


Form

Referral of a proposal under s. 38 of the EP Act

PART A: PROPONENT AND REFERRER INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION			
Referrer information			
Who is referring this proposal? Ausgold Limited		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent <input type="checkbox"/> Decision-making authority <input type="checkbox"/> Community member/third party	
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Date	10/11/2025		
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential? <i>Provide confidential information in a separate attachment.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Does the referrer confirm that they consent to receive correspondence electronically?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Referral declaration for proponent and Authorised representative: I, Troy Collie declare that I am authorised to refer this proposal on behalf of Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd and further declare that the information contained in this form is true and not misleading. 10 November 2025			
Proponent information			
Name of the proponent/s <i>Include Trading Name if relevant</i>		Ausgold Exploration Proprietary Limited	
Australian Company Number(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	22 078 093 606	
OR			
Australian Business Number(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Pre-referral discussions			

<p>Have you had pre-referral discussions with the EPA (including the EPA Services of DWER)?</p> <p><i>If so, provide name, date, and overview of discussions.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>See Section 1.3 of the Supporting Document.</p>
<p>Proposal information</p>	
<p>Proposal name</p>	<p>Katanning Gold Project</p>
<p>What is the proposal? (Include general description in the Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal)</p>	<p>The Proposal is the first referral of the Ausgold Katanning Gold Project under s38 of the WA <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>. The proposal includes open pits below groundwater, WRLs, ROM pad, processing plant and other supporting infrastructure.</p>
<p>Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps, and figures in the appropriate format?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>What type of proposal is being referred?</p> <p><i>For significant amendment or derived proposal, provide the associated existing Ministerial statement number/s</i></p> <p><i>For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme, provide the scheme number and name</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant proposal. <i>Choose which type of significant proposal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> new proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (conditions only) <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment (proposal and conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal <input type="checkbox"/> derived proposal <input type="checkbox"/> proposals of a prescribed class <input type="checkbox"/> proposal under an assessed planning scheme
<p>Proposal content: <i>Complete the corresponding template (Proposal Content Document) from the Instructions and template: How to identify the content of a proposal for the type of proposal identified above. The completed form must be submitted with the referral.</i></p>	
<p>Alternatives</p>	<p>See Section 5 of the supporting information for alternatives considered.</p>

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Environmental factors

What are the likely significant environmental factors for this proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Benthic Communities and Habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Processes <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Environmental Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Fauna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flora and Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Landforms <input type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Environmental Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input type="checkbox"/> Social Surroundings <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health
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For each of the environmental factors identified above, complete the following table, or provide the information in a supplementary report

Potential environmental impacts – Flora and Vegetation

1	EPA policy and guidance	Within the supporting information, see section 11.1 and 11.2.
2	Receiving environment	Within the supporting information, see section 11.3.
3	Likely environmental impacts	Within the supporting information, see section 11.4.
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Within the supporting information, see section 11.5.
5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Within the supporting information, see section 11.6.
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Within the supporting information, see section 11.7.

Potential environmental impacts – Terrestrial Fauna

1	EPA policy and guidance	Within the supporting information, see section 12.1 and 12.2.
2	Receiving environment	Within the supporting information, see section 12.3.
3	Likely environmental impacts	Within the supporting information, see section 12.4.
4	Application of the mitigation hierarchy, including other statutory decision-making processes	Within the supporting information, see section 12.5.

5	Assessment and significance of residual impacts	Within the supporting information, see section 12.6.
6	Likely environmental outcomes	Within the supporting information, see section 12.7.
Holistic impact assessment		
See section 11.6,2 and 14 of the supporting information.		
Cumulative environmental impact assessment		
See section 15 of the supporting information.		
Consultation		
See section 8 of the supporting information.		
Supporting documents		
<p>Environmental Impact Assessment – Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A: s38 Referral Form • Appendix B: Proposal Content Document • Appendix C: Open Pit Definitive Feasibility Study • Appendix D: Traffic Impact Assessment Report 2025 • Appendix E: SRK Material Characterisation Report • Appendix F: Stakeholder Engagement Management Plan • Appendix G: Simply Stakeholders – Stakeholder Register • Appendix H: KGP Community Survey Results • Appendix I: Corporate Community Engagement Policy • Appendix J: Hydrobiology Waterway Monitoring Plan 2025 • Appendix K: Mattiske Flora and Vegetation Report 2025 • Appendix L: Talis TEC Memo 2025 • Appendix M: Saltmat Targeted Survey Report 2025 • Appendix N: Vertebrate Fauna Management and Mitigation Plan for the Katanning Gold Project 2025 • Appendix O: Section 18 Consent • Appendix P: Terra Rosa 2011 Site Avoidance Report Jinkas Hill Prospect Area • Appendix Q: Terra Rosa 2015 Heritage Survey Jinkas Hill • Appendix R: Terra Rosa 2019 Cultural Salvage Outcomes Jinkas Hill • Appendix S: Environmental Noise Assessment 2025 • Appendix T: Visual Impact Assessment 2025 • Appendix U: KGP Sub-Surface Materials Characterisation Report 2025 • Appendix V: Landloch Baseline Soil Assessment 2024 • Appendix W: Pre-Feasibility Study: Geochemical Characterisation of Waste Rock 2022 • Appendix X: Air Quality Report 2025 • Appendix Y: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report • Appendix Z: Bennelongia Subterranean Fauna Report 2025 • Appendix AA: Integrated Hydrogeological Report 2025 		

