

24 July 2025



Reference: 2021/8892  
The Hon Murry Watt MP  
Minister for the Environment and Water  
Department of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment and Water  
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Canberra ACT 2601

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Dear Minister,

**Request for Ministerial consent to change of person – Transfer of Approval Holder for Yangibana Rare Earths Project (EPBC 2021/8892)**

The referred Yangibana Expansion 1 Project (the **Proposed Action**), located in the Upper Gascoyne region of Western Australia, was declared a controlled action under section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (**EPBC Act**), on 27 April 2021 (EPBC 2021/8892). The Proposed Action involves the expansion of the mining areas at the Yangibana Rare Earths Project (EPBC 2016/7845). The expansion involves mining from two additional pits (Yangibana and Auer) and one larger amalgamated pit (Bald Hill-Simon's Find – Fraser's). The Proposed Action has to date been currently solely owned and operated by Hastings Technology Metals Limited and its subsidiaries (**Hastings**).

On 15 May 2025, Hastings entered into a transaction agreement with Wyloo Consolidated Investments Pty Ltd (ACN 646 337 439 and ABN 31 646 337 439) and its subsidiaries (**Wyloo**). Upon completion of this transaction agreement, Hastings will transfer 60% of its interest in the leases for the Yangibana Rare Earths Project and Yangibana Expansion 1 (the Yangibana Tenements) to a wholly owned subsidiary of Wyloo, being Wyloo Gascoyne Pty Ltd (**Wyloo Gascoyne**). Hastings will retain 40% ownership of the Project under their 100% owned subsidiary, Yangibana Jubilee Pty Ltd. The transaction is subject to certain conditions being satisfied.

Hastings and Wyloo request your consent under Section 156F of the EPBC Act to formalise a change of person of a referral prior to a decision being made to approve or refuse the Action for "the Yangibana Expansion 1 (EPBC 2021/8892)" from Hastings to Wyloo Gascoyne.

Hastings and Wyloo request that the transfer occurs on, or as soon as practicable after, completion of the transaction referenced above, which is currently scheduled for 1 September 2025. Hastings will advise if the date of completion changes.

**Information for the Transfer of the Person Proposing to Take Action**

ACTION DETAILS	
Identification Number	2021/8892

<b>Brief Description</b>	The Proposed Action proposes to extent the mining areas at the Yangibana Rare Earths Project (EPBC Approval Received; Ref EPBC 2021/8892). The Proposed Action expansion involves mining, from two additional pits (Yangibana and Auer) and one larger amalgamated pit (Bald Hill-Simon's Find-Fraser's). During mining, the REE containing ore will be taken to the existing process plant, whereas waste rock will be deposited in waste rock landforms, adjacent to each respective pit. Tailings will be disposed in existing approved tailings storage facility.
<b>Location</b>	270 km east-northeast of Carnarvon, in the Upper Gascoyne region of Western Australia.
<b>DETAILS FOR HASTINGS TECHNOLOGY METALS LIMITED (FIRST PERSON)</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Contact Details:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>ABN:</b>	43 122 911 399
<b>ACN:</b>	122 911 399
<b>DETAILS FOR WYLOO GASCOYNE PTY LTD</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Contact Details:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>ABN:</b>	16 686 172 314
<b>ACN:</b>	686 172 314


### Additional Matters to Consider



Although not specified in the EPBC Act, the EPBC Act Policy Statement Change of person proposing to take an action; Change of proponent; Transfer of approvals: Sections 78(5), 145B and 156F of the EPBC Act state that the environmental record of the new proponent is a consideration for the transfer of the Person Proposing to take the Action and the Proposed Designated Proponent. Information on Wyloo's environmental record is provided below.



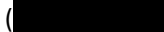
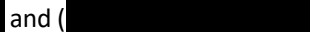


<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD</b>
See Attachment 1

### Consent for the Transfer

<b>CONSENT FROM HASTINGS TECHNOLOGY METALS LIMITED</b>
I [REDACTED] Chief Executive Officer, declare that I am authorised on behalf of Hastings Technology Metals Limited to sign this notice and that the Person undertaking the Action and the Proposed Designated Proponent of the Yangibana Expansion 1 Project be transferred to Wyloo Gascoyne Pty Ltd.

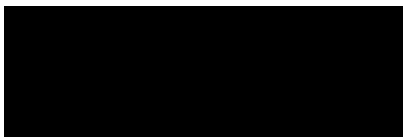
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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

CONSENT FROM WYLOO GASCOYNE PTY LTD	
I  Project Director, declare that I am authorised on behalf of Wyloo Gascoyne Pty Ltd to sign this notice and that the Person undertaking the Action and the Proposed Designated Proponent of the Yangibana Expansion 1 Project be transferred to Wyloo Gascoyne Pty Ltd.	
	14 July 2025
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

We would be grateful to receive your response to this request as soon as possible. Please address any correspondence in relation to this request to   () and ( -  

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you required further information.

Kind Regards,



  
**Special Projects Director**  
**Wyloo Gascoyne**