

Referral submission template for government authorities

Finniss Lithium Project BP33 Underground Mine

Core Lithium Limited

This template is provided for use by government authorities making a submission on an accepted referral for consideration under section 48 of the *Environment Protection Act 2019*. Additional comments may be attached separately if required.

At this initial stage of the environmental impact assessment process, feedback is sought on whether or not the NT EPA should assess the proposal and, if so, what level of assessment is considered appropriate.

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Agency Name:	DIPL -Transport Civil Services Division (DIPL TCSD)
Proponent and Action: (NT EPA to complete)	Core Lithium Ltd Finniss Lithium Project BP33 Underground Mine
Does the action require a statutory approval/ licence/ permit under legislation administered by your agency? If so, please list and/or explain.	No
Does the proposed action meet relevant legislation, accepted standards, plans or policies administered by your agency? Please explain.	<p>Proponent has committed to complying with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any works within a NTG managed road reserve subject to review and approval by the road authority. Road Agency approval to conduct activities in a road reserve subject to review and assessment by Transport Civil Services Division (DIPL). (Permit to Work within a Road Reserve). Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and Traffic Management Plan (TMP) subject to review and approval by the road agency.
Future involvement of the agency if the action proceeds through environmental impact assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further involvement Provide for information only 	DIPL TCS review and approval of updated TIA / TMP that reflect the traffic and transport environment at that time including assessment of the 2 nd access along Cox Peninsula Road.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for advice 	<p>Review and approval of concept designs for proposed intersections.</p> <p>Provision of a Permit to work within a Road reserve.</p>
<p>Has your agency had prior dealings with the proponent? If so, is there knowledge of the proponent's compliance (or non-compliance) with approvals and legislation?</p>	<p>Yes. Previous consultation for the Grants Core Lithium project where the proponent provided the relevant information to allow the Road Authority to Assess the risks and mitigation strategies of the project on the transport, traffic and social environmental impacts, and to issue the Permit to Work within a Road Reserve</p> <p>Consultations occurred with proponent and DIPL TCS in August 2020 on requirements for the Finniss Lithium project, where the proponent has committed to comply with Road Authority requirements.</p>
<p>Does the referral provide adequate information for your agency to provide comment on the action?</p>	<p>While the referral states a previous TIA / TMP prepared for the <u>Grants</u> Lithium project will be used for this project, it does not reflect any changes to the socio economic environment and transport conditions over the extended period of operations. Core Lithium has indicated that there will not be any increased heavy vehicle haulage as a result of BP33 however the length of time over which the increased traffic from the Grants Lithium project will occur will lengthen.</p> <p>The proponent has however agreed to providing the road authority with an updated TIA / TMP closer to project commencement for review and assessment.</p> <p>The proponent will also be required to confirm requirements in relation to the proposed 2nd access from the Cox Peninsula Road.</p>
<p>Does the referral provide adequate information of surrounding land uses and other potential pressures on the environment?</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>Does the referral present an adequate level of information of the environment likely to be impacted?</p>	<p>The proponent has committed to DIPL TCS to provide relevant information closer to project commencement to allow for adequate assessment of risks associated with the social economic factors as a result of changed traffic conditions, cumulative impacts or road pavement impacts will be addressed by the future TIA / TMP</p>
<p>Have all environmental factors with the potential to be significantly impacted by the action been identified in the referral?</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>Is the referral accurate in its preliminary identification and assessment of likely significant impacts?</p>	<p>No Comment</p>

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Are the claims and findings of the referral supported by adequate information?	No Comment
Has the referral provided information to support any assumptions/ conclusions made about the cultural and social environments that may be impacted by the action?	No Comment
Does the referral provide adequate information to demonstrate claims about opportunities and impacts to the NT economic environment?	No Comment
Does your agency have additional information about the locality, action or circumstances of the action that has not been provided in the referral that will contribute to the NT EPA's decision on significant impact?	Part of the Road Authorities approval process for the Grants Lithium project included a commitment by the proponent to undertake regular pavement condition reporting on the Cox Peninsula Road in the vicinity of the proposed new access, and to undertake repairs if required. Outcomes from this monitoring program will also inform the future TIA/TMP actions relevant to the Finnis Lithium Project.
Does the action have the potential for significant impact on the environment?	No
If yes, can the action be assessed based on the information in the referral?	Yes
If no, should the action be assessed as a SER, EIS or by assessment by inquiry?	No
If an SER is recommended please describe the matter that the proponent is required to further investigate	No
If an EIS is recommended, please describe the matters the proponent is required to further investigate (to be included in draft terms of reference for the EIS)	N/A
If an assessment by inquiry is recommended, please describe the issue to be examined by the inquiry (for inclusion in draft terms of reference)	N/A