Has the referrer provided survey information according to the Instructions and Form: IBSA Data Packages and/or the Instructions and form: IMSA Data Packages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Conclusion	
<p>The proposal has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts. However, based on the detailed environmental impact assessment presented within the supporting information, these impacts are anticipated to be time-bound, spatially limited, and can be appropriately addressed through application of the mitigation hierarchy to ensure that residual impacts are not significant. It is considered that the proposal can be implemented in a manner that meets the EPA's objectives for each relevant environmental factor, although it remains open to the possibility that the Proposal will not be assessed and that the environmental impacts contemplated can be addressed through secondary approval processes.</p>	

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS ONLY

Type of significant amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to the approved proposal <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to the implementation conditions <input type="checkbox"/> significant amendment to both the proposal and the implementation conditions
Information of the approved proposal	
Combined effects of the approved proposal and significant amendment	
Analysis of existing implementation conditions	
Previous changes to the Proposal and or implementation conditions	
Compliance	
Environmental Performance	
Control of implementation of significant amendment	

PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR A PROPOSAL UNDER AN ASSESSED SCHEME ONLY

What new environmental issues are raised by the proposal that were not assessed during the assessment of the planning scheme?	
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How does the proposal not comply with the assessed scheme and/or the environmental conditions in the assessed planning scheme?	
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PART B: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR DERIVED PROPOSALS ONLY

Demonstrate how the proposal will meet the environmental outcomes defined through the assessment of the strategic proposal	
Provide an analysis of the existing implementation conditions of the related strategic proposal in relation to the derived proposal	

PART C: OTHER APPROVALS AND REGULATION

Decision-making authorities and their approvals

Provide a table list of the decision-making authorities, associated legislation or agreement regulating the activity and the specific approval required. (Example table at the end of form)	See section 6.2.4 of the supporting information.
Provide a summary of the statutory decision-making processes you consider can mitigate the potential impacts of the proposal on the environment. (Note: this should be a summary of the information provided in Part B section 2.4). (Example table at the end of form)	See section 6.2.4 of the supporting information.

Tenure and Local Government approvals

Location of proposal: a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or b) if remote, the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.	894 Wolyaming Rd, Badgebup WA 6317. The Proposal is located in the Shire of Katanning, approximately 275 kilometres (km) southeast of Perth in the Great Southern Region of WA. The Proposal is located 36 km northeast of the Katanning township within the Shire of Katanning.
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	Shire of Katanning.
Is rezoning of any land required before the proposal can be implemented? If yes, please provide details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?	The current existing land use in the Proposal is farming/agricultural, with two State Reserves

	<p>in close proximity: Wurgubup Rifle Range (Reserve 12423) and Woorgabup Nature Reserve (Reserve 24072).</p> <p>Ausgold's freehold land holding carrying the KGP amounts to 2,440.7 ha and, on a subset of the area which are also mining tenements on state reserves, contains the 1,619ha area proposed as development envelope.</p>
<p>Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?</p> <p><i>If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations / agreements / tenure.</i></p> <p><i>If no, what authorisations / agreements / tenure is required and from whom?</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Commonwealth Government approvals</p>	
<p>Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Has the proposed action been referred? If yes, when was it referred and what is the reference number (EPBC No.)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Date: 30/06/2025</p> <p>EPBC No.: EPBC 2025/10232</p>
<p>If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action? If 'yes', check the appropriate box and provide the decision in an attachment.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action</p>
<p>If the proposal is determined to be a controlled action, do you request that this proposal be assessed under a Bilateral Agreement or as an accredited assessment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Bilateral <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Accredited</p>
<p>Is approval required from other Commonwealth Government/s for any part of the proposal?</p> <p><i>If yes, describe.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Approval:</p>
<p>Decision-making authority referrals <u>ONLY</u></p>	
<p>What approval/s, under your authority, are required for this proposal? <i>Please provide details.</i></p>	

