

NOTICE OF DECISION

This notice of decision is made under regulation 50 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Name of proposed action	Winchelsea Island Manganese Mine Project EP2021/004
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Proponent	Winchelsea Mining Pty Ltd
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Description of proposed action	<p>To develop and operate an open cut manganese mine on Winchelsea Island about 600 km southeast of Darwin. Strip mining using free digging and rock breaking would be undertaken to extract ore and overburden. Mine infrastructure would include run-of-mine and ore stockpiling areas, a processing plant, workshops, haul and access roads, a product conveyor from the processing area to the wharf, a jetty and a boat ramp. Product would be direct loaded from the conveyor onto ships for export.</p> <p>Supporting infrastructure would be located at Little Paradise Bay on Groote Eylandt, approximately 6 km southwest of the mine site, and include a barge landing ramp and jetty, access roads, a logistics hub and a 100-person accommodation camp.</p> <p>The mine disturbance footprint is 659 hectares, and the mine life would be approximately 14 years.</p>
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Nature of the proposed action	Mining
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Person authorised to make decision	Paul Purdon Executive Director Environmental Assessment and Policy Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i>
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Decision	To accept the above named referral of a proposed action for a standard assessment in accordance with regulation 44 of the EP Regulations
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Date of decision	6 January 2021
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