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**Project:** Extension to Iron Ore Mining at Nammuldi –  
Silvergrass, Brockman Syncline 2 and Brockman  
Syncline 4, Pilbara WA

**Report period: 5 March – 31 December 2025**

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## 1 Description of activities

<b>EPBC approval number:</b>	2019/8518
<b>Project name:</b>	Extension to Iron Ore Mining at Nammuldi – Silvergrass, Brockman Syncline 2 and Brockman Syncline 4, Pilbara WA
<b>Approval holder:</b>	Hamersley Iron Pty Limited
<b>Approval holder’s Australian Business Number:</b>	49 004 558 276
<b>Approved action:</b>	To extend the existing iron ore operations at Nammuldi – Silvergrass, Brockman Syncline 2 and Brockman Syncline 4, including associated infrastructure, central Pilbara region, Western Australia [See EPBC 2019/8518 and variation of the Action accepted by the Minister for the Environment under section 156B on 26 October 2022].
<b>Location of the project:</b>	Pilbara WA
<b>Reporting period:</b>	5 March to 31 December 2025
<b>Report preparation date:</b>	30 March 2026
<b>Implementation phase(s) during reporting period:</b>	Operational

## 2 Audit table

Details of compliance with each condition under EPBC approval 2019/8518 are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: EPBC Approval Conditions Compliance Table: 2019/8518 2025 EPBC 2019/8518 - Extension to Iron Ore Mining at Nammuldi – Silvergrass, Brockman Syncline 2 and Brockman Syncline 4, Pilbara WA**

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
1	In taking the action, the approval holder must not: a) clear outside of the development envelope. b) construct outside of the development envelope. c) harm, including indirectly impact, bat caves outside of the development envelope, including the Upper Beasley River Roost (UBRR). d) harm, denning and breeding habitat for the Northern Quoll outside the development envelope in Vivash (VBRK-307, VBRK-314, and VBRK-313).	Compliant	Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. No clearing or construction has occurred outside of the development envelope during the reporting period. UBRR is outside the Development Envelope and protected from direct and indirect impacts by an exclusion buffer of 300m. No impacts to the roost were observed during the reporting period. No clearing of Northern Quoll habitat outside the Development Envelope occurred in the reporting period.
2	The approval holder must not clear more than 7,715 hectares (ha) of native vegetation within the development envelope. The approval holder must comply with condition A1-1 of the WA Ministerial Statement to the extent that it relates to protected matters.	Compliant	Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. A total of 532.95 ha of native vegetation has been cleared within the development envelope. Condition A1-1 of Ministerial Statement 1246 was complied with during the reporting period to the extent that it relates to protected matters.
3	The approval holder must not mine within any Mining Exclusion Zone (MEZ).	Compliant	No mining occurred within any Mining Exclusion Zones (MEZ) during the reporting period (Appendix 1).
4	The approval holder must not clear any habitat within a MEZ, except for low impact activities which may be undertaken within no more than 5% of the total area of each MEZ.	Compliant	No clearing occurred within any Mining Exclusion Zones (MEZ) during the reporting period, including low impact activities (Appendix 1)
5	The approval holder must not clear more than 264 ha of Gorge/Gully and Free face habitat.	Compliant	A total of 0.42 ha of Gorge/Gully and Free face habitat has been cleared within the development envelope (Appendix 1).
6	The approval holder must not clear more than 67 ha of Debris slope and rocky outcrop habitat.	Compliant	No clearing of Debris Slope and Rocky Outcrop habitat occurred during the reporting period. Total clearing of this habitat type to date is 0 ha (Appendix 1).
7	To avoid and mitigate harm to the Ghost Bat and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, the approval holder must not harm more than 25 bat caves. The approval holder may only harm the bat caves represented in Attachment D by the red dots designated 'Category 3, Category 4', the blue dots designated 'Category 3, No usage' and the green dots designated 'Category 4, Category 4'.	Compliant	No Ghost Bat and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat caves were impacted during the reporting period. No harm occurred during the reporting period to the 25 caves represented in Attachment D of the EPBC Decision Notice 2019/8518. Evidence is provided in the shapefile attachment and Appendix 1.

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8	To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters the approval holder must not clear native vegetation within the boundaries stipulated in conditions B1-1(4), and B4-1(3) and (4) of the WA Ministerial Statement.	Compliant	Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. No clearing occurred within the boundaries of MEZ 3 [B4-1 (3) and (4)] and Plunge Pool MEZ area during the reporting period (Appendix 1).
9	To avoid and mitigate harm to the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, the approval holder must ensure that mining does not harm (including indirectly) Ridge pool.	Compliant	No harm occurred to the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat within the Ridge Pool catchment area during the reporting period. A MEZ is in place around Ridge Pool, ensuring appropriate protection from direct and indirect impacts to the Pool and Roost.  No clearing occurred within the MEZ during the reporting period. Additionally, no mining or other ground-disturbance activities were undertaken near PLNB caves or the Ridge Pool area. Evidence is provided in the shapefile attachment. PLNB continue to occur within the roost located near Ridge Pool.
10	In taking the Action, the approval holder must: a) retain denning and breeding habitat for Northern Quoll at the Beasley River tributary. b) retain water sources Plunge pool, Beasley River tributary, GBS_WS_02, GBS_WS_03, and GBS_WS_04.	Compliant	Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. No disturbance occurred within the retained denning and breeding habitat for Northern Quoll at the Beasley River tributary or within the retained water sources during the reporting period.
11	To protect the Pilbara Olive Python during the Action, the approval holder must retain the following habitat for Pilbara Olive Python within the development envelope: a) denning and breeding habitat (cave CBRK-055), b) water sources Plunge pool, WBRK-11 and WBRK-12.	Compliant	No disturbance occurred within cave CBRK-055, Plunge Pool, WBRK-11 and WBRK-12 during the reporting period. Mining exclusion zones established to meet condition 11 of this approval.  Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. Evidence is provided in the shapefile attachment and Appendix 1.
12	To protect the Ghost Bat from impacts of the Action, the approval holder must retain the following habitat within the development envelope: a) Category 2 Maternity roosts (CBRK-067, CBRK-069, CBRK-076, CBRK-085 and GBS_CA_17). b) Category 3 roosts (CBRK-073 and CBRK-125, CBRK-119 and CBRK-174). c) water sources Plunge pool, Kurwillinha Pool, GBS_WS_02, GBS_WS_04, GBS_WS_05, WBRK-11 and WBRK-12.	Compliant	No clearing has been undertaken in the catchment of these habitat sites. All sites have been retained. Mining exclusion zones established in accordance with condition 12.  Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. Evidence is provided in the shapefile attachment and Appendix 1.

