

Submission on the referral

Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO) – Excess Water Disposal Project

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

Government authority: Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA)

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Table 9 Pg 13	Alternative discharge to Angurugu Creek	- The report states that alternative option 8b, comprising a discharge to Angurugu Creek, was rejected. - However, this option is the subject of an application for an Authority Certificate. The proponent should clarify whether the discharge to Angurugu Creek will remain an option for excess water disposal.
Table 19 Pg 42	Authority Certificate	- The report states that the proponent will conduct works in accordance with existing site Authority Certificates. - However, the proponent does not hold an Authority Certificate for the activities described in this Referral.
6.1.3 Pg 50 6.1.3.9 Pg 55	Factors excluded in assessment	- The report states that no significant impact is expected for the Culture and Heritage factor. - There is some uncertainty in this assessment regarding the existence of an Authority Certificate for the activities described in this Referral.
Appendix G Table 2 Pg 35	AAPA database	- Table 2 indicates that there are no registered places in the AAPA database. - Note that AAPA's database comprises Aboriginal sacred sites identified during research for Authority Certificates. There are no Authority Certificates within the project area and the predicted marine plume area.