Table 1: Statutory decision-making processes for Katanning Gold Project

Environmental impact	How is the impact regulated by other decision-making process(es)?	Limit(s) of the decision-making process(es) to regulate the impact e.g. time limits, excluded operations	Likely environmental outcome of decision-making process(es), and consistency with EPA objective	Conditions and enforcement	Stakeholder engagement and review process required by decision-making process(es) in decision-making process(es)
<p>Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation</p> <p>No Threatened or Priority flora species were recorded from within the proposed Mine Development Envelope (MDE) during the surveys.</p> <p>Clearing of no more than 50 hectares of native vegetation within the MDE of 1,619 hectares.</p> <p>Some patches of native vegetation within the MDE and survey area are representative of the “<i>Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt</i>” PEC/EWTEC. An estimate of 8.67 ha</p>	<p>Part V Division 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (EP Act) and the <i>Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004</i> (Clearing Regulations).</p> <p><i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act) – Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).</p>	<p>Where the EPA does not assess the proposal, a <u>Native Vegetation Clearing Permit</u> (NVCP) can address this process and will only be relevant to the terrestrial vegetation clearing.</p> <p>EPBC Act can address MNES - Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt (EWTEC) and Black Cockatoo Habitat.</p>	<p>This will be consistent with EPA objective for Flora and Vegetation - “to protect flora and vegetation so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained’.</p> <p>If the proposal is determined ‘Not assessed’ by EPA, the project <u>will require a NVCP</u> to permit native vegetation clearing associated with the project.</p> <p>Because of the presence of EWTEC, the project will likely be a Controlled Action under the EPBC Act and subject to a number of conditions and a requirement for offsets to account for habitat formed by native vegetation, the subject of either Part IV or Part V assessment.</p>	<p>Any NVCP that is granted will be subject to a number of conditions and the likely requirement for offsets relating to native vegetation which likely is also being assessed as EWTEC under the EPBC Act.</p> <p>Where the proposal is determined to be a controlled action by EPBC Act, conditions will be applied to that action, including the likely requirement for offsets.</p>	<p>A pre-referral meeting was held with the EPA/DWER on the 8th of May 2025.</p> <p>A pre-referral meeting took place on 20th May 2025 with DCCEEW.</p> <p>Ausgold will continue to undertake consultation with DCCEEW and will also refer the Proposal under the EPBC Act due to potential significant impacts on MNES (listed threatened fauna species and threatened ecological communities, EWTEC).</p> <p>Engagement with DWER and DEMIRS will continue throughout the application, assessment and approval process. Further information on stakeholder engagement is provided in Section 6 of Section 38 Referral Supporting Document (RSD). Approvals under the EP Act and Mining Act inherently require consultation, are advertised and are subject to appeals.</p> <p>This ensures further engagement of community and regulators.</p>

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within the MDE is likely to be cleared.					<p>Stakeholder engagement will continue to be undertaken by proponent with DMAs through the approval process.</p> <p>Further information on past and forecast stakeholder engagement will be included within the Referral.</p> <p>Approvals under the EPBC and NVCP processes are both subject to a transparent and open assessment process. Approvals are both advertised to the public and subject to third party appeals process.</p>
<p>Terrestrial Fauna Three conservation-listed species have been recorded within the MDE during the surveys (Carnaby's Cockatoo, Red-tailed Phascogale and the Western Rosella, Priority 4).</p> <p>Terrestrial Ecosystems recorded 8,247 significant trees in the broad Survey area, of those</p>	<p><i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act) – Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES). Carnaby's Cockatoo is listed Endangered and Red-tailed Phascogale as Vulnerable under EPBC Act.</p>	<p>Any NVCP that is granted (per the above) will also consider occurrence and type of fauna habitat. It is assumed that, where a 'Not Assessed' decision is made by the EPA, <i>assessment</i> of the impacts of removal of any native vegetation on both flora and fauna species will be undertaken by DEMIRS through the NVCP approval process.</p>	<p>This will be consistent with EPA objective for Terrestrial Fauna - "<i>to protect terrestrial fauna so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained</i>".</p> <p>Any conditions attached to the approved authorisation will be adhered to during clearing and disturbance works. This is consistent with the EPA Objective for Terrestrial Fauna.</p>	<p>Reporting is typically required for any disturbance undertaken to Threatened Fauna.</p> <p>Where the proposal is determined to be a controlled action, conditions will be applied to that action, including the likely requirement for offsets.</p> <p>Any NVCP that is granted will be subject to a number of conditions and the likely requirement for offsets relating to native vegetation being assessed as EWTEC under the EPBC Act.</p>	<p>Stakeholder engagement has not yet been undertaken with DBCA for terrestrial fauna.</p> <p>Approvals under the EPBC, NVCP and BC Act processes are both subject to a transparent and open assessment process. Approvals are both advertised to the public and subject to third party appeals process.</p>

