

NOTICE OF DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

This notice of decision and statement of reasons is made under regulations 275 and 276 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Name of proposed action	Singleton Horticulture Project
NT EPA reference	EP2022/019
Proponent	Fortune Agribusiness Funds Management Pty Ltd
Description of proposed action	Development of an irrigated fruit and vegetable farm on Singleton Station, approximately 130 km south of Tennant Creek and about 35 km northeast of Ali Curung in the Barkly region. The proposed activities include: - clearing of 4,037 hectares of native vegetation on pastoral land - development of 3,300 ha of irrigated crops - groundwater extraction of up to 40,000 megalitres per year, from 144 bores, subject to development over four stages including gradual increase in extraction rates¹ - a services hub including: - accommodation for approximately 150 permanent staff and up to 1,350 seasonal staff - packing facilities, cold storage and machinery workshops - telecommunications infrastructure - potential future power station - waste and water services - access tracks, fences and fire breaks - upgrade of the power supply from Tennant Creek. The operational life of the farm is planned for 30 years.
Nature of the proposed action	Horticulture (irrigated)
Person authorised to make decision	Dr Paul Vogel AM Chairperson Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i>
Decision	To extend the specified period (assessment period) within which the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to be submitted to the NT EPA) in accordance with regulation 274(1)(a) of the EP Regulations
Original specified period	Submit draft EIS to NT EPA by 4 October 2026
Extended specified period	Submit draft EIS to NT EPA by 4 October 2028

¹ In accordance with groundwater extraction licence WDCP10358

Reasons for the decision	The NT EPA has not become aware of information that was not available at the time of approval of the terms of reference (TOR), and the NT EPA would have specified different terms of reference if the new information had been available. The NT EPA has not become aware of new information that indicates a new threat or change in circumstance relating to the environment, and that an amendment to the TOR would be required. The proponent's request to extend the assessment period allows for additional time for preparation of the draft EIS in accordance with the approved TOR for an environmental impact assessment and is: • necessary to meet the objects of the EP Act; and • consistent with the purpose of the assessment process under section 42 of the EP Act.
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Signature



Date of decision	23 March 2026
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