authority

Schedule 1 – Description of derived proposal

Derived proposal: Ministers North (Derived Proposal)

Proponent: BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd, ACN: 008 700 981

Proponent address: 125 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000

Description of the derived proposal: As detailed in the Table 1 below and Figures 1 and 2 attached to this Notice

Table 1: Element, Location and Extent of the proposal.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Element	Location	Extent
Physical Elements		
Iron ore mine and associated activities and operations, being new mining operations at Ministers North	Figure 1 and 2	Indicative footprint of up to 2,360 hectares (ha) including clearing up to 1,848 ha of native vegetation within a 5,556.6 ha development envelope (to be undertaken within the 98,500 ha clearing limit of Ministerial Statement 1105)
Operational Elements		
Water Supply		Water supply will be sourced from other users including BHP operations and third parties
Max pit depth (at closure)		569 m AHD (minimum 5m separation from groundwater table)
Timing Element		
Life of proposal (construction, operations and decommissioning)		28 years

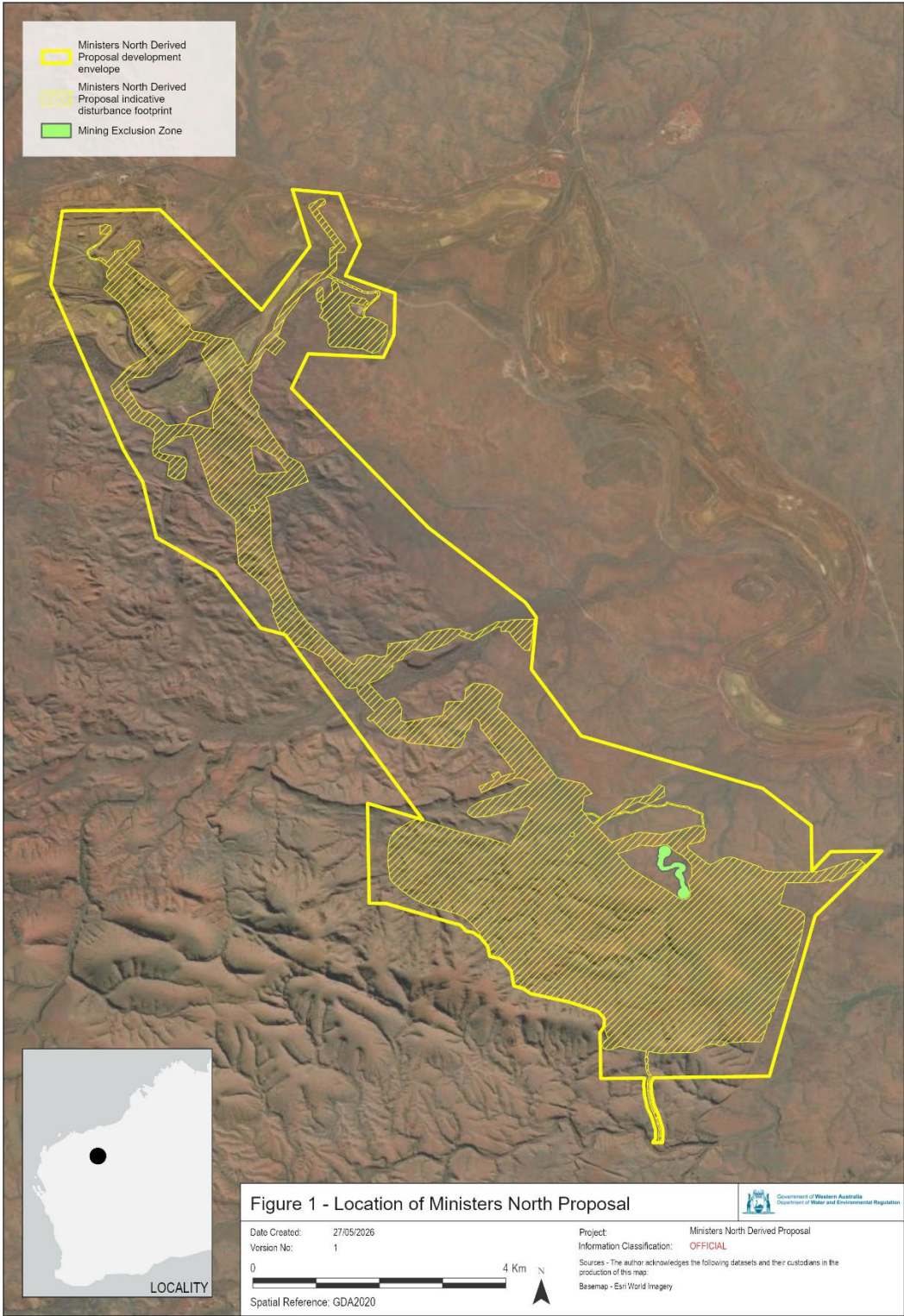


Figure 1: Location of the Ministers North (Derived Proposal)



Figure 2: Ministers North (Derived Proposal) in relation to the Pilbara Expansion Strategic Proposal