

Submission on the referral

The Office of the Supervising Scientist (OSS) – Koongarra Remediation

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

Government authority: Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report Table 5-1 Pg 18	Authority Certificate and Sacred Sites Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report refers to the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1978. Note that the current Act in force is the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989. The report refers to Authority Certificate C2024/051 which covers the main project area (within the former lease area shown in Figure 3-1) but not the extension area. The proponent has referred to Authority Certificate conditions in the discussion of the works within the report. Note that work in RWA2, the area of the saddle, requires notice to be given to, and the presence of, senior custodians.
Main report 7.4.1 Pg 35	Authority Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report refers to Authority Certificate C2024/051 and its conditions. This certificate covers the main project area (within the former lease area shown in Figure 3-1) but not the extension area. The proponent has applied for an Authority Certificate for the extension area, but it is yet to be issued. The methods of remediation described within this referral may need reconsideration depending on any new conditions in the new Authority Certificate.