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APPLICATION TO AMEND CLEARING PERMIT CPS 8409/2 UNDER THE *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986* – APPLICATION TO AMEND ACCEPTED

I refer to Atlas Iron Pty Ltd's application to amend Purpose Permit CPS 8409/2 under section 51M(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the EP Act), in order to amend the purpose of the clearing to include road maintenance, extend the duration of the permit and amend conditions. If granted, CPS 8409/3 would allow for the clearing of 142 hectares of native vegetation within various land parcels in Marble Bar, for the purpose of road upgrades and maintenance, geotechnical and water investigations, and water infrastructure. The application was received by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 19 November 2020.

Your application has been found to be valid in accordance with section 51M(1) of the EP Act and has been accepted by DWER for assessment.

Please note that based on the details provided in Atlas Iron Pty Ltd's application, additional approvals are required to undertake the proposed activities, including renewal of Atlas Iron Pty Ltd's Section 91 Licence from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH). Please note that a decision on this clearing application will be deferred until evidence is provided to DWER that such approvals have been obtained. Until this information has been received, DWER has suspended the timeframe for your application ('stop the clock'). This timeframe will recommence upon receipt of the required information.

I note that your current permit expires on 31 January 2021. Please note that once the permit has expired it cannot be amended. Therefore, if you wish to proceed with this amendment it is recommended that you provide the required approvals as soon as possible, in order to give DWER adequate time to finalise this matter.

You will be notified of the outcome of DWER's assessment of your application once a decision has been made.

Please find attached a digitised map and a list of properties indicating the areas that DWER has determined to be the subject of your application. If this map and list of properties does not accurately reflect the area you are applying to clear, please advise DWER within seven days of the date of this letter.

Please quote application reference number CPS 8409/3 on all future correspondence with DWER regarding this application.

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

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*Officer delegated under section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

3 December 2020

Att: Digitised Map
List of properties
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