

Referral form

Refer proposed action or strategic proposal under the *Environment Protection Act 2019*

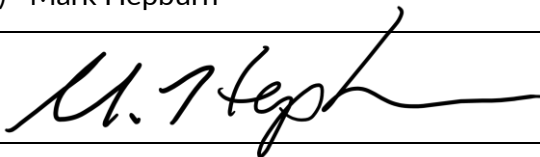
PART A – Proponent details	
Name of the proponent (legal entity)	Castile Resources Limited
Proponent details	<i>Name: Mark Hepburn</i> <i>Position/responsibility: Managing Director</i> <i>Physical address: 17b Southport St West Leederville WA 6007</i> <i>Postal address: PO Box 1133 West Leederville WA 6901</i> <i>Phone: +61 400 092 521</i> <i>Email: mark.hepburn@castile.com.au</i>
Proponent Trading Name if relevant	
Australian Business Number/s Australian Company Number/s	<i>ABN: 93 124 314 085</i> <i>ACN: 124 314 085</i>
Provide a description of the organisational structure with respect to responsibility of the proposed action, environmental approvals and implementation.	Castile Resources Limited is a ASX and OTCQB (New York) listed company with a four member board which includes two Non-Exec Independent Directors a Managing Director (MD) and an Executive Director (ED). Management consists of the MD, a Chief Technical Officer (also ED) and Geology Manager. Management has offices in Perth and Tennant Creek. Castile Resources Pty Ltd (Castile) will be responsible for delivery of the proposal.
Joint-venture partners (if applicable)	N/A
PART B – Outline of the proposal and location	
Outline of the proposed action or strategic proposal (proposal)	
Name of proposal	Rover 1 Project
Provide a brief summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.	This referral provides details of a variation to the Rover 1 Project originally referred to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) and

	accepted for standard assessment on the 26 September 2023. The proposal is being assessed under the <i>Environment Protection Act 2019</i> (EP Act) and <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act) (under an accredited bilateral assessment process). There are three key changes to the proposal from what was referred to the NT EPA and accepted for standard assessment on the 26 September 2023: • Relocation of proposal infrastructure at the Rover 1 site through a redesign. • Removal of the downstream processing facility from the proposal scope. • Removal of the gas import pipeline from the proposal scope.
Location	
Provide location details as: a) street address, suburb	NT Portion 3556, Warumungu, Northern Territory 0852
b) tenement, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable	Access is from the Stuart Highway via an existing track that runs through NT Portion 494 (Tennant Creek Station under Perpetual Pastoral Lease under the <i>Pastoral Land Act 1992</i>) and NT Portion 4115, Warumungu Aboriginal Land Trust (Aboriginal land under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>). The access track intersects EL27292 and EL27372. The main proposal components are within ELR29967 on NT Portion 3556, Karlantijpa South Aboriginal Land Trust (Aboriginal land under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>).
c) the nearest town, recognisable feature, and distance and direction from that town/feature to the site of the proposed action.	The proposed development is situated 70 km southwest of Tennant Creek in central Northern Territory.
Name of the Local Government Area/s in which the proposal is located.	Barkly Regional Council
What is the land tenure type, and proposed land tenure type ?	Access is from the Stuart Highway via an existing track that runs through NT Portion 494 (Tennant Creek

	Station under Perpetual Pastoral Lease under the <i>Pastoral Land Act 1992</i>) and NT Portion 4115, Warumungu Aboriginal Land Trust (Aboriginal land under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>). The access track intersects EL27292 and EL27372. The main proposal components are within ELR29967 on NT Portion 3556, Karlantijpa South Aboriginal Land Trust (Aboriginal land under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>).
Does the proponent have the legal (land) access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?	☒ No If no, provide details of legal access authorisations /agreements / tenure is required and from whom. Castile currently holds a signed deed for exploration activities with the Central Land Council (CLC). This deed describes the pathway for converting the Rover 1 Project exploration leases to a mining lease, including the requirement for a mining agreement with the CLC. Castile has verbally secured permission to access the Project area via NT Parcel 494 and is working closely with the landowner to document this, and any conditions in writing. ☐ Yes If yes, provide an indication of legal access authorisations / agreement / tenure.
Is the land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme?	☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, what is/are the zoning/s?
What is the current land use of the proposal site/s?	The Rover Mineral field is located on vacant land and is largely undeveloped. Under Authorisation A0417-04 a total area of approximately 40.7 ha has been disturbed by exploration activities, of which 7.6 ha had been rehabilitated as of July 2020.

