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**YILGARN OPERATIONS – WINDARLING AND MT JACKSON RANGE (EPBC 2001/174)
2024 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

To Whom It May Concern,

Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd. (YIPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Mineral Resources Ltd (MinRes), operates its Yilgarn Operations – Mt Jackson and Windarling Range under EPBC 2001/174 Approval.

In accordance with Condition 12 of EPBC 2001/174, YIPL's 2023 Annual Compliance Assessment Report will be available on the MinRes website by 30 April 2025 at:

<https://www.mineralresources.com.au/sustainability/environment/yilgarn-environmental-publications-and-reports/>

An electronic (PDF) copy of the report is attached to this submission email.

If you would like any further information on this matter, please contact yilgarn.environmental@piha.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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Mineral Resources Limited



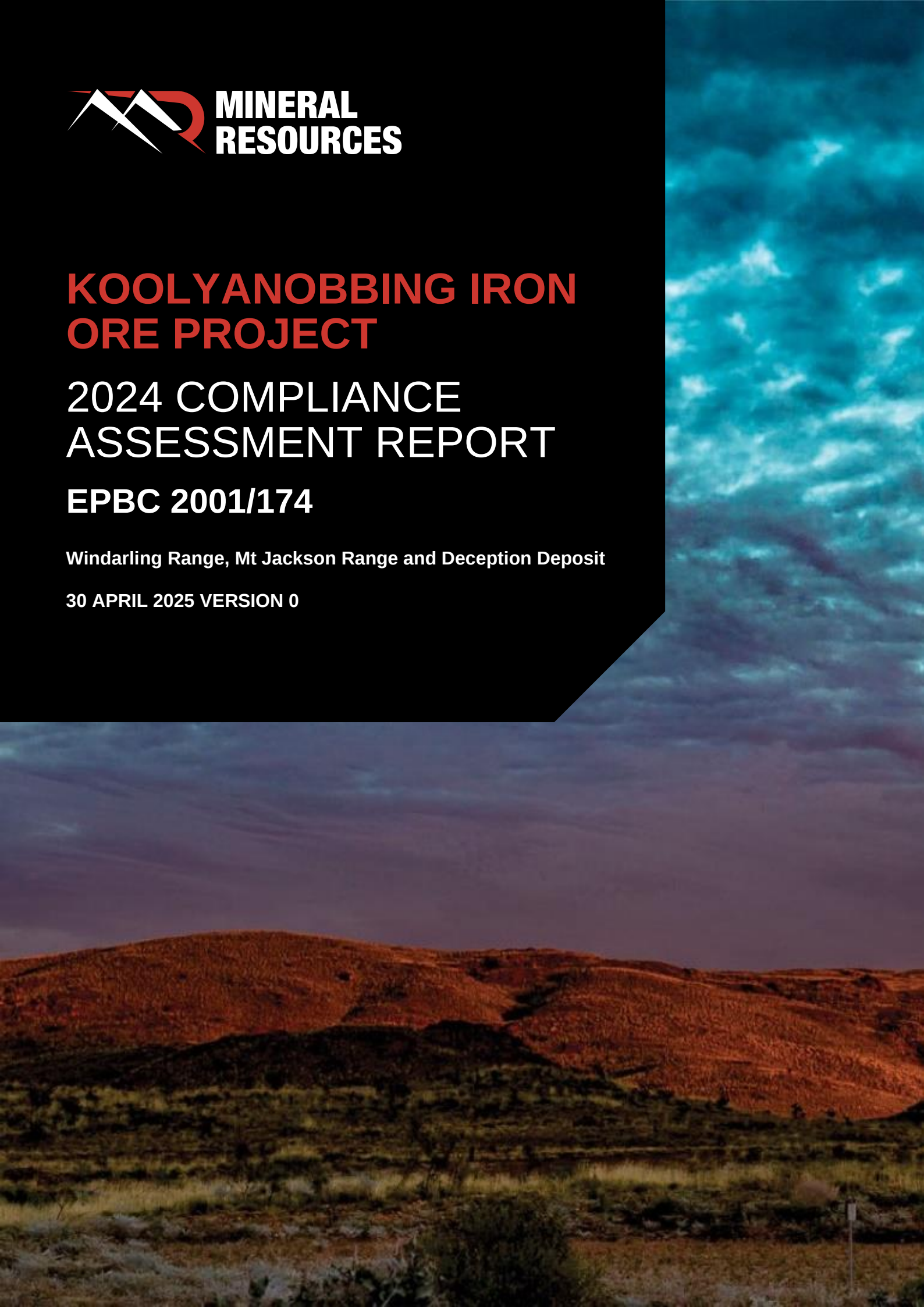
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Acknowledgement of Country