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13	<p>To protect the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat during the Action, the approval holder must retain the following habitat for Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Category 2 Maternity roost UBRR outside the Development envelope.</li> <li>b) water sources Plunge pool, Kurwillinha Pool, Beasley River tributary, GBS_WS_02, GBS_WS_03, GBS_WS_04.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>Habitat types for the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat were retained during the reporting period in accordance with condition 13 (a) and (b).</p> <p>Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance.</p>
14	<p>To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters, the approval holder must comply with conditions A1-1, B1-4, B2-1(7, 8 and 10), B2-2, B2-3, B2-4, B2-6, B2-8, B2-9, B2-10, B2-11, B2-15, and C4-1 of the WA Ministerial Statement, to the extent that they relate to protected matters.</p>	Compliant	<p>A1-1, B1-4, B2-1(7 and 8) and B2-2, – Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance. The prescribed clearing limits were not exceeded, no indirect impacts were observed and corridors remain in place during the reporting period.</p> <p>B2-1(10) – A feral cat management program was undertaken during the reporting period, during which seven feral cats were captured and humanely euthanised.</p> <p>B2-3 and B2-6 – The Ghost Bat Management Plan was drafted during the reporting period. Please see section 3.3 for further details.</p> <p>B2-4 – Noise and Vibration Management Approach Report was drafted during the reporting period.</p> <p>B2-8 – Geotechnical assessment of critical caves was undertaken in September 2024 and October 2025. Blast trials will be undertaken prior to blasting within 350m of any critical caves.</p> <p>B2-9 – All artificial lighting required for the significant amendment uses directional and/or shielded lighting and uses the minimum number and intensity of lights required. A lighting inspection was conducted during the reporting period. Compliance will continue to be verified through design reviews and on-site inspections.</p> <p>B2-10 – Pre-clearance surveys are undertaken prior to any clearing of critical habitat.</p> <p>B2-11 – A report on fauna management is included in Table 2.</p> <p>B2-15 – No barbed wire was installed as part of the Significant Amendment. A barbed wire inspection was conducted in during the reporting period. Compliance will continue to be verified through design reviews and on-site inspections.</p> <p>C4-1 – Updated Environmental Management Plans aimed to meet the requirements of C4-1 were drafted during the reporting period.</p>

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15	<p>To avoid and mitigate harm to the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) revise the Environmental Management Plan to include monitoring measures to determine the size of the Pilbara Leaf-Nosed Bat local population at Upper Beasley River Roost.</li> <li>b) complete, prior to the commencement of blasting within 350m of retained bat caves baseline assessments of the structural integrity, microclimate and use by Pilbara Leaf-Nosed Bat of every retained bat cave,</li> <li>c) ensure mining does not harm the structural integrity, microclimate or use by Pilbara Leaf-Nosed Bat of any retained bat cave.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Ghost Bat Management Plan was drafted during the reporting period, this includes monitoring and management measures to avoid and mitigate harm to the Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat. Monitoring at UBRR will contain both infra-red camera monitoring and acoustic recording to determine population size and usage this will be included in the final GBMP.</li> <li>b) No blasting or mining activities occurred within 350m of any retained bat caves in the reporting period.</li> <li>c) No blasting or mining activities occurred within 350m of any retained bat caves in the reporting period, and no significant changes were observed in any retained bat caves.</li> </ul>
16	<p>To avoid and mitigate harm to the Ghost Bat, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop a Ghost Bat Management Plan that satisfies the requirements of condition C4, to ensure the environmental outcomes and objectives required by conditions B2-1(1), B2-1(2), B2-1(3), B2-1(4), B2-1(5) and B2-1(6) of the WA Ministerial Statement are achieved,</li> <li>b) prior to the commencement of blasting within 350m of retained bat caves, submit to the department for the approval of the Minister a Ghost Bat Management Plan,</li> <li>c) implement the Ghost Bat Management Plan,</li> <li>d) at least once each five years following the commencement of the Action, undertake sufficient genetic and hormonal studies using scats to reliably determine the size of the population of Ghost Bat roosting within the development envelope at that time,</li> <li>e) provide a copy of the reporting on the outcomes of the Ghost Bat Management Plan required by condition B2-7 of the WA Ministerial Statement to the department annually,</li> <li>f) complete, prior to the commencement of blasting within 350m of retained bat caves baseline assessments of the structural integrity, microclimate and use by Ghost Bats of every retained bat cave,</li> <li>g) ensure mining does not harm the structural integrity, microclimate or use by Ghost Bats of any retained bat cave,</li> <li>h) ensure that no unauthorised personnel, enters or approaches within 150 metres of any retained bat cave,</li> <li>i) ensure that scat collection and sheet replacement or assessment of structural integrity are undertaken outside of the maternity season for the Ghost Bat.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Ghost Bat Management Plan and updated Environmental Management Plan were drafted during the reporting period in accordance with Condition 16 (a).</li> <li>b) No blasting or mining activities occurred within 350m of any retained bat caves in the reporting period.</li> <li>c) Not applicable during the reporting period</li> <li>d) Scat monitoring program was completed in 2025, with the results to be reviewed every 5 years.</li> <li>e) Not applicable during the reporting period</li> <li>f) No blasting or mining activities occurred within 350m of any retained bat caves in the reporting period. Geotechnical assessment of retained caves was undertaken in September 2024 and October 2025, however no blasting was undertaken within 350m of these caves in the reporting period.</li> <li>g) No changes to the structural integrity, microclimate or use by Ghost Bats of any retained bat cave was noted during the reporting period</li> <li>h) Mining exclusion zones have been established around retained caves to ensure no disturbance occurs. Authorisation is required prior to entering mining exclusion zones.</li> <li>i) Scat monitoring program and geotechnical assessments occurred outside of the maternity season (April-September).</li> </ul>