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<p>737 were assessed from the ground level to have at least one hollow that could potentially be used as a nesting site for birds including Black-Cockatoos.</p> <p>Of those, approximately 82 potential “significant” trees with hollows will be cleared within the MDE.</p>	<p>Part V Division 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (EP Act) and the <i>Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004</i> (Clearing Regulations).</p> <p>Authorisation to Take or Disturb Threatened Fauna is required under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i>.</p>	<p>Any authorization under the EPBC Act will be limited to MNES. Any direct take of protected fauna will require a permit from DBCA.</p> <p>Fauna records were made by deployed motion cameras within the largest eucalypt stand proposed for clearing (and elsewhere) and there were no records of listed fauna in that stand.</p>	<p>If the proposal is determined ‘Not assessed’ by EPA, the project will require a NVCP to permit native vegetation clearing associated with the project.</p> <p>The project will also likely be a Controlled Action under the EPBC Act and subject to a number of conditions and a requirement for offsets.</p>		
<p>Air Quality</p> <p>Pollution risks from dust and airborne emissions.</p>	<p><i>EP Act (Part V Division 3)</i> and <i>EP Regulations</i> for Works Approval and Licence Applications.</p> <p><i>Mining Act 1978</i>.</p> <p><i>Environmental Protection</i></p>	<p>Conditions under Works Approval/Licences are limited to application for prescribed premises/activities. Mining Proposals describe site-based controls for air emissions. These instruments regulate</p>	<p>This will be consistent with the EPA objective for Terrestrial Environmental Quality - “to maintain the quality of land and soils so that environmental values are protected”.</p>	<p>A range of typical conditions will be imposed by DMAs dealing with the identification, management and mitigation of pollution/emissions from the premises (DWER) and from mining activities (DEMIRS).</p> <p>Monitoring commitments will be stipulated in applications and</p>	<p>Stakeholder engagement will continue to be undertaken by Proponent with DMAs (DWER; DEMIRS) throughout the approval process.</p> <p>Approvals under the EP Act (PtVDiv3) and Mining Act inherently require consultation and are advertised. This ensures ongoing engagement with community and regulators.</p>

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	<i>(Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004.</i>	emissions to the atmosphere.		required by approvals, especially DEMIRS Approvals Statement, as well as annual reporting and audit/compliance requirements from both of above.	Approvals under the EP Act are also subject to an appeals process.
Noise Emissions from mine site operations including night-time mine haul and dumping activities.	<i>EP Act (Part V Division 3) and Regulations, including Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. Mining Act 1978.</i>	Construction noise is 'exempt' but will require a construction noise management plan. Compliance with the assigned levels in the <i>EP Noise Regulations</i> is a mandatory requirement.	This will be consistent with EPA objective for Social Surroundings "...to protect social surroundings from significant harm".	Part V compliance monitoring performed under DWER procedures via works approval and operating licence. The <i>EP Noise Regulations</i> are a mandatory requirement, so compliance with assigned levels must be demonstrated through the assessment process.	Stakeholder engagement will continue to be undertaken by proponent with DMAs (DWER; DEMIRS) through the approval process. Approvals under the EP Act (PtVDiv3) and Mining Act inherently require consultation and are advertised. This ensures ongoing engagement with community and regulators. Approvals under the EP Act are also subject to an appeals process.
Light Night time lighting for safe work place operations	<i>EP Act 1986 (Part V). Mining Act 1978.</i>	Infrastructure footprint – Part V by DWER (Works Approval and Licence). Mining Proposal by DEMIRS	Given the location of the operations and associated infrastructure (37km from Katanning), we are of the view that the potential impacts will be consistent with EPA objective for Social Surroundings "to protect	Part V compliance monitoring performed under DWER procedures via works approval and operating licence. Mining Proposal via Approvals Statement conditions.	Stakeholder engagement will continue to be undertaken with DMAs through the approval process. Approvals under the EP Act (PtVDiv3) and Mining Act inherently require consultation and are advertised. This ensures ongoing engagement with community and regulators.