MinRes is committed to reconciliation and recognises and respects the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures, and histories. MinRes acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
ACAR	Annual Compliance Assessment Report
AER	Annual Environment Report
BC Act	<i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i>
BIF	Banded Iron Formation
DBCA	Western Australian Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DAWE	Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
DEMIRS	Western Australian Department of Mines, Energy, Industry Regulation and Safety
DSO	Direct Shipping Ore
DWER	Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
EPA	Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority
GDP	Ground Disturbance Permit
GST	Goods and Services Tax
ha	Hectare
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
JTSI	Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
km	Kilometre
m	Metre
mbgl	Metres below ground level
MCP	Mine Closure Plan
MRF	Mine Rehabilitation Fund
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
MinRes	Mineral Resources Limited
Mtpa	Million tonnes per annum
PEC	Priority Ecological Community
PER	Public Environmental Review
RIWI Act	<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>
ROM	Run of Mine
Sa	Mass deposition rate of ash, in grams per square metre per month
LAP	Land Activity Permit
SRE	Short-range Endemic

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Projection Overview

Mining has occurred at Koolyanobbing since the 1960s. Formally known as Portman Iron Ore, Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd (Cliffs) recommissioned the operations following closure by BHP Pty Ltd in the early 1980's and operated the mine from 1994 until 2018.

Cliffs ceased mining operations at Koolyanobbing in early 2018 and entered into an Asset Sale Agreement with Mineral Resources Limited (MinRes) on 12 June 2018. The transaction was completed in August 2018 and included the transfer of legal title in Cliffs' mining tenements to MinRes and ownership of all remaining iron ore, fixed plant, equipment, and non-process infrastructure in the Yilgarn and at the Port of Esperance. All assets were transferred to the wholly owned MinRes subsidiary Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd (YIPL).

YIPL commenced mining at Koolyanobbing in September 2018. Iron ore is mined from a number of open pits, blended, crushed and screened to make products that meet export market specifications. Ore from the northern operations of Deception, Mt Jackson and Windarling is transported via a private haul road to Koolyanobbing or Carina where it is selectively blended with ore, crushed, and screened. The final product is transported from Koolyanobbing or Carina to Esperance Port by rail.

The location of Mt Jackson, Windarling and Deception mines are shown **Figure 1**.

1.2 Approval History

From 2003 to 2012, the Yilgarn Operations were regulated by seven Ministerial Statements issued by the Western Australian Minister for the Environment under s45(5) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and two Approvals issued by the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). In September 2012, Cliffs was approached by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) to investigate the potential consolidation of the aforementioned Ministerial Statements into a single Ministerial Statement.

Cliffs was granted environmental approval for the consolidation of previous statements under both s45C and s46 of the EP Act on 24 September 2014 through Ministerial Statement 982 (MS982).

Negotiations then began between Cliffs and the DoEE to consolidate conditions under approvals EPBC 2001/174 and 2008/4449. The main aim was to reduce duplication of conditions that are covered at a State level under MS982. The variation to the conditions of EPBC 2008/4449 was granted under section 143 of the EPBC Act on 19 September 2016. A number of redundant conditions were revoked, and the remaining conditions were amended to reflect the current operating status. A summary of amendments to the conditions of EPBC 2001/174 is provided in Table 1.

YIPL assumed responsibility for these approvals in the third quarter of 2018, following the Asset Sale Agreement between Cliffs and MinRes.

1.3 EPBC 2001/174

EPBC 2001/174 outlines conditions regulating the mining of iron ore at Windarling Range and Mt Jackson Range (J2-J3), which are located approximately 70 and 100 km north of Koolyanobbing respectively.

The approved action for EPBC 2001/174 is: 'to construct, develop and operate iron ore mines and associated infrastructure at Mt Jackson and Windarling. **Figures 2** and **Figure 3** highlight the sites where activities associated with this EPBC Approval occur, as well as operations conducted within the boundaries specified in the MS982 approval.

Table 1 Key EPBC 2001/174 Approval Amendments

Date	Amendment	Approval
08 December 2003	Submission of plans to manage impacts on <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> and <i>Tetratheca harperi</i> and Malleefowl Submission of preliminary MCP	Annexure 2A variation to replace Annexure 2
29 July 2016	Consolidate approval conditions for the project approved on 04 September 2003	Conditions 2,3,6,7 & 11 revoked
03 October 2016	Amendment to condition 12 and addition of condition 16	Condition 12 amended Condition 16 added

1.4 Annual Compliance Assessment Report

This Annual Compliance Assessment Report (ACAR) was prepared in accordance with EPBC 2001/174 conditions for the reporting period 1st of April 2024 to 31st of March 2025.

This report is endorsed by Daniel Smylie, Site Senior Executive (Alternate) – Yilgarn Operations.

