

Submission on referral information

Lithium Plus Minerals Ltd – Lei Lithium Project

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

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Government authority: Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Strategic Policy & Delivery Division

Theme / issue	Comment
<p>Potential social and socio-economic impacts e.g. Table 5-18 and App E</p>	<p>The Referral:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • includes appropriate information regarding community consultation and stakeholder concerns • adequately identifies potential negative social and socio-economic impacts and proposes reasonable mitigation measures through its Stakeholder Engagement Plan and in Table 5-18. A Social Impact Assessment will also be undertaken and Management Plan developed to address potential impacts to community composition, cohesion or character • reasonably assesses the significance of identified potential negative impacts as ‘minor’ post-mitigation, with the exception of traffic impacts which will likely have a higher residual impact • includes commitments to local benefits through development of a Territory Benefit Plan as well as a ‘Local Employment Management Plan’ and ‘Local Supply Management Plan’. <p>Recommendation: To promote best practice, the Referral could benefit from, for example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an assessment of local workforce capacity/skills and local business capability/opportunity ideally with a focus on Berry Springs and neighbouring areas and of opportunities for local Aboriginal workers and enterprises • including more detail for key mitigations such as the proposed ‘Local Employment Management Plan’ and ‘Local Supply Management Plan’ and including these in the main Referral report • considering the inclusion of targets and measurement criteria for social and socio-economic mitigations • further consideration of potential cumulative impacts (such as potential competition for skilled workers, local procurement requirements/opportunities across projects and cumulative traffic impacts) and their potential mitigations.