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DETAILS OF THE ISSUE

The EIS does not address the standard criteria (see the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act)). They are required to be addressed as part of decision making under the EP Act.

The EIS should include a detailed explanation of how the standard criteria have been addressed.

PROPONENT RESPONSE

Schedule 3 of the EP Act lists the Standard Criteria as:

- a) the principles of ecologically sustainable development as set out in the ‘National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development’
- b) an applicable environmental protection policy
- c) any applicable commonwealth, State or local government plans, standards, agreements or requirements
- d) any applicable environmental impact study, assessment or report
- e) the character, resilience and values of the receiving environment
- f) all submissions made by the applicant and submitters, and
- g) the best practice environmental management for activities under any relevant instruments, or proposed instrument, as follows –
 - i. an environmental authority
 - ii. a transitional environmental program
 - iii. an environmental protection order
 - iv. a disposal permit, and
 - v. a development approval.
- h) the financial implications of the requirements under an instrument, or proposed instrument, mentioned in paragraph (g) as they would relate to the type of activity or industry carried out, or proposed to be carried out, under the instrument
- i) the public interest
- j) any applicable site management plan
- k) any relevant integration environmental management system or proposed integrated environmental management system, and
- l) any other matter prescribed under a regulation.

The SEIS and supporting studies have been developed to address the following points and respond to the requirements of the standard criteria:

- Environmental Legislation - each of the above applicable legislative requirements are discussed within the SEIS for the various components, as are the relevant Commonwealth, State and Local Government plans, policies, standards and agreements.

- Receiving environment – supplementary information relating to the baseline, or receiving environment has been documented within the SEIS and associated Appendices and assessed in regards to the impacts the mine and rail will have on the associated environment – refer to the associated environmental studies for impacts for each component.
- Environmental Management Plan – draft Environmental Management Plans have been prepared that address the impacts identified for each of the environmental components as specified in the term of reference.
- Community/Stakeholder concerns – a Consultation Program has been developed as part of the SIMP to further inform the public about the Project, and to obtain feedback on community concerns and interests relevant to the Project. This is in addition to the feedback on the project that has already been considered in the preparation and presentation of the SEIS.

By addressing the above points in the SEIS and associated studies, the project is compatible with the standard criteria.

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DETAILS OF THE ISSUE

A relevant National reference for mine water management should be included.

It is suggested to include “Water Management” in the series ‘Leading Practice sustainable development program for the mining industry’¹.

PROPONENT RESPONSE

The site water management system has been designed with considerations for the principles outlined in *Leading Practice Sustainable Development Program for the Mining Industry – Water Management Handbook*.² Design methodology and assessment of the site water management system performance is outlined in the *Mine Site Water Management System* report contained in *Appendices – Volume 2* of this SEIS.

¹ See http://www.ret.gov.au/resources/resources_programs/lpsdpmining/pages/default.aspx

² *Leading Practice Sustainable Development Program for the Mining Industry: Mine Rehabilitation*. Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, May 2008.