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Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd  
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Dear Ms Everding

## REQUIREMENT NOTICE

### **RPI25/002: Anglo American – Planet Downs Project (Exploration Drilling)** (given under section 44 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*)

I refer to the assessment application which was properly made on 3 February 2025 under section 29 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act). The application is seeking a regional interests development approval (RIDA) for resource activity: mining and other resource activities (not petroleum and gas) for the Planet Downs Project (Exploration Drilling) in the Gulf Rivers strategic environmental area (SEA).

#### **Application details**

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Applicant	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd
Project	Planet Downs Project (Exploration Drilling)
Description	Exploration activities for minerals
Area of regional interest	Gulf Rivers SEA (Designated Precinct)
Proposed disturbance area	4.0 ha

#### **Site details**

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Real property description	Lot 1 GY14, Lot 2 CP907594 and Lot 3 on SP194668
Local government area	Burke Shire Council

#### **Information Requirement**

Pursuant to section 44 of the RPI Act, you are advised that further information is required to assist in the assessment of the application against the assessment criteria contained in the RPI Act and the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (RPI Regulation).

The further information required is detailed in **Attachment A**.

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The period in which the information must be provided is a maximum of three months from the date of this notice. An extension to this period may be requested if necessary.

Another requirement notice may be given if, for example, the response to this requirement notice does not provide sufficient information to assess and decide the application or in response to matters raised in a submission.

### **Public notification requirement**

Pursuant to section 34(4) of the RPI Act, it has been determined that the application requires notification. The reason for the decision is that the delegate for the chief executive has determined that it is in the public interest for the application to be publicly notified.

In accordance with section 35 of the RPI Act, you are required to:

- publish a notice about the application '*at least once in a newspaper circulating generally in the area of the land*' as prescribed in section 13 of the RPI Regulation
- where not the owner of the land, give the owners of the land notice about the application.

Please provide proof of delivery of notice about the application to landowners to [RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au](mailto:RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au)

Public notification must be undertaken within 10 business days of providing the response to the requirement notice to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP).

The notification period is 15 business days after the notice about the application is first published, with the closing date being a day that is after the end of the notification period.

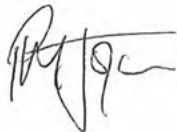
The approved form for public notification is available on DSDIP's website at [rpi-regional-interests-dev-approval-template.doc \(live.com\)](#)

Please provide a copy of the notice as it appears in the newspaper circulating generally in the area to [RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au](mailto:RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au)

You are also referred to the RPI Act Statutory Guideline 06/14 Public notification of assessment applications at [RPI Act - Statutory Guideline 06/14 \(windows.net\)](#) for further information.

If you require any further information, or have any queries, please contact Mr Darren Brewer, Manager – Appeals and Regional Interests, Planning Group, DSDIP on (07) 3452 7472 or by email at [RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au](mailto:RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au) who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Phil Joyce  
**A/Executive Director  
Innovation and Assessment  
Planning Group**

Encl. Attachment A

## ATTACHMENT A

### Information required for assessment against SEA criteria – Schedule 2, Part 5, s15(1)(b)(i) - (iii) and Part 3, s9 of the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014

1.	<p><b><u>Potential erosion and sedimentation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Issue:</u></b></p> <p>Limited information has been provided regarding potential erosion and sedimentation from the proposed exploration activities (drilling, temporary access tracks, campsite, and laydown area), including potential impacts during the wet season. Furthermore, the area of interest is susceptible to flooding in accordance with the Queensland Floodplain Assessment Overlay mapping. Limited information has been provided on the impacts of flooding of the proposed infrastructure to the strategic environmental area (SEA) and designated precinct.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <p>Please take the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a comprehensive assessment on the erosion and sedimentation potential of the exploration activities considering impacts from the wet season. This assessment must include mitigation strategies and erosion/sediment control measures proposed to be implemented to ensure sensitive receptors (such as the designated precinct and SEA) are not adversely affected. Furthermore, information is required to demonstrate the water quality of the area will not be altered due to the proposed activities.</li><li>• Provide an assessment of the potential impacts of flooding to ensure that water quality is not adversely affected.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b><u>Management of sewerage</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Issue:</u></b></p> <p>Limited information has been provided regarding management of sewerage waste at the temporary campsite.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <p>Please provide details of proposed sewerage management measures in relation to the campsite, inclusive of any potential environmental risks associated.</p>

3.	<p><b><u>Waste (including wastewater)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Issue:</u></b></p> <p>Insufficient information has been provided regarding waste, inclusive of wastewater, anticipated to be produced on site. Further, no management plan has been detailed for waste. The current Environmental Authority regarding waste is not deemed appropriate for managing the wastes within the SEA (and therefore, further conditioning might be required).</p> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <p>Provide a detailed assessment of the type and amount of waste expected to be produced by the proposed exploration activities over the lifetime of the project. Also provide information regarding waste management plans and disposal practices, inclusive of potential associated environmental risk.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Hydrological processes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Issue:</u></b></p> <p>The expanded land disturbance area may impact the natural hydrological processes, including channel flow, overland flow, floodplain flow paths, groundwater interactions and beneficial flooding in the area.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <p>Provide information on the location of the proposed clearance lines in relation to intersection with Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems and mapped watercourses.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Resource Activities within the Designated Precinct of the SEA</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Issue:</u></b></p> <p>Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the RIDA Application Supporting Report state that drill pads and access tracks (respectively) will be located to <u>avoid</u> activities within the SEA Designated Precinct. However, Section 3.1 of this report states that activities are proposed within the SEA and the Designated Precinct. The sections of the report are contradictory.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <p>Confirm whether or not resource activities will be undertaken within the SEA Designated Precinct. If resource activities are to be undertaken within the SEA Designated Precinct, please provide additional information on the nature of any proposed encroachment within the Designated Precinct, including the provision of detailed responses to the SEA environmental attributes at Part 3, s9 and the</p>

	SEA criteria in Schedule 2, Part 5, s 14 and s15(1)(b)(i) - (iii) of the RPI Regulation.
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