YIPL's Australian Company Number (ACN) is 626 035 078.

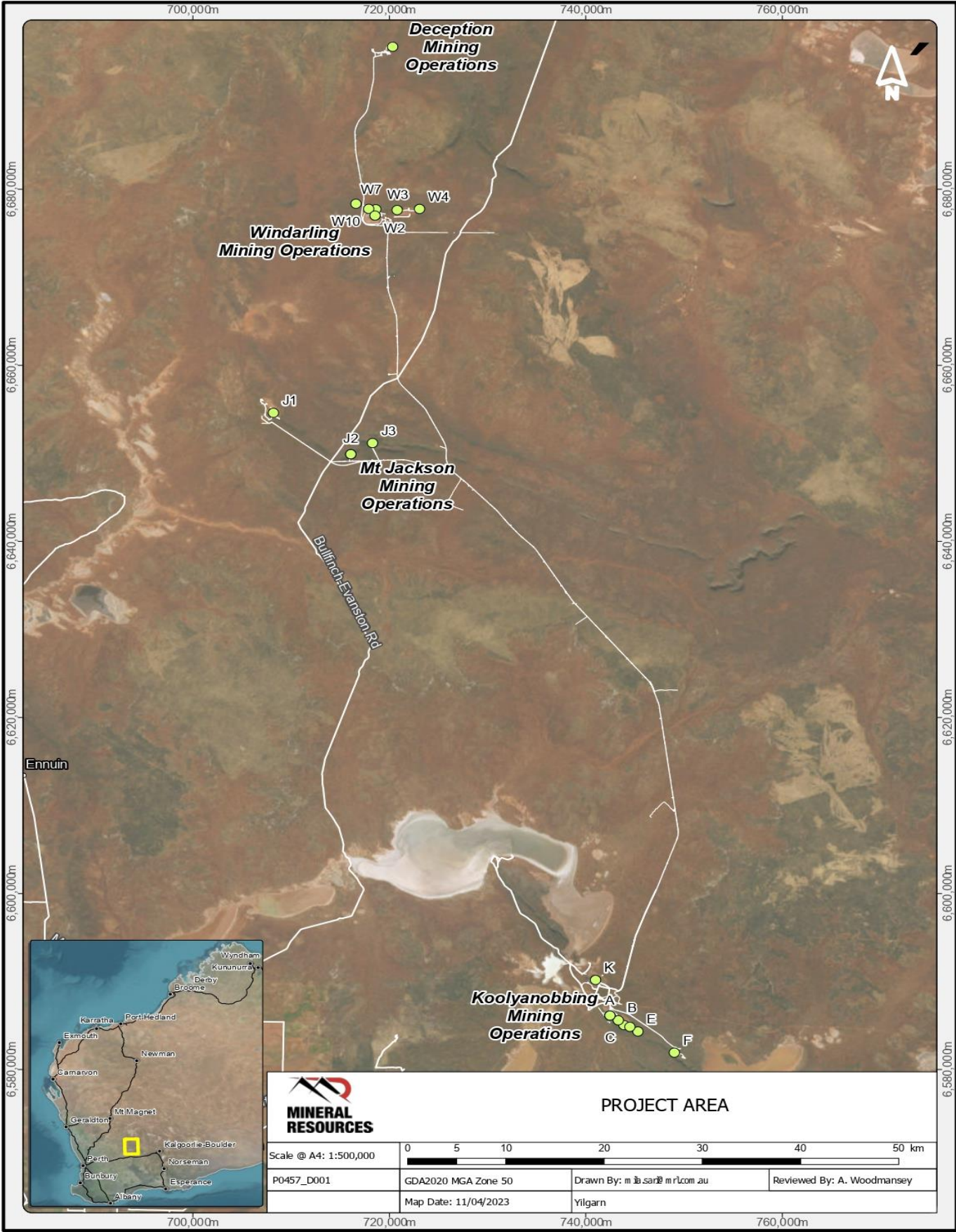


Figure 1 Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd (YIPL) Operations Project Area