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17	The approval holder must ensure that the Action does not lead to a 10-year long term average decrease in the size of each population of each protected matter within the development envelope, relative to the baseline population, at least until the expiry date of this approval (Terrestrial Fauna Objective)	Compliant	<p>Various management measures are in place to ensure the action does not lead to a 10-year long term decrease in the population size of protected matters. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MEZ</li> <li>- Feral animal management</li> <li>- Pre-clearance surveys</li> <li>- Lighting and barbwire management</li> </ul> <p>Monitoring of population sizes of each protected matter within the development envelope will be established relative to baseline.</p>
18	To avoid and mitigate harm to the Ghost Bat and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, the approval holder must not close any retained bat cave.	Compliant	No retained bat cave has been closed during the reporting period. Mining exclusion zones have been established around these caves.
19	<p>If the approval holder detects the presence, where likely to be affected by the Action, of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department as part of the referral or assessment of this Action or in accordance with this condition, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a) notify the department in writing of the presence any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department within 10 business days of detecting the presence of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department.</p> <p>b) the notice must include the likely extent of the protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter, and proposed management measures to be implemented as part of a revised plan.</p> <p>c) avoid or minimise harm to that protected matter or habitat of the protected matter until the department has confirmed in writing that the management approach is approved,</p> <p>d) update the relevant plan to include the approved management measures</p>	Compliant	No additional protected matters have been identified in the reporting period.
20	<p>To avoid and mitigate any harm from noise and vibration on protected matters, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a) conduct geotechnical assessment and vibration modelling prior to trial blasting required by B2-8 of the WA Ministerial Statement.</p> <p>b) have an independent suitably qualified expert in vibration modelling review the geotechnical assessment and vibration modelling to determine that the proposed trial blasting will not cause cave collapse.</p> <p>c) implement condition B2-8 of the WA Ministerial Statement</p>	Compliant	<p>a) Trial blasting did not occur during the reporting period.</p> <p>b) Trial blasting did not occur during the reporting period.</p> <p>c) Trial blasting did not occur during the reporting period</p> <p>d) Trial blasting did not occur during the reporting period</p> <p>e) No blasting occurs outside daylight hours</p> <p>f) Mining Exclusion Zones have been established for all critical caves, this prevents haul trucks coming within 150m of any retained bat cave entrance.</p>

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	<p>d) during the trial blasting permitted under WA EPA condition B2-8(2) to determine the size of the Bat Cave Buffer Zones, the approval holder must ensure sound pressure level, noise level, vibration PPV and bat behavioural response is monitored at the entrance of each retained bat cave, and the data is submitted to the department within 90 days of the trial,</p> <p>e) No blasting is undertaken outside daylight hours,</p> <p>f) No haul truck comes within 150m of any retained bat cave entrance,</p> <p>g) No barbed wire fence is installed within the development envelope unless explicitly required by other legislation.</p>		<p>g) No barbed wire, associated with the action, has been installed during the reporting period.</p>
21	<p>To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters, the approval holder must ensure:</p> <p>a) when clearing of Gorge/Gully and Free face habitat and Debris Slope and Rocky Outcrop habitat related to the Action, the approval holder must comply with condition B2-10 of the WA Ministerial Statement, subject to the requirements of relevant health and safety legislation.</p> <p>b) all clearing is immediately ceased if a protected matter is observed within the area being cleared.</p> <p>c) clearing does not resume until the observed protected matter has either vacated the area being cleared or been relocated out of the area being cleared by the fauna spotter to the nearest suitable habitat outside of the works footprint</p> <p>d) any protected matter can readily escape from any pipe or trench that it could enter, and</p> <p>e) fauna egress mechanisms are installed at every pit lake as soon as it forms, or is expected to form, and remain effective to enable any wildlife to escape and are regularly maintained until the expiry date of this approval.</p>	Compliant	<p>a) Pre-clearance surveys aligning with MS1246 B2-10 are undertaken prior to any clearing of Gorge/Gully and Free face habitat and Debris Slope and Rocky Outcrop habitat related to the Action.</p> <p>b) No protected matters were observed within active clearing areas during the reporting period.</p> <p>c) No fauna relocations were required during the reporting period.</p> <p>d) No protected matters were caught in any pipe or trench during the reporting period.</p> <p>e) Not applicable to this reporting period, no pit lakes formed or were expected to form, within any pits approved under the Action.</p>
22	<p>To avoid and mitigate the harm to protected matters from feral predation, competition and toxicity, the approval holder must within twenty four (24) months of commencing the Action, provide to the department a report which documents, based on best practice survey methods, the estimated number of cats, typically present in the development envelope and implement condition B2-1(10) of the WA Ministerial Statement.</p>	Compliant	<p>No report was required to be submitted during the reporting period.</p>
23	<p>The approval holder must ensure that all personnel who enter the development envelope are, prior to them entering the development envelope, able to:</p> <p>a) identify and adhere to the environmental management requirements of the approval holder, and</p>	Compliant	<p>Environmental training has been developed and is a requirement for all personnel working within the Brockman Region. This outlines the environmental management requirement as well as Pilbara Olive Python identification.</p> <p>Protected matters identification stickers were distributed during the reporting period. This provides a tool for identification of Pilbara Olive Python from inside a vehicle.</p>

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	b) identify the Pilbara Olive Python by sight both on the ground and from inside a vehicle and know that any Pilbara Olive Python must not be killed or injured.		
24	The approval holder must securely contain all waste that is present within the development envelope from the commencement of the Action and until the completion of the Action. The approval holder must ensure: a) no waste from the development envelope enters Gorge/Gully and Free face habitat, Major Creekline habitat, Minor Creekline habitat or Alluvial plain habitat. b) no waste from the development envelope enters Ridge Pool. c) no waste from the development envelope enters Plunge Pool.	Compliant	No waste from the development envelope entered Gorge/Gully and Free face habitat, Major Creekline habitat, Minor Creekline habitat or Alluvial plain habitat, Ridge Pool or Plunge Pool during the reporting period. During the reporting period, waste was managed under WA EPA Part V Operating Licences or sent offsite as a controlled waste, where appropriate.
25	To minimise harm to protected matters and their habitats, the approval holder must ensure that the Action does not alter water levels, and water quality from the baseline at Plunge Pool.	Compliant	No mining activities associated with the action were undertaken during the reporting period within the Plunge Pool catchment MEZ.
26	The approval holder must comply with condition B8-1(1) under the WA Ministerial Statement.	Compliant	Not applicable to the reporting period. Pits with acid drainage risk will be backfilled as per the Mine Closure Plan (Our ref: RTIO-0214255) submitted December 2025.
27	The approval holder must not place any elevated sulphur material below the post-mining water table.	Compliant	No elevated sulphur material associated with the action was mined during the reporting period. Therefore, no elevated sulphur material was deposit below the post-mining water table.
28	The approval holder must commence implementing the SCARD MP no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the SCARD MP until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	No acid rock material associated with the action was mined during the reporting period.
29	To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters and ensure the Plunge Pool remains a permanent groundwater-fed water source, the approval holder must not undertake any mining of the BS3 pit at a depth lower than the level of the water table observed prior to the commencement of the Action.	Compliant	No mining was undertaken at BS3 pit during the reporting period.
30	The approval holder must comply with conditions B4-1(1) and B4-1(2) of the WA Ministerial Statement. (Groundwater Objective 1).	Compliant	No mining activities associated with the action were undertaken during the reporting period within the Plunge Pool catchment MEZ.
31	The approval holder must comply with condition B4-1(5) of the WA Ministerial Statement (Groundwater Objective 2).	Compliant	No groundwater mounding was recorded in the reporting period.
32	To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters as a result of groundwater changes, associated with the Action, the approval holder must comply with	Not Applicable	The Environmental Management Plan was updated, in draft form, during the reporting period to align with condition C4-2 of the WA Ministerial Statement.