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			<p><i>social surroundings from significant harm”.</i></p> <p>Processing plant lighting will control light spill away from vegetated areas (directional; low luminosity; frequency modulated) to be consistent with EPA objective for Terrestrial Fauna - <i>“to protect terrestrial fauna so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained”.</i></p>		<p>Approvals under the EP Act are also subject to an appeals process.</p>
<p>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Potential impacts to Aboriginal and Cultural heritage.</p> <p>Jinka Hill is a registered Aboriginal heritage site within the Project tenements (Site 5353 Jinker/Jinka’s Hill). It is a site restricted to access by men only. The site features an</p>	<p>All Proposal activities must be undertaken in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> (AH Act), which regulates disturbance, damage or removal of registered Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.</p> <p>Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.</p>	<p>The AHA Act applies to all Aboriginal heritage sites, whether registered, lodged or publicly unknown.</p> <p>Without appropriate due diligence and management, there is a risk to publicly unknown heritage.</p> <p>Disturbance of Aboriginal Heritage sites is managed through Department of</p>	<p>This will be consistent with EPA objective for Social Surroundings <i>“To protect social surroundings from significant harm”.</i></p>	<p>Conditions, enforcement and review processes under the AH Act are limited to section 18 approvals.</p> <p>Ausgold lodged a Notice in accordance with protocols at the time and has an existing Section 18 consent (Ref: 69-06079) from the 24th of January 2018 under the AHA Act for a portion of mining tenement M70/211 for the purpose described as being the Katanning Gold Project: exploration, infrastructure and mining.</p>	<p>Ausgold’s broader tenement holdings for the Project are on Koreng (or Goreng) land, within Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar ILUA boundary near the southern border of Ballardong lands. These areas are part of the Southwest Native Title Settlement (or Single Noongar Claim), which was determined under the Commonwealth Native Title legislation in April 2021.</p> <p>Consultation between the parties regarding measures to compensate for the loss of cultural heritage and associated effects on Traditional Owners.</p>

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Aboriginal stone arrangement which relates to Southern Noongar cultural heritage and storytelling not detailed on the ACHIS public database.		Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s16 authorisation to enter, excavate, examine or remove anything on an Aboriginal site; and • s18 consent to the use of the land within an Aboriginal Site for a stated purpose. 		The heritage site will be removed for the KGP to develop an open pit at and around Jinka Hill. No further decision-making is anticipated in relation to the registered site or known aboriginal heritage records. Ausgold has informed the Wagyl Kaip Aboriginal Corporation and members of the Southern Noongar cultural advisory committee of this planned action and parties have acknowledged the nature of the proposal.	Ausgold will develop a comprehensive Cultural Heritage Management Plan to support protection and mitigation of damage to other cultural heritage, and that intent has been welcomed by Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Aboriginal Corporation.
Rehabilitation and Mine Closure	Limited regulation under Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act. <i>Mining Act 1972 leading to MP/MCP (MDCP) requirements.</i>	Mine Closure plans require updating every 3 years and conditions would regulate how mines close based on planned rehabilitation. Residual contamination may be addressed	This is consistent with EPA objectives for: Flora and Vegetation “to protect flora and vegetation so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained.”	Statutory requirements under EP Act and Mining Act. MDCP requirements and tenement conditions especially via Approvals Statement. Compliance reporting.	Stakeholders have helped guide the preliminary contents of the Mine Closure Strategy by identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revegetation for conservation of the natural environment; • Production from dryland agriculture and/or native vegetation plantations;

