

Response to Requirement Notice

(Regional Planning Interests Act 2014, s44)

RPI23/002 — Rio Tinto — Wagunda-McNamara Project (EPM 16900)

ATTACHMENT A

Information required for assessment against the SEA Criteria – Schedule 2, Part 5 of the *Regional Planning Interest Regulation 2014*

1.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>Section 2 Application details of the Assessment Application Form identifies the area of disturbance as being 2.24 ha.</p> <p>Table 1 of the Assessment Application Report – Wagunda – McNamara Project (EPM 16900) dated 09 March 2023, prepared by Rio Tinto (supporting report) identifies the area of impact as being 0.6ha for the proposed tracks and 0.09ha for the proposed drill sites, being a total of 0.69ha.</p> <p>Table 1 also identifies an area of impact of 1.1ha for existing tracks, but it is unclear why these are included if they are existing.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Confirm the proposed area of impact/SEA disturbance of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Proposed access tracksii) Drill sitesb) Clarify why the area of impact of existing tracks is included.
2.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The application does not include adequate information on the location of the proposed drill sites.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Provide spatial layers, able to be viewed within Queensland Globe, that show the location of the proposed drill sites.</p>

Company Response:

Please find below information in response to the Requirements Notice for RIDA application number RPI23/002 – Wagunda-McNamara Project (EPM 16900).

1.	<p>Issue 1:</p> <p>(a)(i) Confirm the proposed area of impact/SEA disturbance of proposed access tracks: <i>The proposed area of impact/SEA disturbance for proposed access tracks is 1.7ha. This has been calculated as follows: 0.6ha for new tracks and 1.1ha of existing tracks.</i></p> <p>(a)(ii) Confirm the proposed area of impact/SEA disturbance of drill sites <i>The proposed area of impact/SEA disturbance for the drill sites is 0.54ha. This is calculated on an impact of 0.09ha per drill site and there are six drill sites proposed.</i></p> <p>(b) Clarify why the area of impact of existing tracks in included <i>The reasons for including existing tracks in the disturbance calculation is because these tracks were chosen as existing on aerial imagery. However, we have not been able to verify the condition of the tracks at the ground level. Therefore, depending on the condition of these tracks and if vegetation has regrown, we may need to regrade and widen the tracks to allow access.</i></p>
2.	<p>Issue 2:</p> <p>The application does not include adequate information on the location of the proposed drill sites. <i>Shape files of the drill site have been provided. These can be imported into GeoResGlobe or Queensland Globe.</i></p>