



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**Notification of variation of proposed to take action under section 156A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)****Mulga Downs Iron Ore Mine, Western Australia (EPBC 2022/09255)**

The delegate of the Minister has accepted the variation to the proposal in accordance with section 156B of the EPBC Act.

Proposed action

designated proponent	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd ABN: 69008676417
original proposed action	To construct and operate a new iron ore mine (above and below water table) and associated works, including vegetation clearing, 210 km south of Port Hedland and 180 km north-west of Newman in the Pilbara Region, Western Australia (see EPBC Act referral 2022/09255).
varied proposed action	To construct and operate a new iron ore mine (above and below water table) and associated works, including vegetation clearing, and excluding the Mulga West bore field, 210 km south of Port Hedland and 180 km north-west of Newman in the Pilbara Region, Western Australia (see EPBC Act referral 2022/09255).
variation	To remove the Mulga West bore field, and all supporting infrastructure associated with the bore field, from the proposed action. To decrease the extent of the proposed action area from 39,010.21 ha to 25,583.8 ha (a reduction of 13,426.4 ha) and decrease the disturbance footprint from 9,705.5 ha to 9,369.1 ha (a reduction of 336.4 ha).

Variation decision: approved**Person authorised to make decision**

name and position	Kylie Calhoun Branch Head Environment Assessments West Branch
signature	
date of decision	16 February 2024