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	Contaminated Sites Act 2003 (CS Act).	through the requirements of the CS Act.	<p>Terrestrial Fauna “to protect terrestrial fauna so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained”.</p> <p>Inland Waters “to maintain the hydrological regimes and quality of groundwater and surface water so that environmental values are protected”.</p> <p>Social Surroundings “To protect social surroundings from significant harm”.</p> <p>Human Health “To protect human health from significant harm”.</p>	Mine Rehabilitation Fund becomes a fallback if required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green energy projects such as solar, and/or small-scale pumped hydro (using remnant pit lakes); • A study into potential for a regional landfill; and • Water resource management including supply for irrigation and livestock. <p>Approvals under the Mining Act inherently require consultation and are advertised. This ensures ongoing engagement with the community and regulators.</p>
<p>Pollution to groundwater and land/soil quality</p> <p>Indirect Seepage and Spills</p> <p>Emissions from industrial sources</p>	<p>Regulated under <i>EP Act Part V Division 3</i>.</p> <p><i>Dangerous Good Safety (Major Hazard Facilities) Regulations 2007</i> (WA).</p> <p><i>Mining Act</i></p>	The Works Approval and Licensing application, assessment process applies to Prescribed Premises and their associated activities to prevent, control, abate, and mitigate pollution or environmental harm.	<p>This is consistent with EPA objectives for:</p> <p>Terrestrial Environmental Quality “to maintain the quality of land and soils so that environmental values are protected”.</p> <p>Inland Waters “To maintain the hydrological regimes and</p>	<p>Statutory conditions regulating construction/operation of the facility via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part V compliance monitoring performed under DWER procedures • MDCP requirements and tenement conditions, 	<p>Stakeholder engagement was undertaken relating to 26D/5C approvals with DWER; further approvals would be applied for (DWER; DEMIRS) by the Proponent once the construction requirements are further understood.</p> <p>Approvals under the EP Act (PtVDiv3) and Mining Act inherently require consultation and the former is</p>

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	<p>MP/MCP (MDCP) requirements.</p> <p><i>Contaminated Sites Act 2003 (CS Act).</i></p>	<p>Chemical storage is addressed by licensing and DG permits.</p> <p>Requirements via DEMIRS MDCP assessment and approval also provides regulated performance and compliance for the components of this factor.</p> <p>Residual contamination is addressed through requirements of the CS Act.</p>	<p><i>quality of groundwater and surface water so that environmental values are protected".</i></p> <p>Human Health <i>"To protect human health from significant harm".</i></p> <p>Social Surroundings <i>"To protect social surroundings from significant harm".</i></p> <p>Terrestrial Fauna <i>"to protect terrestrial fauna so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained."</i></p> <p>Inland Waters <i>"To maintain the hydrological regimes and quality of groundwater and surface water so that environmental values are protected."</i></p> <p>Flora and Vegetation <i>"to protect flora and vegetation so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained."</i></p>	<p>especially via Approvals Statement from DEMIRS.</p> <p>Monitoring bore requirements based on 5C RIWI Act approval for abstraction including GWOS (DWER Water Division).</p> <p>Annual compliance reporting for each of these three jurisdictions.</p> <p>Enforcement, offences and penalties apply.</p>	<p>advertised. This ensures ongoing engagement with community and regulators.</p> <p>Approvals under the EP Act are also subject to an appeals process.</p>

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Abstraction of groundwater	<p>The Proposal will include groundwater abstraction for dewatering during construction and construction of a bore to supply water for construction purposes.</p> <p>These activities will require approval from DWER through Section 5C and 26D approvals under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> (RIWI Act).</p>	<p>5C groundwater or surface water licence authorises the 'take or use' of water for circumstances that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> abstraction of artesian (confined) groundwater in ALL locations of the state abstraction of non-artesian (shallow unconfined) groundwater in proclaimed areas of the state abstraction of surface water in proclaimed areas of the state. 	<p>These approvals set limits on the location and quantity of water abstraction to ensure sustainable yields to groundwater (levels and quality).</p> <p>As part of the approval process, impacts on the water environment will be considered and assessed.</p> <p>The RIWI Act licencing requirements are consistent with the EPA objectives for Inland Waters "To maintain the hydrological regimes and quality of groundwater and surface water so that environmental values are protected".</p>	<p>Statutory conditions regulating construction/operation of the facility.</p> <p>Part V compliance monitoring performed under DWER procedures for near-mine prescribed premises compliance assessment.</p> <p>Monitoring bore requirements.</p> <p>MDCP requirements and tenement conditions.</p> <p>Annual compliance reporting.</p>	<p>Ausgold currently holds a 5C Licence to take water from 26D permitted wells. The groundwater Licence was granted to allow Ausgold to abstract up to 50,000 kilolitres (kL) of groundwater annually from the Combined- Fractured RockWest Paleochannel aquifer (expiring 28 May 2026).</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement will continue to be undertaken with DMAs through the approval process and will be subject to further scrutiny and may be subject to third party appeal.</p>