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	condition C4-2 of the WA Ministerial Statement, to the extent that the condition relates to protected matters.		
33	To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters as a result of groundwater changes associated with the Action, the approval holder must revise and update the Environmental Management Plan as required by condition B4-4 of the WA Ministerial Statement	Not Applicable	The updated Environment Management Plan as required by condition B4-4 of the WA Ministerial Statement was drafted during the reporting period.
34	The approval holder must establish all groundwater monitoring bores referenced in the Environmental Management Plan. The approval holder must maintain and ensure the working order of all groundwater monitoring bores in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan for the life of this approval.	Compliant	All groundwater monitoring bores referenced in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) have been established and are in working order.
35	By implementing the approved EMP, the approval holder must achieve: a) Groundwater Objective 1 in condition 30, and b) Groundwater Objective 2 in condition 31.	Compliant	The updated Environmental Management Plan was drafted during the reporting period. No mining activities associated with the action were undertaken during the reporting period within the Plunge Pool catchment MEZ. No groundwater mounding was recorded in the reporting period.
36	The EMP must include, in relation to the protected matters: a) a monitoring program which specifies a network of groundwater monitoring bores that is able to detect incremental change over time in groundwater levels, and groundwater quality, b) modelling to ensure re-injection does not result in groundwater mounding above the pre-mining groundwater levels or impacts to groundwater dependent values as they relate to protected matters, c) a monitoring program which specifies early warning trigger values for groundwater levels and groundwater quality that will trigger the implementation of actions to prevent noncompliance with conditions 30 and 31. d) management measures which specify corrective measures which will be implemented in response to trigger value exceedances, e) management measures which specify proposed threshold criteria, limits, triggers and indicators, and written justification for these threshold criterion, limits, triggers and indicators as they relate to the protection of protected matters and their habitat.	Compliant	The updated Environmental Management Plan was drafted to align with Condition 36 during the reporting period.
37	To avoid and mitigate the impacts of groundwater abstraction and surface water discharge on protected matters, the approval holder must implement	Compliant	Aerial imagery is collected to reconcile ground disturbance.

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	conditions A1-1 and B4-1 of the WA Ministerial Statement, to the extent they relate to water sources for the protected matters.		<p>Condition A1-1 of Ministerial Statement 1246 was complied with during the reporting period to the extent that it relates to protected matters.</p> <p>B4-1 (1) and (2) - No mining activities associated with the action were undertaken during the reporting period within the Plunge Pool catchment MEZ. The Action did not alter water levels or water quality at Plunge Pool</p> <p>B4-1 (3) and (4) - No clearing occurred within the boundaries of MEZ 3.</p> <p>B4-1 (5) - No groundwater mounding was recorded in the reporting period.</p> <p>B4-1 (6) - Surplus water discharged to Duck Creek met agreed water quality requirements developed under the Australian and New Zealand water quality guidelines framework.</p> <p>B4-1 (7) - Discharge of surplus water did not cause irreversible impacts to the environmental or conservation values of Boolgeeda Creek or Duck Creek.</p> <p>B4-1 (8) - Monitoring of dewatering and discharge indicates no evidence of project attributable long-term disturbance to groundwater dependent vegetation communities in Duck Creek or Caves Creek beyond the approved disturbance footprint.</p>
38	<p>The approval holder must:</p> <p>a) within 12 months of commencing the Action, revise the Environmental Management Plan as required by conditions 15 and 33 (Environmental Management Plan including the groundwater section) and submit to the department for the Minister's approval,</p> <p>b) implement those approved sections of the Environmental Management Plan, and</p> <p>c) seek Minister approval of any subsequent revisions of the Environmental Management Plan where changes have been made relevant to protected matters prior to any approval by the DWER.</p>	Compliant	<p>The revised Environmental Management Plan was drafted during the reporting period.</p> <p>The proponent continued to implement the BSP EMP submitted during the application during the reporting period.</p>
39	<p>To ensure ongoing protection of the protected matters, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a) submit to the department for the Minister's approval a revised version of the Mine Closure Plan specifying how mine features, infrastructure, progressive rehabilitation and closure will be designed and undertaken to maximise progressive rehabilitation of the land to a stable and non-polluting landscape.</p>	Compliant	<p>A revised Mine Closure Plan (our ref: RTIO-0214255) that satisfies condition 39a was submitted December 2025.</p> <p>The relevant operational aspects of the existing mine closure plan continued to be implemented during the reporting period as required.</p>

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	<p>The revised Mine Closure Plan must include SMART milestones to achieve the outcome specified in Condition 39(c).</p> <p>b) implement the Mine Closure Plan until the Minister has approved in writing a revised Mine Closure Plan.</p> <p>c) rehabilitate the land to a safe, stable and non-polluting landscape consistent with the postmining land use prescribed in of the Mine Closure Plan.</p> <p>d) commence implementing the approved revised Mine Closure Plan from the date of its approval by the Minister and continue to implement the approved revised Mine Closure Plan most recently approved by the Minister until the expiry date of this approval.</p>		
40	<p>To compensate for the residual significant impacts of clearing habitat for the Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat and Pilbara Olive Python, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a) submit to the department for the Minister's approval, within 6 months of the date of this approval decision, an Offset Strategy consistent with the principles of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister, or</p> <p>b) make financial contributions to the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund (PEOF).</p>	Compliant	<p>The Impact Reconciliation Procedure (Offsets Strategy) was submitted June 2025 (RTIO-0953045) and endorsed by DCCEEW 29 July 2025 (EPBC Ref:2019/8518).</p> <p>An initial 10% offset payment to the Pilbara Offset Fund was completed in June 2025.</p>
41	<p>In contributing to the PEOF the approval holder must:</p> <p>a) contribute funds toward an offset activity or activities that:</p> <p>i) reduces the rate of decline of the Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat and Pilbara Olive Python;</p> <p>ii) ensures a viable population of Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat and Pilbara Olive Python, remain in the Pilbara region;</p> <p>iii) has specified outcomes and performance indicators; timeframes and milestones for their achievement;</p> <p>iv) includes sufficient monitoring to detect achievement of performance indicators, milestones, and the outcomes; and</p> <p>v) requires regular reporting to the approval holders of the outcomes of the offset activity or activities their funding has contributed towards</p> <p>b) The approval holder must submit the Impact Reconciliation Procedure to the department for approval by the Minister within 3 months of the approval date. The Impact Reconciliation Procedure may be revised and approved by DWER at any time, but the approval holder must seek endorsement from the Minister prior to the approval of any revised Impact Reconciliation Procedure by DWER if revisions have been made to offset requirements for the species outlined in Condition 40 of this approval.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Impact Reconciliation Procedure (Offsets Strategy) was submitted June 2025 (RTIO-0953045) and endorsed by DCCEEW 29 July 2025 (EPBC Ref:2019/8518).</p> <p>An initial 10% offset payment to the Pilbara Offset Fund was completed on 23 June 2025.</p>

