

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

Proposal Title: Eliwana Railway Project

Proposal Location: a 120 km railway linking their existing Solomon Mine (located 60 km north of Tom Price) with their proposed Eliwana Iron Ore Mine (located 90 km west-northwest of Tom Price) (Shire of Ashburton).

Case Number: CMS 17164

Date referral received: 07-07-2017 **Date more information received:** 21-07-2017

Referrer: Mr Brett McGuire **Proponent:** Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Potential significant effects:

Clearing of 3, 690 ha native vegetation which is also terrestrial fauna habitat; direct and indirect impacts conservation significant vegetation and flora; direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and habitat; groundwater abstraction for water supply resulting in groundwater drawdown; modifications to existing catchments and associated impacts to flow paths of surface water streamflows such as intermittent pools; and potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage values and Karijini National Park.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

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

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	2
<i>Total submissions:</i>	2

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public environmental review

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: 16/8/17