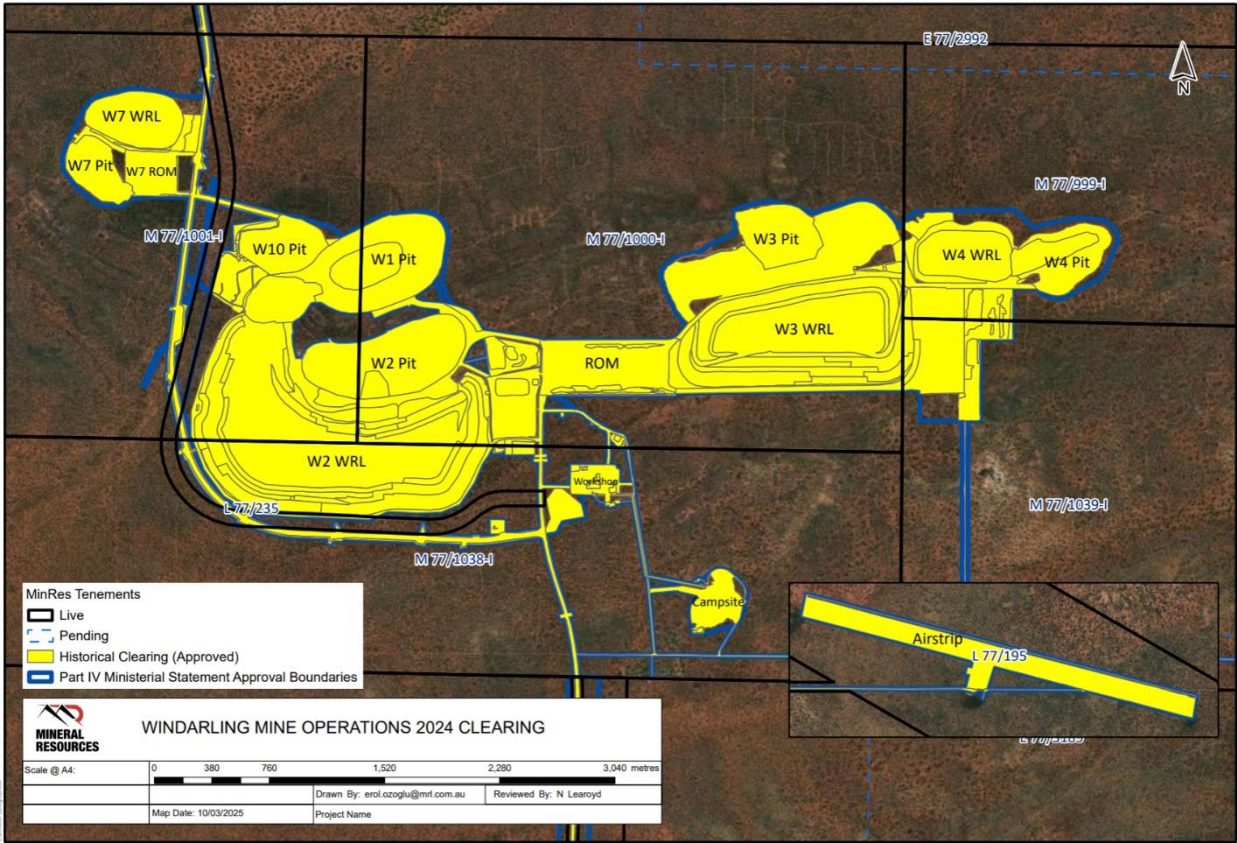


Figure 2 EPBC 2001/174 Windarling Range

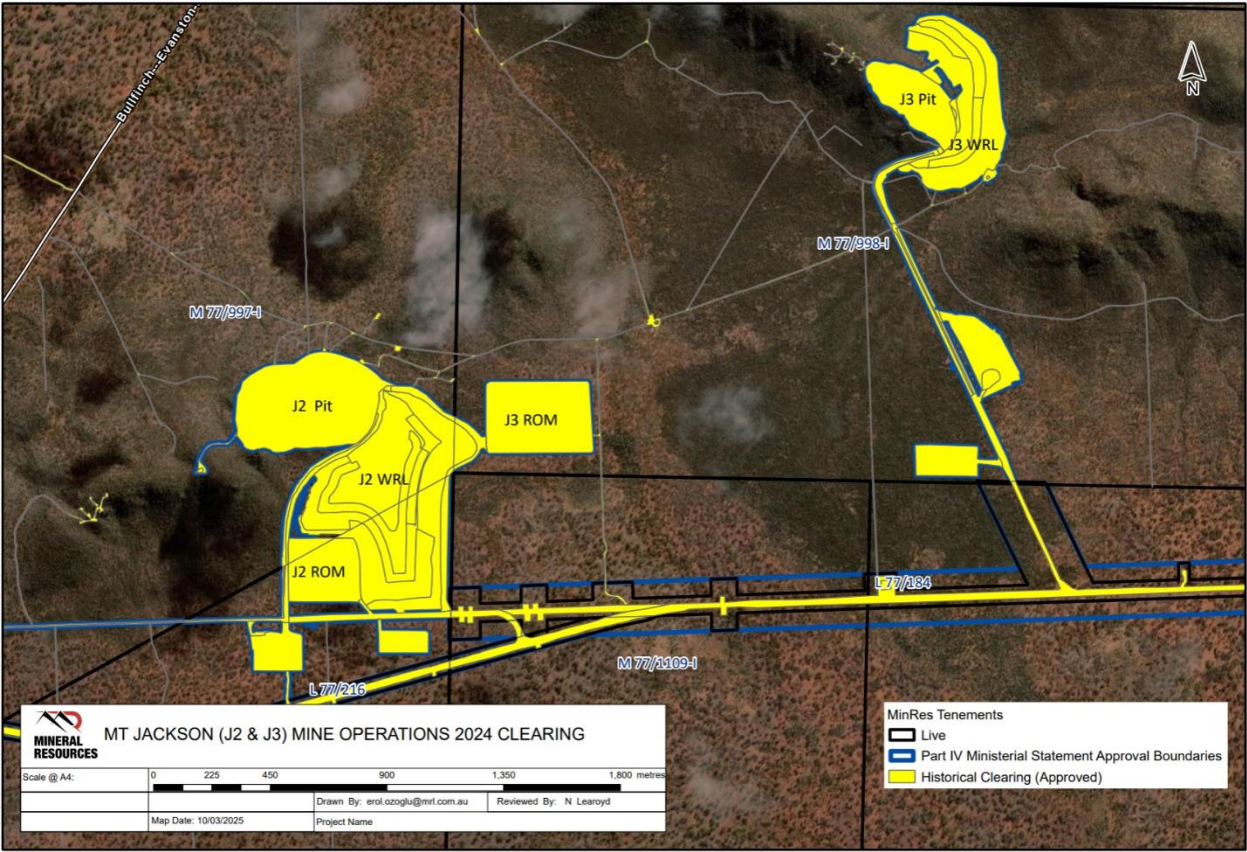


Figure 3 EPBC 2001/174 Mt Jackson Range (J2 & J3)

2. PROJECT STATUS

During the 2024 reporting period, mining activities continued at Windarling operations. On 31/12/2024 all Yilgarn Operations were placed under an operational pause. At the time of this report's submission, no mining activities are currently being undertaken.

No mining operations were conducted at the Mt Jackson Range (J2-J3).

3. COMPLIANCE

3.1 Non-compliance and Corrective Actions

No non-compliances were recorded during the 2024 reporting period.

3.2 Statement of Compliance

YIPL was in full compliance with all conditions of EPBC 2001/174 for the 2024 reporting period. Refer to **Appendix A**, Declaration of Accuracy – EPBC 2001/174.

4. DETAILS OF DECLARED COMPLIANCE STATUS

Assessment of Compliance – EPBC 2001/174 Audit Table (**Appendix B**) details the compliance status of each implementation condition for the 2024 reporting period.

5. APPROVAL CONDITIONS

This report provides an assessment of conditions for the reporting period and details the compliance status of all conditions contained within EPBC 2001/174.

An EPBC Approval Conditions Compliance Table is provided as **Appendix B**. The audit table has been prepared and maintained in accordance with the EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report Guidelines.

The Table includes full wording of all conditions under the Approval, the condition reference number, a designation regarding compliance or non-compliance of each condition, a summary of evidence and comments to support the compliance designation, and references to any other parts of the compliance report which relate to that approval condition.

A number of management plans are required under the Approval and are included as Appendices, including:

- **Appendix C** – Yilgarn Flora and Vegetation Management Plan
- **Appendix D** – Yilgarn Fauna Management Plan

The specifics of each management plan are detailed in Section 5.1 to 5.2.

Accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval are maintained and can be made available to the Department upon request.

5.1 Yilgarn Flora and Vegetation Management Plan

In accordance with Condition 4 of the Approval, the Yilgarn Flora and Vegetation Management Plan (YFVMP), Revision 0, dated 3 April 2019, was approved by the Minister for the Environment. The objective of the YFVMP is to outline the management actions YIPL will implement to address the environmental risks and regulatory obligations

associated with flora and vegetation. While the primary focus of this plan is on the protection of flora of conservation significance, the scope of the plan includes other native flora and vegetation.

5.1.1 Management Controls and Actions

Section 6.1 of the YFVMP outlines the management approach and mitigation measures to be implemented to meet the stated objective of the YFVMP, and the Condition requirements identified in the Approval. The management actions are identified according to the potential impacts of the Project, including:

- Saline Water
- Unauthorized disturbance
- Weeds
- Dust
- Fire
- Feral fauna
- Altered surface water flow.

Performance indicators are attributed to the management actions, and include:

- 100% compliance with Land Activity Permit (LAP) and Land Clearing Procedure
- Annual weed monitoring and reporting in the Annual Environment Report (AER)
- Monthly dust deposition readings at impact sites
- Undertake monitoring of Rare Flora taxa and native vegetation
- Ensure no ground disturbing activities occur in 'Area A' at Windarling Range
- Ensure no ground disturbing activities occur in 'Area B' at Windarling Range
- Maintain an incident reporting system to include damage or loss of native flora and vegetation.

