

Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal Title: Eliwana Iron Ore Mine Project

Proposal Location: Shire of Ashburton

Case Number: CMS 17163

Date referral received: 7/07/2017

Date more information received: N/A

Referrer: Mr Brett McGuire

Proponent: Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of 8,560 ha native vegetation, dewatering of stygofauna habitat, discharge of surplus mine dewater to the environment, removal of habitat critical to the survival of threatened species.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and Vegetation, Subterranean Fauna, Hydrological Processes, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Social Surroundings and Air Quality.

Public comment on referral information:

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

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public environmental review

Public inquiry

Other details

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Public review period for Environmental Review Document (4 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 27/7/17