

Environmental Protection Act 1986**Section 45C****NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND AN APPROVED PROPOSAL
AND IMPLEMENTATION CONDITIONS WITHOUT INQUIRY****PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

First Quantum Metals Australia Nickel Pty Ltd

PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES

Ravensthorpe Nickel Project, Bandalup Hill. Shire of Ravensthorpe

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND ANY APPROVED CHANGES

Ministerial Statement 0633 was issued 5 September 2003 and amended 22 December 2008 (Attachment 1), 23 September 2020 (Attachment 2), 12 August 2014 (Attachment 3) and 23 May 2019 (Attachment 4).

DECISION

Pursuant to s. 45C (1) (c) and s. 45C (4) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Chair acting as delegate for the Minister for Environment gives approval to the following amendments of the approved proposal and implementation conditions:

- Increase Southern Mines and Processing Development Envelope by 0.06 ha to 3,940.8 ha;
- Increase Limestone Quarry Development Envelope by 71.8 ha to 171.8 ha;
- Increase the disturbance area in the Limestone Quarry by 76.7 ha to 171.8 ha;
- Increase the Access Corridor Development Envelope by 1.6 ha to 212.2 ha; and
- Increase the Seawater Pipeline and Intake Development Envelope by 20.3 ha to 60.5 ha.

The amended proposal content document and figures are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- Changes to the Southern Mines and Processing Development Envelope (SMPDE) are to accommodate the construction of seepage interception infrastructure downstream of Dam 2 which is required for onsite seepage management.
- Clearing within the SMPDE does not intersect with any significant flora species or vegetation communities and is unlikely to significantly impact the vegetation community at a local scale.
- The Limestone Quarry Development Envelope is predominantly a paddock with degraded vegetation and areas of remnant vegetation.
- Indigenous heritage sites mapped in the Limestone Quarry Development Envelope have been excluded from the disturbance area. Remnant areas consist of priority ecological communities and species and a small portion (0.7ha) of the Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) *Proteaceae* Dominated Kwongkan Shrubland of the Southeast Coastal Floristic Province.
- First Quantum Metals Australia Nickel Pty Ltd (FQM) will continue to maintain a Cultural Heritage Management Plan in compliance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* which was supported in the latest Compliance Assessment Report (2023) undertaken by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department).
- Impacts from dust, fugitive emissions and noise can continue to be managed under the Part V of the EP Act licence (L8008/2004/3).
- An increase in area (1.6 ha) was undertaken by FQM without approval to the Access Corridor Envelope to incorporate clearing conducted through the placement of two soil stockpiles. This activity has been reviewed and closed by the Department's Assurance team.
- An increase in area to the Seawater Pipeline and Intake Development Envelope (20.3 ha) consists of authorised clearing for fire management. This was excluded erroneously from previous amendments.
- The Access Corridor and Seawater Pipeline and Intake Development Envelope disturbances have already taken place; this notice is to include their contemporary footprint under Ministerial Statement 0633.
- Of the clearing yet to be conducted, no significant disturbance to threatened or priority fauna species is expected to occur.

EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:

1. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to be able to be implemented under s. 45 of the EP Act.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Walsh', written in a cursive style.

Darren Walsh
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority
CHAIR

4 March 2025

Attachment 1- Amended proposal content document and figures showing the new approved proposal