5.1.2 Monitoring During the Report Period

In accordance with the management actions outlined in the YFVMP, Land Activity Permit and Land Clearing Procedures were 100% adhered to where vegetation clearing occurred. Weed management included annual weed monitoring, and dust deposition monitoring was completed on a monthly basis.

Annual *Tetratheca paynterae* Monitoring Report (Umwelt, 2024), **Appendix E**, identified no triggers and no conclusive evidence of impacts from current mining activities on vegetation health.

The total population increased by 78 individuals compared to 2023, mainly due to 44 new seedlings and additional juvenile and adult plants. The number of plants marked as "Not Located" decreased significantly from 52 in 2023 to five (5) in 2024.

Higher recruitment in 2024 was attributed to above-average rainfall in the months leading up to the survey. Seedlings were predominantly recorded 200 meters or more from mining activities, indicating no clear relationship between mining proximity and recruitment.

The number of reproductive individuals increased by 77, although the proportion of reproductive plants saw only a slight rise. Fewer buds were observed in 2024 compared to 2023 and 2011, possibly due to rainfall influencing the timing of reproductive cycles.

57 newly dead individuals were recorded, though the accuracy of this figure is uncertain due to the high number of "Not Located" plants in 2023. Consecutive years of regional scale below-average rainfall and slightly above-average temperatures may have contributed to this observed increase in mortality.

Reduced mining activity led to low dust deposition, making it unlikely that dust contributed to increased mortality.

Overall, plant condition improved in most blocks except for minor decreases in Blocks 29 and 85. Proximity to mining did not negatively impact plant condition, with Blocks 90 and 45 (closest to mining) showing substantial improvement. Improved plant condition was likely influenced by above-average rainfall in the four months before the survey.

Visual assessments are subjective and may vary between assessors, making trends in plant condition more reliable than specific condition changes. Overall, the population experienced growth and improved condition, largely due to favourable rainfall, with minimal evidence of mining-related impacts.

During the reporting period there were no monthly dust deposition readings greater than the 40 g/m²/month (Sa) trigger criterion.

5.2 Yilgarn Fauna Management Plan

In accordance with Condition 8 of the Approval, the Yilgarn Fauna Management Plan (YFMP), Revision 3, dated 4 July 2020, was approved by the Minister for the Environment. The objective of the YFMP is to outline the management actions YIPL will implement to address the environmental risks and regulatory obligations associated with fauna. While the primary focus of this plan is on the protection of fauna of conservation significance, the scope of the plan includes other native fauna.

5.2.1 Management Controls and Actions

Section 6.1 of the YFMP outlines the management approach and mitigation measures to be implemented to meet the stated objective of the YFMP, and the Condition requirements identified in the Approval. The management actions are identified according to the potential impacts of the Project, including:

- Fire
- Open drill holes
- Vehicle strike
- Feral fauna
- Drowning in sumps
- Unauthorized disturbance
- Weeds
- Saline water
- Altered surface water flow
- Dust

Performance indicators are attributed to the management actions, including:

- 100% compliance with Land Activity Permit (LAP) and Land Clearing Procedure
- Annual weed monitoring and reporting in the AER
- Monthly dust deposition readings at impact sites
- Maintain an incident reporting system
- Feral fauna control program
- Exploration rehab procedure
- Fencing and egress matting of lined sumps
- Mine planning process

In accordance with Condition 8 of the Approval, *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) monitoring, management, Trigger Criteria, and a long-term monitoring program to measure the presence of Malleefowl, and any population changes, are described in the YFMP.

5.2.2 Malleefowl Monitoring Program

A Malleefowl monitoring program is undertaken for the period of the Project approval, with a focus on Malleefowl mound numbers and activity status as the proposed proxy measure of abundance of the local Malleefowl population. Monitoring will include annual inspection of known mounds and five yearly re-survey for potential new mounds.

Routine (annual) monitoring of fauna is undertaken for Malleefowl. Malleefowl occur in the vicinity of parts of YIPL mining areas, with the largest population occurring in the Mt Jackson Range area. Relatively few mounds have been located at the Windarling and Koolyanobbing sites. Annual monitoring of Malleefowl is focused on the Mt Jackson Range.

The nominated trigger criterion of 35% decline in breeding activity between consecutive years is intended to represent a value that is likely to be outside the typical annual variability, based on observed fluctuation of Malleefowl populations at Mt Jackson.

5.2.3 Monitoring During the Report Period

In accordance with the Malleefowl monitoring program described in the YFMP, National Malleefowl Recovery Group undertook annual monitoring for the Project to assess the status of the Mt Jackson mine site mounds (**Appendix F**). Activity at each mound was assessed using a set of criteria laid out in the National Malleefowl Monitoring Manual, and classified as active, inactive, or long unused.

