

NOTICE OF DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

This notice of decision and statement of reasons is made under regulations 275 and 276 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Name of proposed action	Winchelsea Island Manganese Mine Project
NT EPA reference	EP2021/004
Proponent	Winchelsea Mining Pty Ltd
Description of proposal	To develop and operate an open cut manganese mine at Winchelsea Island (Akwamburkba) in the Groote Archipelago region, about 600 km southeast of Darwin. The proposed action includes open cut mining of manganese and the use of a conveyor to transport processed ore to a barge-loading facility, and then trans-shipping of ore at an offshore location.
Nature of the proposal	Mining
Person authorised to make decision	Dr Paul Vogel AM Chairperson Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i>
Decision	To extend the specified period (by 12 months) for the supplement to the draft environmental impact statement to be submitted to the NT EPA in accordance with regulation 274(1)(b) of the EP Regulations.
Original specified period	Submit the Supplement to the draft environmental impact statement to NT EPA by 16 July 2026
Extended specified period	Submit the supplement to the draft environmental impact statement to NT EPA by 16 July 2027
Reasons for the decision	An extension to the specified period is considered to be: • necessary to meet the objects of the EP Act; and • consistent with the purpose of the assessment process under section 42 of the EP Act.
Signature	
Date of decision	10 July 2026