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Submitted to Caves Road Yallingup Sand Extraction
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Introduction

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5 Does the proposal need further assessment due to its potential significant impacts?

Yes

6 If the proposal requires further assessment, should the EPA include further opportunities for public review?

Yes

7 What are the reasons for your answer to questions 5 and/or 6 above?

Reasons:

The site that is the subject of the above application is located within the Leeuwin Naturaliste Ridge area, a location highly valued for its natural values and remoteness. It is identified as a priority for conservation in WA. The proposed development is in direct conflict with the orderly and proper planning of the area, including the local planning scheme and State and local government policies, in particular SPP6.1, which are designed to protect the area from inappropriate development.

Extraction operations will impact the natural landscape attributes of subject land, the environment in local and regional contexts (including impacts on water quality, flora and fauna), and the wellbeing of people who come to the area for a wilderness experience. As a biodiversity hotspot region, it is particularly important that the biodiversity values of this region are preserved.

In our view, the application should be assessed by the EPA given the wilderness location and potential for significant environmental impacts. There is considerable public interest in preserving the natural values of this unique and highly valued area, and for this reason it is important that the EPA allows public comment on its processes.

The proposed development referral documents raise several environmental concerns, including the following potential significant environmental impacts:

1. Freshwater impacts: The groundwater buffer has not been calculated using true historical maximums (i.e. from 1999) and not only 2025 data. Water use has not been properly assessed and provided for, and will likely lead to degradation of local watercourses. Creekline restoration is inadequate as this does not take place alongside the operation of the mine and will likely allow runoff from operations to enter the adjacent watercourse.
2. Visual amenity impacts: The proposed vegetation buffer along Wyadup Road is only 2m and this is insufficient to protect visual amenity, and provide a buffer from noise and dust.
3. Terrestrial fauna impacts: There are likely impacts on all three black cockatoo species. Paddock trees will be removed, including seven large trees identified with hollows, especially Marri ID 8. The proposed clearing activities do not take into account the cockatoo Spring breeding season.
4. Terrestrial flora impacts: Rehabilitation is said to be a return to pasture, but this is inadequate and should include commitments to replacement tree planting, or rehabilitation of the site to native vegetation and creekline restoration. Weed control post-mining is imperative, but not provided for in the proposal. There is a risk inherent in the proponent's asset-light corporate structure that the proponent will be unable to carry out any required rehabilitation.
5. Impacts on indigenous culture: The proponent has not included any consultation with local Indigenous custodians regarding hydrogeology and cultural significance for this area. This should be required, as per SPP 6.1, PS 6.1.

By checking this box you are consenting to your comments being used to inform the EPA's decision on whether to assess this proposal and, if so, the level of assessment, and understand that your comments and / or any part of your submission may be made public. If you wish your comments and / or any

part of your submission (i.e. name and contact details) to be treated as confidential, please make a specific request in your submission. It is important to note that a request for confidentiality does not make your submission automatically exempt from disclosure. While the department will use its best endeavours to comply with your request, your submission (or part thereof) may still be disclosed if required under the Freedom of Information Act 1992, for procedural fairness purposes or under any other applicable law. :

Yes