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
	<p>c) The Impact Reconciliation Procedure must be prepared in accordance with the Impact Reconciliation Report Guidelines and include the financial contributions values described in Condition 41(e) of this approval for each protected matter per hectare of critical habitat and supporting habitat cleared over the life of the approval.</p> <p>d) Within 3 months of the commencement of the Action, the approval holder must make a payment of at least 10 per cent of the possible total contribution that will be paid into the PEOF, which will contribute towards achieving the requirements of Condition 41(a) of this approval.</p> <p>Make biennial payments to the PEOF based on evidence of the actual clearing footprint in accordance with the timing specified in the approved Impact Reconciliation Procedure. Biennial payments must be equivalent to or greater than the value of the following amounts, by adjustment in accordance with the CPI from the date of this approval decision until the date on which any payment is made, of:</p> <p>i) A minimum of \$3,306 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of critical habitat.</p> <p>ii) A minimum of \$1,653 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of supporting habitat.</p> <p>f) Submit evidence of each payment made to the department within 10 business days of the date of making the payment.</p> <p>g) Include details of progress towards, or achievement of, the outcomes specified under condition 41(a) of this approval for the Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, Pilbara Olive Python in each compliance report submitted to the department.</p>		
42	Write to the Minister, within 10 business days of being aware or having concerns, that the offset outcomes specified for the PEOF project(s) may not be achieved for the Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, and Pilbara Olive Python	Not applicable	The approval holder had no concerns regarding the offset outcomes specified for the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund during the reporting period.
43	<p>Should the Minister determine that the PEOF is likely to fail for one or more protected matter(s), the Minister may write to the approval holder asking to provide evidence that failure has not occurred or is unlikely to occur and nominating a deadline by which this must be provided. If, after considering any information provided by the approval holder:</p> <p>a) The Minister determines that the PEOF has failed for one or all species named in Condition 40 of this approval, the approval holder must submit for the Minister's approval, within 4 months of being notified by the Minister, an Offset Strategy consistent with the principles of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister.</p>	Not applicable	No notification has been received from the Minister indicating that the PEOF is likely to fail for any protected matter, in accordance with the relevant EPBC approval conditions during the reporting period.

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
	<p>b) If the Offset Strategy has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 6 months of the notification by the Minister under condition 43a) of this approval, and the Minister notifies the approval holder that the provided Offset Strategy is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the Offset Strategy revised by the department. The approval holder must commence implementation of the approved Offset Strategy within 2 months of the approval of the Offset Strategy by the Minister in writing, or another time as agreed in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved Offset Strategy for the life of the approval.</p> <p>c) The Offset Strategy to be provided for the Minister's approval, if required by condition 40(a) or condition 43(a) of this approval, must provide a framework for how the residual significant impacts from the approved action on the Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat, and Pilbara Olive Python will be offset and must detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) how the strategy will achieve the outcomes required under condition 41(a) of this approval</li> <li>ii) how it accounts for relevant approved conservation advices, recovery plans and threat abatement plans;</li> <li>iii) the party to be responsible for implementing the proposed offset(s)</li> <li>iv) the location and nature of the proposed offset(s);</li> <li>v) objectives, outcomes, and timeframes for their achievement;</li> <li>vi) budget;</li> <li>vii) performance and completion criteria for evaluating conservation outcomes;</li> <li>viii) project monitoring (with indicators and measures) capable of detecting progress towards and achievement of the required outcomes;</li> <li>ix) reporting of specified outputs/offset activities, progress towards and achievement of the required outcomes, and evaluation of appropriateness of measures implemented;</li> <li>x) description of the potential risks to the successful implementation of each proposed offset (including but not limited to environmental, administrative, financial, and governance risks);</li> <li>xi) a description of the measures that will be implemented to mitigate risk associated with each proposed offset and a description of the contingency actions that will be implemented if performance or completion criteria are not met;</li> <li>xii) processes to adaptively manage the proposed offset;</li> </ul>		

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
	<p>xiii) how the proposed offset is consistent with the Environmental Offsets Policy; and</p> <p>xiv) how the approval holder will ensure that the measures to be implemented as part of the Offsets Strategy have no detrimental impact on any protected matters under the EPBC Act.</p>		
44	<p>The approval holder may choose to revise a plan required to be implemented under condition 49 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if</p> <p>a) the taking of the Action in accordance with the revised plan would be consistent with the approved Action,</p> <p>b) the taking of the Action in accordance with the revised plan would be consistent with the conditions attached to this approval,</p> <p>c) the taking of the Action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact, and</p> <p>d) the approval holder notifies the department electronically that it has prepared a revised version of the plan (the 'revised plan'). In notifying the department, the approval holder must specify each condition which references the plan and provide the department with:</p> <p>i) an electronic copy of the revised plan,</p> <p>ii) an electronic copy of the revised plan marked up with track changes to show the differences between the plan and the revised plan</p> <p>iii) a comprehensive explanation of all differences between the plan and the revised plan,</p> <p>iv) a declaration that the approval holder has read and understands the Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals, Commonwealth of Australia 2017,</p> <p>v) a comprehensive analysis and detailed discussion on the likelihood that taking the Action in accordance with the revised plan will not have, or will be not likely to have, a new or increased impact</p> <p>vi) written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the revised plan (the 'revised plan implementation date'), being at least 30 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department, and</p> <p>vii) a copy of the compliance report for the latest ACR period and a statement of any relevant history of compliance (including non-compliance) in relation to the plan.</p>	Not applicable	Condition 44 was not triggered during the reporting period.

