

APP0078297

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Application Summary

Application Reference: APP0078297	Industry Sector: Minerals
Authority Type: Environmental Authority	Lodgement Date: 14/07/2021
Application Type: Amendment	Stage: Assessment
Permit Type: Resource Activity	Status: Under Assessment
Current timeframe: Track Information Request	Related Permit: EPML02454414
Expected end date: 21/09/2021	

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Stage	Timeframe	Start Date	Completed Date	Expected End Date	Actual End Date	Lapsed	Extended
Assessment	Major Amendment - Awaiting Payment	06/08/2021	24/08/2021		24/08/2021	No	No
Information	Track Information Request	24/08/2021		21/09/2021		No	No
Pre-submission	ALD Notice Decision	26/07/2021	06/08/2021	09/08/2021	06/08/2021	No	No

Status history

Assessment of Environmental Impact (Amendment)

Provide an assessment of the likely impact of each relevant activity on environmental values (EVs). Note: All fields are mandatory, therefore a statement is required where there are no likely impacts to an EV.

Acoustic	No significant change to the acoustic environment. To be managed in line with existing processes and outlined in the attached document.
Water	Full assessment of impacts to water is provided in the attachment document.
Waste	No significant change to waste generated. To be managed in line with existing processes and outlined in the attached document.
Groundwater	Full assessment of impacts to groundwater is provided in the attachment document.
Wetlands	No wetland are impacted by the activity.
Land	No significant change to land impacts. To be managed in line with existing processes and outlined in the attached document.
Land Use	No significant change to land uses. To be managed in line with existing processes and outlined in the attached document.
Air	No significant change to air emission. To be managed in line with existing processes and outlined in the attached document.

Do you want to upload a separate document or is this part of a combined supporting document?

Combined Supporting Document

Underground Water

If the activity/activities are proposed to be undertaken on a mineral development license (MDL), mining lease (ML) or petroleum lease (PL), does the application propose to exercise underground water rights?

If you select Yes, you must attach documentation detailing:

- the areas in which underground water rights are proposed to be exercised;
- for each aquifer affected, or likely to be affected, by the exercise of underground water rights:
 - (i) a description of the aquifer;
 - (ii) an analysis of the movement of underground water to and from the aquifer, including how the aquifer interacts with other aquifers and surface water; and
 - (iii) a description of the area of the aquifer where the water level is predicted to decline because of the exercise of underground water right; and
 - (iv) the predicted quantities of water to be taken or interfered with because of the exercise of underground water rights during the period in which resource activities are carried out;
- the environment values that will, or may, be affected by the exercise of underground water rights and the nature and extent of the impacts on the environmental values;
- any impacts on the quality of groundwater that will, or may, happen because of the exercise of underground water rights during or after the period in which resource activities are carried out; and
- strategies for avoiding, mitigating or managing the predicted impacts on the environment values or the impacts on the quality of groundwater.

No

Amendment: Description

Describe the proposed amendment

Description	Addition of conditions to enable release of water from the mining void.
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Describe the land that will be affected by the proposed amendment.

Description	ML50115
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State whether each relevant activity will, if the amendment is made, comply with any eligibility criteria for the activity. Include a declaration that the statement is correct.

Description	The activity is a level 2 non-code compliant mining project; the amendment will not alter this.
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Contaminated Land

Is there a site management plan in effect for contaminated land that relates to the land that is the subject of this application?

No

Assessment level decision (Resource EA)

The amendment application does not significantly increase the level of environmental harm caused by the relevant activity.

No

Justification (if required)

Justification	Refer to eDocs #15769592.
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Justification (If Required)

Question 1 Justification	EA EPML02454414 does not allow any release to surface waters or groundwaters. The proposed amendment is likely to significantly increase the level of environmental harm caused by the relevant activity, and the risk is the result of a substantial change in the quantity and quality of contaminant permitted to be released into the environment.
Question 2 Justification	Condition C1-1 of EA EPML02454414 states that contaminants must not be released from the site to any waters or the bed and banks of any waters. The proposed amendment is likely to significantly increase the level of environmental harm caused by the relevant activity, and the risk is the result of a substantial change in the results of the release of a quantity or quality of contaminant permitted to be released into the environment.

Justification (if required)

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The amendment application involves an addition to the surface area for the relevant activity of no more than 10% of the existing area?

Yes

SECTION 1 - Public Notification Consideration – Resource Activity Major Amendments Only (s230)

Do any of the following apply?

There is likely to be a substantial increase in the risk of environmental harm under the amended EA (s230(2)(a)) and the risk is the result of a substantial change in the results of the release of a quantity or quality of contaminant permitted to be released into the environment (s230(2)(b)(ii)). (Question 2)

Would you like to upload documents to support your responses?