What is the approximate distance (direct line) and direction to the closest human sensitive receptor? For example, residence, accommodation, hospital, school, homeland from the proposal.	Kunayungku outstation (26 km North) – identified as a family outstation, with several buildings beyond economic repair.
What is the proposed end land use of the proposal site/s	A Mine Closure Plan will be developed and the site rehabilitated. Post closure, it is anticipated the land will be returned to pre-mining land use, being traditional uses and pastoral, noting that there will be some localised restrictions on land use around for example, the waste rock dump and tailings storage facility landforms. The preferred post-closure land uses and objectives will be determined in consultation with stakeholders as part of the mine closure planning.
Consultation	
Provide an overview of consultation undertaken specific to the proposal and potential environmental impacts.	Castile has engaged with the following stakeholders since submission of the referral: • NT EPA - meetings have been held regularly since the TOR were approved in 2024. Discussions have centred around the location of the processing plant and various options considered. These discussions also included location of the beneficiation plant at the Rover 1 Project. • NT Government - Castile was granted Major Project Status in April 2024. Part of these discussions centred around the removal of the backend refining component of the Rover 1 Project and relocation of this infrastructure to the Middle Arm Peninsula. • Central Land Council - Castile is in regular contact with the Central Land Council regarding the Rover 1 Project. Presentations were held in Tennant Creek in July 2023 and onsite in 2024 and 2025 regarding the progress of the project. • NT Government Department of Logistics and Infrastructure – the Department was consulted regarding planned usage of infrastructure.
List the matters raised in consultation and identify how the proposal has been modified to respond to stakeholder feedback.	
PART C – Referral type	
What type of proposal is being referred?	☐ proposed action ☐ strategic proposal

	☐ proponent initiated EIS referral ☒ significant variation to proposal EP2023/030
Provide a brief justification including the reasons why you consider the action may have a significant impact on the environment and is referred to the NT EPA. Refer to section 11 of the EP Act and the NT EPA's environmental factors and objectives .	This referral provides details of a variation to the Rover 1 Project originally referred to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) and accepted for standard assessment on the 26 September 2023. The proposal is being assessed under the <i>Environment Protection Act 2019</i> (EP Act) and <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act) (under an accredited bilateral assessment process).
Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Has the proposed action been referred?	☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide the date referred and reference number (EPBC number)? Date: 28/11/2023 EPBC number: 2023/09691 A variation request will be submitted in accordance with section 156A of the EPBC Act.
If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action?	☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, check the appropriate decision outcome and provide the decision in an attachment. ☒ Decision – controlled action ☐ Decision – not a controlled action
PART D – Proponent referrer details and declaration *The referral form must include the declaration signed by the proponent, or where the proponent is an organisation or business, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or duly authorised delegate within the proponent company.	
Who is referring this proposal?	☒ Proponent ☐ Authorised representative within proponent entity

Does the proponent request that the NT EPA treat any part of the information in the referral as confidential under section 281(2) of the EP Act?	☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, provide an application in accordance with regulation 271 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 and submit the confidential information as a separate attachment
Referral declaration by proponent: I, Mark Hepburn declare that I am authorised to refer this proposed action/strategic proposal on behalf of Castile Resources Limited, and further declare that: - the attached environmental impact assessment documents have been prepared in accordance with the EP Act and EP Regulations; and - the attached environmental impact assessment documents (including attachments) are true; and - the attached environmental impact assessment documents do not provide false or misleading information and I know it is an offence to provide false and misleading information, noting the penalties under section 260 of the EP Act, and section 119 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1983</i>; and - the proponent fully understands that referral under the EP Act does not limit, in any way, the requirements of the proponent to ensure approvals under any other regulatory regime are applied for, and adhered to; and - the proponent has fulfilled its general duty in accordance with section 43 of the EP Act. <i>Note: if the NT EPA determine that an environmental approval is required, the proponent will be requested to provide supporting documents during the assessment process such as details to support that the person is a fit and proper person to hold an environmental approval in accordance with section 62 of the EP Act</i>	
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PART E – Nominated contact	
Contact details for proponent contact (provide the details for the person who will be corresponding with the NT EPA on the proposal)	<i>Business name: Castile Resources Limited</i> <i>Name of primary contact: Mark Hepburn</i> <i>Physical address: 17b Southport Street West Leederville WA 6007</i> <i>Postal address: PO Box 1133 West Leederville WA 6901</i> <i>Phone: +61 400 092 521</i> <i>Email: mark.hepburn@castile.com.au</i>
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How to submit

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