

HANCOCK PROSPECTING — MATTERS BEFORE ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES

4889. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to Hancock Prospecting-related matters currently being considered by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, the Environmental Protection Authority, the Department of Environment and Conservation or any other agency within the Minister's portfolio, and ask —

- (1) How many matters involving approvals, licences, variations of conditions or other requests in relation to Hancock Prospecting are currently being considered by these agencies?
- (2) In relation to (1), for each matter being considered, please provide details of submission date and the substance of the request?
- (3) In relation to (1), are any the decisions appealable?
- (4) If yes to (3), on what grounds?
- (5) What offset requirements have been agreed between the State or Federal Governments and Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd in 2011?
- (6) Since 1 July 2011 has there been direct contact between Hancock Prospecting and the Minister for Environment or staff or officers in the Minister's office?
- (7) If yes to (6), please provide details of the substance of that contact?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1)–(2) The Environmental Protection Authority, the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority and Department of Environment and Conservation are currently assessing the following existing Hancock-related requests.
- i. Change to Ministerial Statement 824 — Roy Hill 1 Iron Ore Mining Stage 1 — section 46 change to condition 9 regarding short range endemic invertebrate species. Date of submission: 7 September 2011.
 - ii. Change to Ministerial Statement 584 — Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine — Section 46 change to condition 7 regarding discharge of water to Weeli Wolli Springs. Date of submission: 17 June 2010.
 - iii. Change to Ministerial Statement 824 — Roy Hill 1 Iron Ore Mining Stage 1 — Section 46 change to conditions regarding surface water diversions. Date of submission: 17 September 2010.
 - iv. Change to Ministerial Statement 829 — Roy Hill 1 Iron Ore Mining Stage 2 — Section 46 change to conditions regarding surface water diversions. Date of submission: 17 September 2010.
 - v. Change to Ministerial Statement 584 — Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine — Section 45C change to proposal regarding mining rate and disturbance footprint. Date of submission: 26 July 2011.
 - vi. Change to Ministerial Statement 584 — Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine — Section 45C change to proposal regarding realignment of infrastructure corridor and redevelopment of groundwater bores. Date of submission: 27 July 2011.
 - vii. Change to Ministerial Statement 584 — Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine — Section 45C change to proposal regarding discharge of water to Weeli Wolli Springs. Date of submission: February 2010.
 - viii. Approval of Weed Monitoring Plan required under Ministerial Statement 847 — Roy Hill Infrastructure Railway. Date of submission: 5 September 2011.
 - ix. Approval of Preliminary Rehabilitation and Closure Plan required under Ministerial Statement 824 — Roy Hill 1 Iron Ore Mining Project Stage 1. Date of submission: 29 September 2011.
 - x. Approval of Preliminary Rehabilitation and Closure Plan required under Ministerial Statement 829 — Roy Hill Iron Ore Mining Project Stage 2. Date of submission: 29 September 2011.
 - xi. Roy Hill Infrastructure Rail — Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd — Date of licence application: 13 October 2011.

- xii. Construction Camp 2 — Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd — Date of licence application: 13 October 2011.
 - xiii. Construction Camp 3 — Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd — Date of licence application: 13 October 2011.
 - xiv. Construction Camp 1- Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd — Date of licence application: 17 October 2011.
 - xv. Construction Camp Wastewater treatment plant and landfill — Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd — Date of licence application: 17 October 2011.
 - xvi. Mankarlyirrakurra Exploration Camp — Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd — Date of works approval application: 2 September 2011.
 - xvii. Infrastructure Rail — Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd — Date of works approval application: 9 September 2011
- (3)–(4) Yes, in relation to answer (1–2), Section 46, Licenses Applications and Works Approvals are appealable under the Environmental Protection Act 1986.
- (5) No State offset arrangements under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act (1986) have been determined in 2011.
- (6)–(7) Yes. Two phone conversations between my Senior Policy Advisor and Hancock’s Head of Government Relations regarding discussions over a potential opportunity for the Minister for Environment to attend at a Port Hedland Industry Council and Port Hedland Air and Noise Group meeting.