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	The approval holder must commence implementation of the revised plan from the revised plan implementation date unless otherwise notified in writing by the Minister.		
45	<p>If the Minister notifies the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the Action in accordance with a plan which has been revised without submitting it for the Minister's approval would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:</p> <p>a) the approval holder's ability to choice to revise a plan without submitting the plan for Minister approval does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan,</p> <p>b) the approval holder must implement the plan in force immediately prior to that revised plan or a version of the plan specified by the Minister in the notice, and</p> <p>c) the Minister may also notify that, for a specified period, the approval holder's ability to choice to revise a plan without submitting the plan for Minister approval does not apply for one or more specified plans.</p>	Not applicable	Condition 45 was not triggered during the reporting period.
46	The approval holder may, at any time by giving written notice to the department, revoke its choice to implement a plan which has been revised without submitting it for the Minister's approval. If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, the approval holder must implement the plan in force immediately prior to that revised plan.	Not applicable	Condition 46 was not triggered during the reporting period.
47	Wherever these conditions require the approval holder to submit any plan to the department, all such plans must be submitted to the department electronically.	Not applicable	Condition 47 was not triggered during the reporting period.
48	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date:</p> <p>a) of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions,</p> <p>b) the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister,</p> <p>c) the plan is approved by the West Australian Government as required under a WA Ministerial Statement condition which must be complied with in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions, or</p> <p>d) the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister</p>	Not applicable	Condition 48 was not triggered during the reporting period.
49	The approval holder must keep all plans published on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan	Not applicable	Condition 49 was not triggered during the reporting period.

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	must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans		
50	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from any version of a plan before that plan is published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Not applicable	Condition 50 was not triggered during the reporting period.
51	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any proposed change to the WA Ministerial Statement that may relate to protected matters within 2 business days of formally proposing such a change and within 5 business days of becoming aware of any proposed change.	Not applicable	Condition 51 was not triggered during the reporting period. There were no changes proposed to the Ministerial Statement relating to protected matters.
52	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any change to the WA Ministerial Statement conditions that may relate to protected matters, within 5 business days of such a change to conditions coming into effect. Such notification must include a copy of the changed WA Ministerial Statement conditions showing what changes have been made.	Not applicable	Condition 52 was not triggered during the reporting period. There were no changes to the Ministerial Statement relating to protected matters.
53	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days following commencement of the Action.	Compliant	The department was notified electronically on the 24 March 2025 that the project commenced on 22 March 2025 (your ref: EPBC2019/8518, our ref: RTIO-1104711)
54	The approval holder must not commence the Action later than 5 years after the date of this approval decision.	Compliant	Action has commenced within 5 years from the date of approval.
55	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action within 5 business days following the commencement of the Action.	Compliant	The department was notified electronically on the 24 March 2025 that the project commenced on 22 March 2025 (your ref: EPBC2019/8518, our ref: RTIO-1104711)
56	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records.	Compliant	Records associated with or relevant to the conditions of this approval are maintained within the Rio Tinto Iron Ore Document Management System
57	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.  Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the	Not applicable	Condition 57 was not triggered during the reporting period.

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	results of an audit may be published on the department's website or through the general media.		
58	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing	Compliant	Data provided is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018.
59	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	Data provided is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.
60	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data, surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 40 business days of the next anniversary of the date of this approval decision except where otherwise specified in a plan.	Compliant	Data required by the applicable plans will be provided with the 2025 Annual Compliance Report, within the required time frame.
61	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each Annual Compliance Report period (ACR period)	Not applicable	Condition 61 was not triggered during the reporting period.
62	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report includes: a) accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with: i) each condition imposed under the WA Ministerial Statement, if a condition attached to this approval decision requires compliance with that state approval condition, ii) each condition attached to this approval decision, and iii) all commitments made in each plan, b) a schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period, c) accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period, and d) if any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.	Not Applicable	Condition 62 was not triggered during the reporting period.
63	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Not Applicable	Condition 63 was not triggered during the reporting period.
64	The approval holder must, within 60 business days following the end of each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website:	Not Applicable	Condition 64 was not triggered during the reporting period.

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
	a) each compliance report, and b) a shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken within the ACR period.		
65	The approval holder must: a) Exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. b) If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. c) If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full shapefile to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not Applicable	Condition 65 not triggered during the reporting period.
66	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website.	Not Applicable	Condition 66 not triggered during the reporting period.
67	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.  Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website	Not Applicable	Condition 67 not triggered during the reporting period.
68	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident. The approval holder must specify in each notification: a) any condition or commitment made in a plan which has not been, or may have not been, complied with, b) a short description of the incident, and c) the location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident.	Compliant	No incidents, as defined under EPBC Act approval conditions 68, occurred during the reporting period.

