

Submission on Referral

Verdant Minerals Pty Ltd - Ammaroo Ammonium Phosphate Fertiliser Project

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Summary:

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
3.5 Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989 (NT)	AAPA Certificate	The submission is not clear on the status of the project's AAPA certificate. An AAPA Certificate is required prior to commencement.
9. Community consultation	Currency of stakeholder feedback	In acknowledgement that the Referral seeks significant change from the original submission in 2014, a supplement (or revised Referral) should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a list of local and regional stakeholders that have been or will be consulted on the variation and a brief summary of significant issues (both outstanding and resolved) relevant to or raised by each stakeholder.
9. Community consultation	Stakeholder engagement	Stakeholder engagement methodology should be informed by best-practice to ensure genuine community consultation activities are not confused with relationship building and promotional activities. The Referral would benefit from including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consideration of best-practice principles to inform community consultation approach.
15.1 Economic Impact Assessment	Workforce	To assist in the assessment of economic and employment outcomes, it is recommended a Workforce Plan is provided, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stated targets and projections for workforce composition during both the construction and production phases;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarification of the target percentage for locally engaged employees, both the construction and ongoing, and how this target will be supported, including further detail on incentives for employees to permanently relocate to the Northern Territory; • detailed consideration of the social and workforce impacts of a proposed wet bar being located close to a restricted community; and • further detail that supports the statement: <i>“During an expected 25 years of operations, it is estimated the majority of the employees will be from the Northern Territory, with the potential for more than 100 employees sourced from the Barkly region”.</i>
15.1 Economic Impact Assessment	Local procurement	<p>To assist in the assessment of economic benefits the Referral should include a plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies opportunities for local procurement of goods and services from local and Territory suppliers and service providers; and • describes strategies the project will adopt to enhance the local benefit outcomes delivered to the Northern Territory, in line with expectations of the NT Government under the Territory Benefit Policy.
17. Transport	Traffic	<p>The commitment to develop a traffic management plan in the original EIS is vital, noting, the Referral only refers to a site traffic management plan. The Referral would benefit from including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a commitment to develop a traffic management plan as was committed in the original EIS.