

Submission on the supplementary environmental report (SER)

Core Lithium Ltd – Finnis Lithium Project BP33 Underground Mine

This submission is made under regulation 123 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (the Authority)

Section of SER	Theme or issue	Comment
Table 5-1	Aboriginal sacred sites	<p>The SER refers to existing Authority Certificate C2019/077 issued to Lithium Developments (Grants NT) Pty Ltd on 10 September 2019 for the Grants Lithium Project. The SER correctly acknowledges that this certificate C2019/077 only covers part of the BP33 mine site as shown in Figure 2-2 of the SER.</p> <p>The Authority received an application from Core Lithium for a variation to certificate C2019/077 on 24 November 2021 and is currently processing this application (reference 202116512). However, the application (apparently mistakenly) covers the same Subject Land as certificate C2019/077. The Authority has contacted the proponent to amend this application by expanding the Subject Land to cover the BP33 site. Once this is addressed, the Authority considers that the resulting Authority Certificate will effectively cover the proposed activities described in the SER.</p> <p>The SER discusses two sacred sites identified on certificate C2019/077 and outlines that these sites will not be impacted by the proposed mining activities as they are located on the opposite side of Cox Peninsula Road. The Authority considers that if the proponent complies with the conditions of any Authority Certificate issued to them in relation to the proposal, then the risk of impact to sacred sites is appropriately very low.</p>