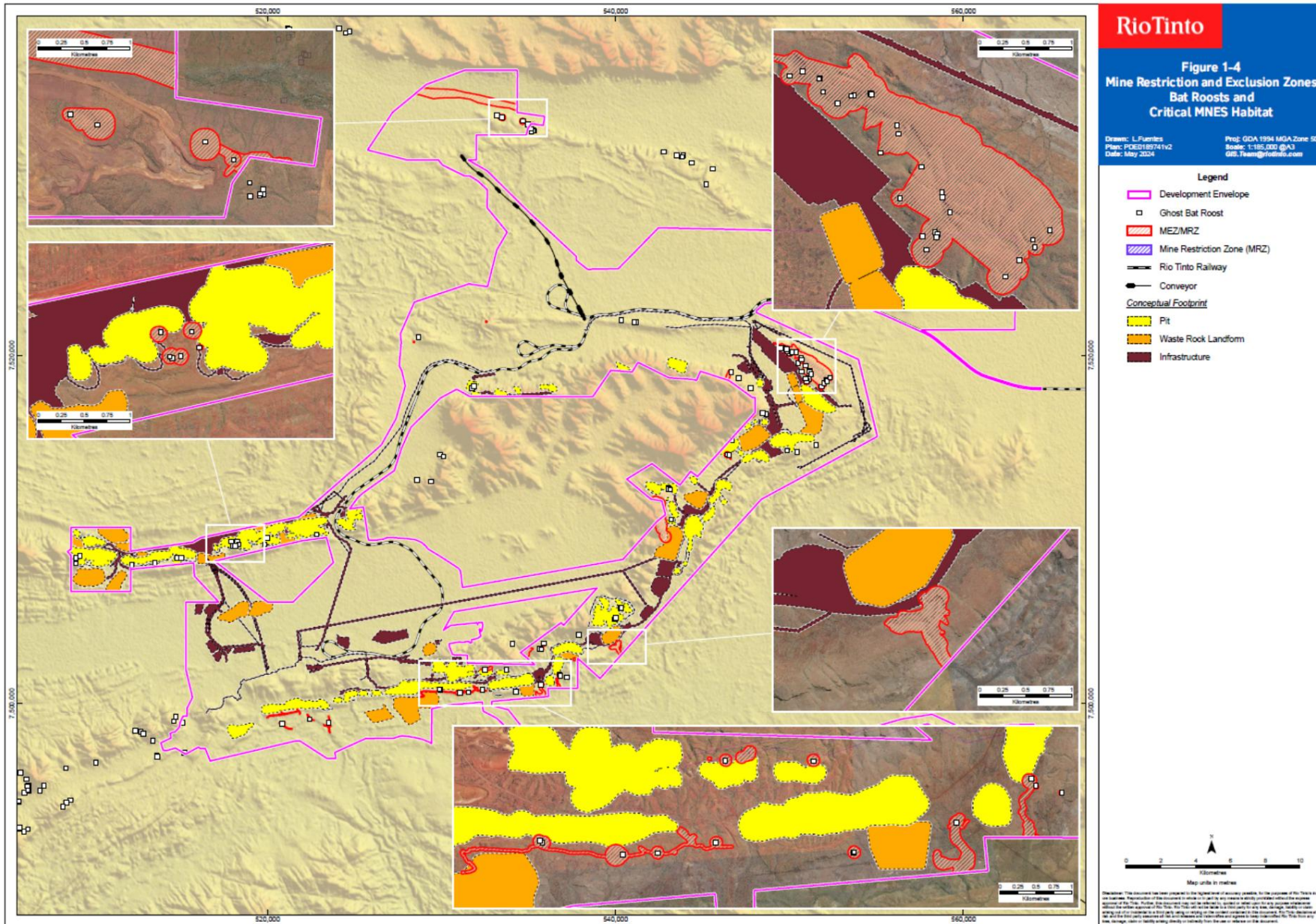
Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
69	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of an incident, the details of that incident. The approval holder must specify: a) all corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the incident, b) the potential impacts of the incident c) the method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the incident, and d) any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the incident and/or to address its consequences.	Compliant	No incidents, as defined under EPBC Act approval conditions 69, occurred during the reporting period.
70	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every audit period.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
71	The approval holder must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the department within 10 business days following the end of each audit period.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
72	The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
73	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
74	The approval holder must submit an audit report to the department for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period, or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
75	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines to the extent that the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines are consistent with these conditions.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
76	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the department agrees to that audit report in writing.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
77	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance status	Evidence/Comments
78	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	There were no audits required during the reporting period.
79	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Not Applicable	Action not completed or expired during the reporting period.
80	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire	Not Applicable	Approval not due to expire within 60 days

## 3 Management Program

### 3.1 MNES

Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) that are relevant to EPBC approval 2019/8518 include listed threatened species and their associated habitats within and adjacent to the Development Envelope. These MNES comprise the Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), Ghost Bat (*Macroderma gigas*), Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat (*Rhinionicteris aurantia*), Pilbara Olive Python (*Liasis olivaceus barroni*), and Grey Falcon (*Falco hypoleucos*), along with associated roosts, denning habitat, movement corridors and groundwater-dependent water sources. Figure 1 illustrates the spatial extent of MNES features across the project area, including mining restriction and exclusion zones, retained roosts and caves, connecting habitat and key surface water features, and provides the spatial context for the avoidance, mitigation and monitoring measures implemented during the reporting period.



**Figure 1: Mining Restriction and Exclusion Zones Roosts, Connecting Habitat and Water Features**

### 3.2 Pre-clearance fauna spotting

Preclearance fauna inspections were undertaken across areas within the significant amendment during the 2025 reporting period by licensed fauna spotters, in accordance with the Pre Clearance Survey – Fauna Spotter Standard Operating Procedure – Brockman Syncline Proposal Area (RTIO-1101721) and the Work Practice: Fauna Spotting Pre-Clearance Survey Operating Procedure - HSEC Pilbara Wide (RTIO-114106).

The pre-clearance fauna inspections targeted the presence of Northern Quoll, Ghost Bat, Pilbara Leaf nosed Bat, Pilbara Olive Python and Grey Falcon nests (including the potential for any other MNES Species) within proposed clearing areas. Clearing activities only commenced after fauna spotter surveys were completed. Records demonstrate that fauna spotting requirements were applied prior to clearing, and no clearing occurred without a valid preclearance fauna inspection.

Details of each fauna spotting event including the internal permit ID, survey date, clearing commencement date and fauna observations, are summarised in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Summary table of Pre-clearance fauna survey records**

Permit ID#	Permit Details	Contractor	Survey date	Clearing start date	MNES species Recorded?	Comments / Verification
FS-001	CP-006	QBIRT	17/05/2025	N/A	No	This fauna survey was classified as Invalid, as it was conducted prior to 01 June, which is the opening trigger time for 'MAJOR/MINOR' Creeklines. No clearing commenced.
FS-002	CP-022	Juukan	3/06/2025	3/06/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-003	CP-009	QBIRT	5/06/2025	5/06/2025	No	Fauna relocation not required - Potential Northern Quoll sighting in Rocky outcrop - Flagged to Rio Tinto 06/05, specialist confirmed unlikely a Quoll.
FS-004	CP-006	QBIRT	24/05/2025	24/05/2025	No Grey Falcon	An unconfirmed Grey Falcon was sighted but moved on during the pre-clearance survey, thus not requiring relocation. Multiple nests were recorded, however, it was out of the Grey Falcon's breeding season at the time of the survey.
FS-005	CP-026	QBIRT	6/07/2025	6/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-006	CP-033	QBIRT	11/06/2025	12/06/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-007	CP-031	QBIRT	11/06/2025	12/06/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-008	CP-052	NRW	6/07/2025	6/07/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-009	CP-032	QBIRT	7/08/2025	7/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-010	CP-062	NRW	16/07/2025	16/07/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-011	CP-078	4DG	16/07/2025	18/07/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-012	CP-075	4DG	21/07/2025	22/07/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-013	CP-057	QBIRT	27/07/2025	28/07/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required

Permit ID#	Permit Details	Contractor	Survey date	Clearing start date	MNES species Recorded?	Comments / Verification
FS-014	CP-097	NRW	15/08/2025	16/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-015	CP-073	QBIRT	14/11/2025	14/11/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-016	CP-139	QBIRT	22/11/2025	22/11/2025	No	Possible bat cave. Area was avoided during clearing activity as indicated in BS1-CP-139 permit. MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-017	CP-027	QBIRT	25/06/2025	27/06/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-018	CP-042	QBIRT	25/06/2025	27/06/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-019	CP-051 & 052	NRW	28/06/2025	28/06/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-020	CP-130	NRW	15/08/2025	15/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-021	CP-085	4DG	30/07/2025	31/07/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-022	CP-086	4DG	3/08/2025	3/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-023	CP-090	NRW	26/08/2025	27/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-024	CP-090	NRW	21/09/2025	21/09/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-025	CP-134	QBIRT	21/10/2025	21/10/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-026	CP-103	Genus	26/08/2025	27/08/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-027	CP-103	Genus	22/09/2025	22/09/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-028	CP-103	Genus	10/10/2025	10/10/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-029	CP-112	QBIRT	24/08/2025	3/09/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-030	CP-117	NRW	19/09/2025	19/09/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-031	CP-122	NRW	12/09/2025	12/09/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-032	CP-138	NRW	30/10/2025	31/10/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-033	CP-154	NRW	10/12/2025	10/12/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required
FS-034	CP-164	NRW	9/12/2025	9/12/2025	No	MNES Fauna relocation not required