Yes

Justification (if required)

Justification	Refer to eDocs #15769592.
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The amendment application does not change any rehabilitation objectives stated in the EA in a way likely to result in significantly different impacts on environmental values than the impacts previously permitted under the EA?

Yes

The amendment application for an environmental authority for a petroleum activity, involves:

Yes

Public Notification Consideration – MAJOR AMENDMENTS

None of the above

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The amendment application does not significantly increase the scale or intensity of the relevant activity?

Yes

The amendment application relates to a new relevant resource tenure for the authority that is an exploration permit or GHG permit—and the amendment application under section 224 seeks an amended environmental authority that is subject to the standard conditions for the relevant activity or authority, to the extent it relates to the permit?

Yes

The amendment application is not a change to a condition identified in the EA as a standard condition?

Yes

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The amendment application does not relate to a new relevant resource tenure for the authority that is:

Yes

There is likely to be a substantial increase in the risk of environmental harm under the amended EA (s230(2)(a)) and the risk is the result of a substantial change in the quantity or quality of contaminant permitted to be released into the environment (s230(2)(b)(i)). (Question 1)

▼Amendment: environment protection order

Is this land currently subject to an environmental protection order or a site management plan?

No

Do you have an environmental protection order or site management plan?

Not Applicable

▼Amendment: FA

Do you currently have a financial assurance or estimated rehabilitation cost decision as part of the approved environmental authority?

Yes

Do you need to change the financial assurance or estimated rehabilitation cost decision in relation to this amendment?

I will not need to change the financial assurance or estimated rehabilitation cost in relation to this amendment

▼Amendment: EMR

Is any part of the land currently recorded in, or has previously been recorded in, the environmental management register?

Yes

Has the land been removed from the environmental management register?

No

▼Amendment: Waste management

Provide details of the proposed measures for minimising and managing waste generated by any amendments to the relevant activity.

Details:	No significant change to waste generated. To be managed in line with existing processes.
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Do you want to upload a separate document or is this part of a combined supporting document?

Combined Supporting Document

▼Amendment: EIS triggers

Is the proposed ERA amendment for a mining activity that would involve a substantial change in mining operations? For example; from underground to open cut, or (for underground mining) a change in operations that currently causes little subsidence but with the proposed ERA amendment, is likely to cause substantial subsidence?

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for a mining activity and a novel or unproven resource extraction process, technology or activity?

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for a petroleum and gas activity that is likely to have a total disturbance area of greater than 2000 hectares at any one time during the life of the proposed project? This includes areas occupied by well pads (single or multi-directional), access tracks and roads, water storages, and process plants.

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for a petroleum and gas activity that is likely to involve the construction of a high pressure pipeline over a distance of 300 kilometres or greater?

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for an increase in the annual extraction of more than 100 percent or 5 million tonnes per year (whichever is the lesser)?

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for a petroleum and gas activity that is likely to involve the construction of a liquefied natural gas plant?

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for an increase in annual extraction of more than 10 percent or 10 million tonnes per year (whichever is the lesser)?

No

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Is the proposed ERA amendment for an increase in annual extraction of greater than 25 percent?

No

Is the proposed ERA amendment for a mining activity that will extend into a category A or B environmentally sensitive area (ESA), unless previously authorised by the state?

No

▼Amendment: Environment Impact Statement

Has an environmental impact statement (EIS) process that includes the proposed amendment been completed?

No

▼Amendment: Environmental offsets

Will the ERA(s) being applied for cause, or be likely to cause, a significant residual impact to a prescribed environmental matter (other than a matter of local environmental significance)?

No

▼Amendment: Coal seam gas activities

Does the application relate to an environmental authority for a coal seam gas activity that is an ineligible ERA?

No

▼Publication of application notice and Documents

What is the website address for the application notice and application documents?

This question is only applicable if you are proposing to undertake a mining activity on a mining lease, or a geothermal, petroleum, or greenhouse gas storage activity.

Website address:	
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Details of contact person if technical assistance is required

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▼ANZSIC Code for Activity

Specify

Details	0919
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What is the ANZSIC code for the activity?

Other

▼Matters of National Environmental Significance

Would the carrying out of the proposed ERA, or where relevant, the ERA project, be likely to have a significant impact on any of the following matters of national environmental significance?

No

∨ Regional Interests Development Approval-1

Is the resource activity located anywhere within an area of regional interest?

No

∨ Information Requests

∨ Approval Workflow History

∨ Internal Review