The 2024 monitoring indicates a neutral or positive population trend for Malleefowl at W17, with a high number of breeding records. Breeding activity in 2024 mirrored previous peak years, including 2013, 2016, and 2022, with more active mounds compared to the period between 2005 and 2012. Despite challenges posed by past data inconsistencies, the population trajectory does not appear to be negative. Regional and statewide Malleefowl trends align with these findings.

Malleefowl breeding activity is known to vary widely between years, primarily due to local weather conditions. Cumulative winter rainfall has a strong positive correlation with the average number of active Malleefowl nests during the following breeding season. This pattern has been observed at Mount Jackson since reliable data collection began in 2014.

6. APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix A: Declaration of Accuracy

Declaration of Accuracy – EPBC 2001/174

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular.

I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed:



Full name: Daniel Smylie

Position: Supervisor Mechanical (Alternate - Site Senior Executive) – Yilgarn Operations

Organisation: Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd (ACN 626 035 078)

Date: 16-04-2025

6.2 Appendix B: EPBC Approval Conditions Compliance Table

APPENDIX B– ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE – EPBC 2001/174 AUDIT TABLE

STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL EPBC 2001/174

- The Audit Table provides a summary interpretation of the condition requirements applying to the Proposal under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).
- Status: **C = Compliant**; **CLD = Completed**; **DEL = Deleted**; **NC = Non – compliant**; **NR = Not Required at this stage**; **NA = Not Audited**

Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
1	For the purposes of protecting <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> , the person taking the action must not undertake ground disturbing activity in the area designated as 'Area A' on the map at provided at Attachment 1.	C	No ground-disturbing activity was undertaken in 'Area A' during the reporting period. The area is signposted with restricted access (Appendix G).
4	To manage the impacts on <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> and <i>Tetratheca harperi</i> , the person taking the action must implement the Flora and Vegetation Management Plan approved in accordance with condition 6 of the Western Australian Ministerial Statement 982.	C	The Yilgarn Operations Flora and Vegetation Management Plan (FVMP) (Revision G) was submitted to the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) and the Office of the Environmental Authority (OEPA) on 29 April 2015. OEPA approval of the FVMP (Revision G) was granted 22 September 2016 (OEPA Ref: 16-030655). In 2019, minor updates were made to align the FVMP with YIPL/MinRes branding and update to better reflect current project information. These updates did not result in any material changes to the approved Plan. The revised FVMP (Revision 0) was submitted to the DWER on 15 November 2019 and approved on 4 February 2020. YIPL continues to implement the approved FVMP (Revision 0) in accordance with the requirements of MS982:6, including the requirements of MS982:6-3(1&2).

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Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
			Annual monitoring of <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> was carried out by Umwelt Environmental in 2024 (Appendix E).
5.	The person taking the action must not undertake ground disturbing activity in the area designated as 'Area B' on the map provided in Attachment 1 unless the Minister has approved the <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> Recovery Plan and the <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> Research and Management Plan. The plans must be prepared in consultation with the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) and in accordance with the requirements under conditions 7-3 and 7-4 of the Western Australian Ministerial Statement Number 982. By the 30th of June of each year after the date of the ground disturbing activity in 'Area B', the person taking the action must submit to the Minister the results and outcomes of the <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> Recovery Plan and the <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> Research and Management Plan for the preceding year.	C	YIPL did not seek to undertake ground disturbing activity within 'Area B' during the reporting period. The <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> Research and Management Plan was prepared in draft form and submitted to the then Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) in 2006. The Recovery Plan was approved as an Interim Recovery Plan (No. 237) on 16 June 2006. The Interim Recovery Plan No. 237 was updated and approved in 2016 and will operate from October 2016 to September 2021. However, there is no obligation to finalise and implement the plan provided that mining access to 'Area B' is not being sought. YIPL does not propose to finalise the <i>Tetratheca paynterae</i> Research and Management Plan for implementation unless it is required for access to 'Area B'. Refer to Appendix H Restricted areas Windarling Range.
8.	To manage the impacts on the <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> (Malleefowl) the person taking the action must implement the Fauna Management Plan approved in the accordance with condition 9 of the Western Australian Ministerial Statement Number 982.	C	The Yilgarn Operations Fauna Management Plan (FMP) June 2016 (Revision G) was submitted to OEPA in June 2016. OEPA approval of the Plan was granted 22 September 2016 (OEPA Ref: 16-030656). In early 2019, minor updates were made to the FMP to meet Condition 4.2 of MS982 and enable public availability. These formatting and content changes did not result in any material changes. The FMP (Revision 1) was submitted

