

Our ref: CPS 5272/4
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Ms Virginia Miltrup Chief Executive Officer City of Karratha PO box 219 KARRATHA WA 6714]

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Dear Ms Miltrup,

APPLICATION TO CLEAR NATIVE VEGETATION UNDER THE *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986* – INVITATION TO COMMENT

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) has received an application from Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd to amend Purpose Permit CPS 5272/3 under section 51KA of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the EP Act). The amendment application seeks to extend the duration of the permit, reduce the size of the area permitted to be cleared and amend permit conditions. This amendment application has been given the reference CPS 5272/4.

Currently, Purpose Permit CPS 5272/3 authorises Robe River to clear 150 hectares of native vegetation within various freehold properties, Crown lease and reserves, unallocated Crown land and road reserves within the localities of Wickham, Point Sampson and Antonymyre, City of Karratha, for the purpose of mine and port infrastructure and associated works.

In accordance with section 51E(4A) of the EP Act, the department considers that you may have a direct interest in the subject matter of the application, and invites your comment. In particular, the department would welcome your comments in relation to:

- whether the proposed clearing is consistent with your:
 - o local Town Planning Scheme
 - o local and regional planning strategies and/or policies
 - o local biodiversity guidelines and/or plans and/or environmental impact assessment decisions: and
- whether any planning approvals have been granted and/or are required. If planning approvals are required, please advise whether an application has been received.

The CEO will, after having taken into account any comments received and subject to sections 51O and 51P of the EP Act, either amend a clearing permit (including any specified conditions) or refuse to amend a clearing permit, in accordance with section 51KA(4) of the EP Act.

An excerpt of the application form, a regional map showing the location of the application area, a map of the application area, and supporting documentation provided by the applicant are available online at https://ftp.dwer.wa.gov.au/permit/, under reference 5272.

Please forward your submission via email to <u>info@dwer.wa.gov.au</u> within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter.

Please quote application reference number CPS 5272/4 on all future correspondence with the department on these matters.

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please contact the Environmental Officer listed above.

Yours sincerely

Temika Mathieson A/SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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