

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

Proposal title: Round Hill Project

Proposal location: Pilbara, Western Australia

APP number: APP-035794

Date referral received: 05-06-2026

Date more information received: N/A

Referrer: Proponent

Proponent: Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects: there are potential impacts on: flora and vegetation from the proposed clearing of approximately 989 hectares (ha) of native vegetation, including potential impacts to flora of conservation significance; terrestrial fauna from the clearing of critical and supporting habitat; subterranean fauna from the proposed pit excavation, indirect impacts to troglofauna from the placement of waste rock dumps; social surroundings from restriction of access to country, potential direct impacts to Aboriginal heritage sites, and indirect impacts from noise and dust emissions; terrestrial environmental quality from potential exposure of acid sulphate soils; and air quality from dust emissions.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Flora and vegetation, Terrestrial fauna, Subterranean fauna, Social surroundings, Air quality and Terrestrial environmental quality.

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. 38G(1) – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public Environmental Review, as required under s.40(2)(b) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* with four weeks public review (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 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 whether the EPA environmental factor objectives can be met.

Appeals: Decision is not appealable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Walsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darren Walsh

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 02 July 2026