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Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
			to DWER on 15 November 2019 and approved on 4 February 2020 (Ref: DWERA-000844). YIPL continues to implement the approved FMP (Revision 1) in accordance with the requirements of MS982:9. The FMP contains environmental criteria as required by MS982:9 for Malleefowl mound activity, which if exceeded, initiates response actions. No revisions to the FMP were made during the 2024 reporting period. Monitoring of Malleefowl breeding activity is conducted annually which assesses all activities identified against this trigger criteria. For the reporting period, annual Malleefowl monitoring has been conducted in accordance with the Plan with the results provided in the “Annual Malleefowl Monitoring Report (2024) for the Yilgarn Operations Mount Jackson, April 2025”. National Malleefowl Recovery Group Inc. conducted the annual Malleefowl monitoring survey from October 24th to 27th, 2024, to assess population trends and breeding activity. The 2024 monitoring results indicate a neutral or positive population trajectory, with a high number of breeding records suggesting stability or growth. National Malleefowl Monitoring Database (NMMD) trend indicators support this assessment, though some caveats exist regarding the completeness of past records. Breeding numbers in 2024 closely align with peak years such as 2013, 2016, and 2022. Additionally, a higher proportion of active mounds was recorded

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Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
			compared to the 2005–2012 period, despite fewer mounds being monitored, further suggesting a stable or increasing trend. Trends at site W17 are broadly consistent with regional and statewide patterns, reinforcing positive conservation outcomes. Refer to Appendix F: Annual Malleefowl Monitoring Report (2024) for the Yilgarn Operations (Mount Jackson)
10.	The person taking the action must implement the Mine Closure Plan approved in accordance with the condition 11 of the Western Australian Ministerial Statement Number 982.	C	The Yilgarn Operations remain active and is compliant with MS982:M11.3 through the execution of the Mine Closure Plan (MCP) forward works program (Reg ID 118307).
12.	By the 30th of April of each year after the date of the approval, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with the conditions of the approval over the previous 12 months, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. The approval holder must, when they first become aware of a non-compliance of any condition of this approval: a) Report the non-compliance and remedial action to the Department within seven business days; and b) Bring the matter into compliance within a reasonable timeframe agreed in writing by the Department.	C	All YIPL's CARs and environmental management plans required under this statement will be made available to the public through prompt publication on the MinRes website. No non-compliances against a condition of the approval were recorded during the 2024 reporting period. https://www.mineralresources.com.au/sustainability/environment/yilgarn-environmental-publications-and-reports/
13.	The person taking the action must maintain accurate	C	All records relating to EPBC 2001/174 are maintained within YIPL's internal

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Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
	records substantiating all activities associated with relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department of an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, of used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's' websites. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.		electronic and/or hard copy filing systems in line with YIPL's and statutory records management requirements. Annual reports outlining activities conducted and approved management plans (as required) are made publicly available on the MinRes website: https://www.mineralresources.com.au/sustainability/environment/yilgarn-environmental-publications-and-reports/
14.	Within five years of the date of the approval, the approval holder must provide to the satisfaction of the Minister evidence that the action has been substantially commenced.	CLD	The Project has substantially commenced as evidenced by submission of the Annual Compliance Assessment Reports to the Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE).
15.	a) The person taking the action may choose to revise the plans approved by the Minister under condition 5 without submitting them for approval (including approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act), if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plans would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the person taking the action makes this choice they must: i. Notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide	NR	YIPL did not seek to revise plans under Condition 5 during the reporting period.

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Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
	the Department with: • an electronic copy of the revised plan; • an explanation of the differences between the revised plan and the approved plan; and • the reasons the person taking the action considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. ii. Declare in writing a date on which the revised plan will first be implemented by the person taking the action. The date of first implementation must be at least 28 days after sub- condition 15 a) i) is satisfied. b) The person taking the action may revoke their choice under condition 15 a) at any time by giving written notice to the Department in which case, commencing on the day after giving such notice, the person taking the action must implement the plan approved by the Minister. c) If the Minister gives a notice to the person taking the action that the Minister is satisfied that the taking to the action in accordance with the revised plan would be a likely to have a new or increased impact, then: iii. Sub-condition 15 a) does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and		

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Condition No.	Condition	Status	Evidence
	iv. The person taking the action must implement the plan approved by the Minister.		

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6.3 Appendix C: Yilgarn Flora and Vegetation Management Plan

6.4 Appendix D: Yilgarn Fauna Management Plan

6.5 Appendix E: 2024 Annual *Tetratheca paynterae* Monitoring Report

6.6 Appendix F: 2024 Annual Malleefowl Monitoring Report

6.7 Appendix G: Restricted Access Signpost

6.8 Appendix H: *Tetratheca paynterae* Restricted Access Area

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