

**Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986***

**Proposal title:** Katanning Gold Project

**Proposal description:** The Proposal is to construct and operate an open cut gold mine approximately 275 km southeast of Perth and 37 km northeast of Katanning, WA. The total disturbance proposed is up to 68.78 hectares (ha), which includes the disturbance of 58.39 ha of native vegetation over a 10-year life of mine. Groundwater abstraction of up to 3 GL/a for water supply to the proposal is estimated.

**Environment Online application number:** APP-0032371

**Date referral received:** 10-11-2025

**Date more information received:** NA

**Referrer:** Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd

**Proponent:** Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd

**Potential significant effects:**

There are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the clearing of 58.39 ha of native vegetation; terrestrial fauna from the clearing of habitat; inland waters from groundwater abstraction, water inflow into the mine pit and impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems; air quality from construction and operation dust and social surroundings from construction and operation noise.

**Preliminary key environmental factors:** flora and vegetation, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, air quality and social surroundings

**Public comment on referral information:**

Do not assess:	11
Assess: a) Referral information	2
b) Environmental review - no public review	10
c) Public environmental review	338
<i>Total submissions:</i>	361

**Decision:** s. 38G(1) – Assess

**Level of assessment:**

Referral Information with additional information (required under s. 40(2)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*) and public review

**Other details**

Public review period for additional assessment information (3 weeks)

**Explanation of decision:**

Assessment is required based on the extent of clearing of vegetation and fauna habitat, the potential impacts of water abstraction, water inflow into the mine pit and potential impacts on other users. The assessment will determine the proposal's direct, indirect and cumulative impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

**Appeals:** Decision is not appealable.



**Mr. Darren Walsh**

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date** 23 December 2025



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