

## Submission on the referral

### Groote Eylandt Mining Company Ltd – Southern Lease Exploration Project

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

**Government authority:** Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services

**Summary:**

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
	Emergency Response Areas (ERAs)	<p>The Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service (NTFRS) is established pursuant to the <i>Fire and Emergency Act 1996</i> (the Act) which makes provision for the operational and emergency response activities of the NTFRS for the protection of life, property and the environment against fires and other emergencies. The NTFRS is responsible for the majority of the NT’s population who reside in the larger populated cities and towns within gazetted Emergency Response Areas (ERAs) as well as transport corridors throughout the NT in respect to road crash rescue and hazardous materials incidents.</p> <p>There is no gazetted ERA on Groote Eylandt resulting in no NTFRS presence or resources physically located on the Eylandt. The NTFRS understands that as at March 2022, the proponent, Groote Eylandt Mining Company (GEMCO) maintains an Emergency Services department who performs the function of fire and rescue services on Groote Eylandt. This capability provided by GEMCO would need to be sustained during the proposed Southern Lease Exploration Program (2023-2025).</p>