

**Public record pursuant to s. 39 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*****Section 46 inquiry into conditions****Statement number:** 993**Proposal title:** North Star Magnetite Project**Proposal location:** 110 km South of Port Hedland, Pilbara Region**Proponent:** FMG Iron Bridge (Aust) Pty Ltd**Date Minister's request received:** 26 February 2026**Amendment requested:**

Amendment of implementation Condition 10 (Terrestrial Fauna – Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat) to allow for ground disturbing activities within the mining exclusion zone surrounding Cave 13 and Chateau Cave, which will result in the removal of Cave 13 and Chateau Cave where the proponent can demonstrate the viability of the population is maintained within a 100 kilometre radius of Cave 13 and Chateau Cave.

**Preliminary factors relevant to the requested amendment/s:**

Terrestrial fauna

**Determination:**

Section 46 – Request for a change to environmental conditions.

**Explanation of decision:**

Request from the Minister for Environment to EPA to inquire into changing implementation conditions.

**Appeals:** Decision is not appealable**Darren Walsh**

CHAIR

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

**Date:** 4 March 2026