

Environmental Protection Authority

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

Proposal title: Tabba Tabba Project

Proposal location: Located within the Pilbara region, approximately 50 km southeast of Port Hedland, Western Australia.

APP number: APP-0036069

Date referral received: 12-06-2026

Date more information received: N/A

Referrer: Wildcat (Tabba) Pty Ltd

Proponent: Wildcat (Tabba) Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: **flora and vegetation** from the clearing of up to 2,180 ha of native vegetation including priority listed flora; **subterranean fauna** from loss of habitat via pit excavation and dewatering and altered hydrological regimes; **terrestrial environmental quality** from clearing, changes to landforms and local waterways, management of tailings and waste rock; **terrestrial fauna** from the clearing and modification of habitat, vehicle/machinery strike or collision, disturbance from noise, light and vibration; **inland waters** from changes to landforms, surface water and groundwater regimes, dewatering and reduced flows impacting riparian vegetation, groundwater dependent vegetation, aquatic ecosystems and pastoral land users; **social surroundings** from construction and operational noise, dust and vibration, visual amenity impacts, changes to surface water and groundwater quality and regimes, disturbance to Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values; and **greenhouse gas emissions**.

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

Public comment on referral information:

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

Yes 3 No 0

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

Yes 3 No 0

Total submissions: 3

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 by s. 40(2)(a)
- (2) Public review period for the 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: 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

Date: 09 July 2026