### **3.3 Ghost Bat management**

The Ghost Bat Management Plan (GBMP) was prepared and submitted on 02 February 2026 (our ref: RTIO-1100731). The GBMP outlines the program to maintain the viability of the ghost bat population within the Development Envelope during operations and post-mining, including monitoring of roost use, cave integrity, microclimate, and noise/vibration where relevant.

Baseline data collection continued throughout 2025, consistent with Conditions B2-1 to B2-3 and B2-6. Multiple complementary survey methods were used, including:

- Scat monitoring to determine roost use.
- Acoustic monitoring at relevant roosts to quantify activity levels.
- Noise loggers for baseline ambient and operational noise conditions.
- Cave structure inspections to document and identify any natural instability.
- Continuous microclimate logging (temperature and humidity) at selected caves to establish a seasonal baseline.

A geotechnical assessment completed in October 2025 provided baseline geological stability classification of each retained bat cave. Cave structural assessments detected no evidence of structural change during the reporting period. Microclimate trends aligned with natural Pilbara seasonal patterns, and no changes attributable to the proposal were identified.

In accordance with Condition B2-3 of the WA Approval, both acoustic and scat monitoring was completed to determine the viability of the Brockman Ghost Bat population. Acoustic recordings indicated continued roosting across the development envelope for varying lengths of time at both category 3 and category 2 roosts, inside and outside the development envelope. Scat monitoring identified 117 scats from 8 of the 10 caves monitored, of which 77 scats were able to be genotyped, indicating 15 unique individuals (1F:12M, 2 unidentified). One individual (Male) was a long-term recapture from a 2020 survey. 6 caves contained scats with elevated progesterone levels. There is a slight decrease in the number of individuals from baseline, however the percentage of scats containing progesterone is very similar (48% at baseline to 45% in 2025).

Scat analysis showed the occurrence of intra and inter year recaptures, as well as confirmation of pregnant females foraging and/or roosting in the syncline, indicating the species viability has been maintained during the reporting period.

### **3.4 Groundwater Objectives**

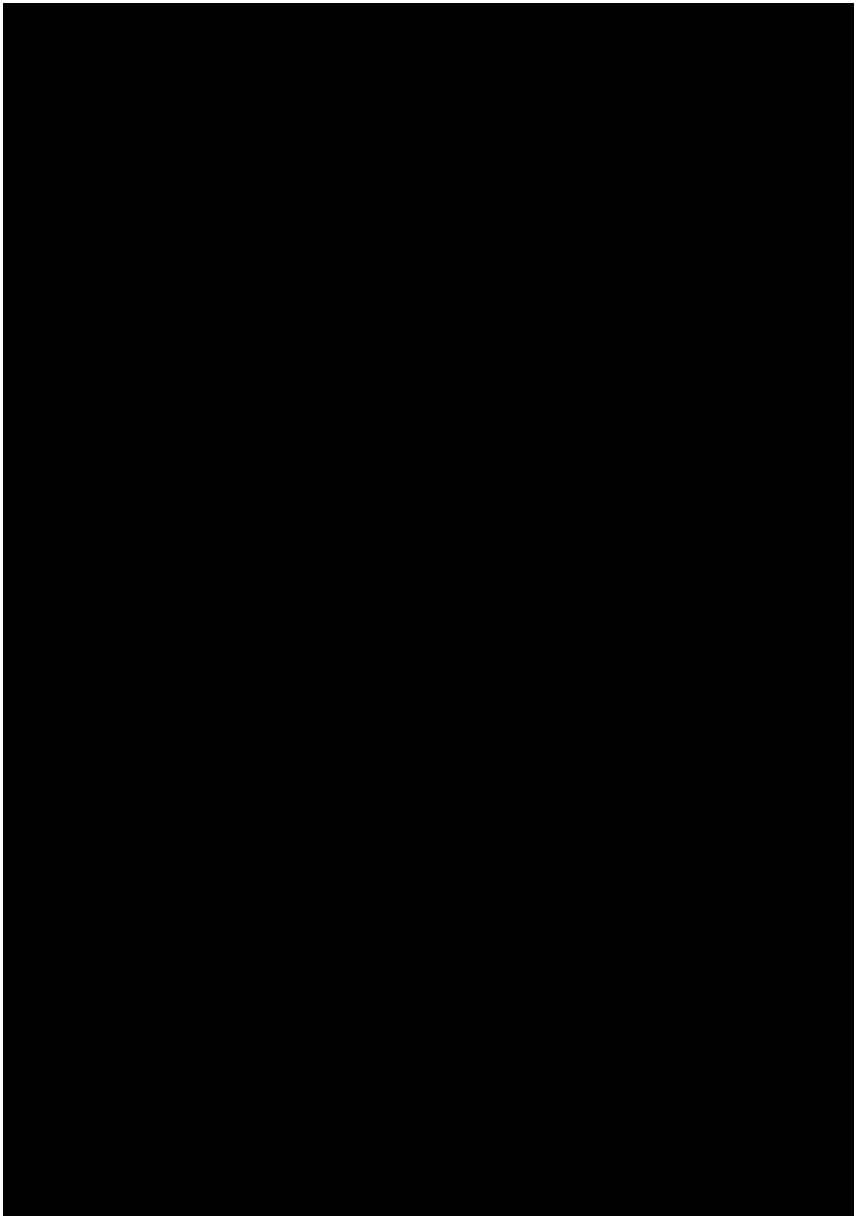
During the reporting period, the action was implemented in accordance with Conditions A1-1 and B4-1 of Ministerial Statement 1246 to the extent that they relate to water sources supporting protected matters. The Environmental Management Plan was updated, in draft form, during the reporting period to align with conditions in Decision notice 2019/8518 for protected matters and therefore results are not available for inclusion in this reporting period.

## **4 New environmental risks**

There are no new environmental risks that have become apparent during the reporting period.

## 5 Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.



# 6 Appendices

## Appendix 1: Figures

