

Environmental Protection Authority

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

Proposal title: Andover Lithium Project

Proposal location: Located within the Pilbara Region, approximately 35 km southeast of Karratha, immediately south of the town of Roebourne, Western Australia.

APP number: APP-0035079

Date referral received: 09-06-2026

Date more information received: 18-06-2026

Referrer and Proponent: Azure Minerals Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: **flora and vegetation**, including priority species and ecological communities, from the clearing of up to 3,045.79 ha of native vegetation, changes in hydrological regimes and potential increase in weeds; **subterranean fauna** through clearing and modification of habitat via dewatering of the orebody and altered hydrological regimes; **terrestrial environmental quality** from management of existing historic mine shafts with asbestiform fibres present, clearing, modifications to landforms, management of tailings/waste rock and potential impacts to local waterways; **terrestrial fauna** (including priority and threatened species, short-range endemic species and aquatic fauna) from clearing/modification of habitat and direct vehicle collision; **inland waters** from changes to landforms and water regimes, dewatering and reduced flows impacting riparian vegetation, groundwater dependent vegetation, aquatic ecosystems and pastoral land users, surface water runoff and seepage discharge into local waterways with potential pollution, sedimentation and bioaccumulation of contaminants; **air quality** from increased emissions to air from operational and fugitive dust generation with potential impacts to public health from fibrous materials and crystalline silica dust; **greenhouse gas emissions**; and **social surroundings** from construction and operational noise, dust, light, vibration and traffic, permanent changes to visual amenity, changes to hydrological regimes, potential impact on regional tourism, pressures on local services and communities, potential for impact to Heritage Council of WA heritage sites of local significance, Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and Aboriginal cultural heritage and social values.

Preliminary key environmental factors: flora and vegetation, subterranean fauna, terrestrial environmental quality, terrestrial fauna, inland waters, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, social surroundings.

Public comment on referral information:

Does the proposal need further assessment due to its
potential significant impacts?

Yes 7 No 0

If the proposal requires further assessment, should the EPA
include further opportunities for public review?

Yes 7 No 0

Total submissions: 7

Decision: s. 38G(1) Assess

Level of assessment:

Assess by environmental review with public review (s. 40(2)(b), s. 40(4) and s.40(5))

Other details:

- (1) Additional information required through an EPA-prepared Environmental Scoping Document
- (2) Public review period for the Environmental Scoping Document (2 weeks)
- (3) Public review period for the Environmental Review Document (8 weeks)

Explanation of decision:

Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

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

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Darren Walsh

Chair

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

03 July 2026