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Department of
**State Development,
Manufacturing,
Infrastructure and Planning**

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Mr Mathew Johannesen
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Dear Mr Johannesen

Requirement Notice

RPI23/002: Rio Tinto – Wagunda-McNamara Project (EPM 16900)

(given under section 44 of the Regional Planning Interests Act 2014)

I refer to the assessment application which was properly made on 23 March 2023 under section 29 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act). The application is seeking a regional interests development approval (RIDA) to allow resource activities: petroleum and gas for the Wagunda-McNamara Project (EPM 16900). The resource activities are proposed on Lot 4 GY805051 in the Gulf Rivers Strategic Environmental Area (SEA).

Application details

Applicant	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd (ACN 000 057 125)
Project	Wagunda-McNamara Project (EPM 16900)

Site Details

Real property description	Lot 4 GY805051
Address:	3186 Riversleigh Road, Lawn Hill QLD 4825
Local government area	Burke Shire Council Mt Isa City Council

Area of regional interest	Gulf Rivers SEA
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Proposed area of Gulf Rivers 2.24 ha
SEA to be disturbed

Information Requirement

Pursuant to section 44 of the RPI Act, further information is required to assist in the assessment of the application against the assessment criteria contained in the RPI Act and RPI Regulation.

The further information required is detailed in **Attachment A**.

The period in which the information must be provided is a maximum of three months from the date of this notice. An extension to this period may be requested if necessary.

Another requirement notice may be given if, for example, the response to this requirement notice does not provide sufficient information to assess and decide the application, or in response to matters raised in a submission.

Public notification requirement

Pursuant to section 34(4) of the RPI Act, it has been determined that the application requires notification. The reason for the decision is that the delegate for the chief executive has determined that it is in the public interest for the application to be publicly notified.

In accordance with section 35 of the RPI Act, you are required to:

- publish a notice about the application '*at least once in a newspaper circulating generally in the area of the land*' as prescribed in section 13 of the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (RPI Regulation)
- where not the owner of the land, give the owners of the land notice about the application.

Public notification must commence within 10 business days of providing the further information required to assist in the assessment of the application.

The notification period is 15 business days after the notice about the application is first published, with the closing date being a day that is after the end of the notification period.

The approved form for public notification is available on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning's website at [Regional interests development approval public notification template \(windows.net\)](#)

You are also referred to the RPI Act Statutory Guideline 06/14 Public notification of assessment applications at [RPI Act - Statutory Guideline 06/14 \(windows.net\)](#) for further information.

Please provide a copy of the notice as it appears in the newspaper circulating generally in the area to RPIAct@dSDLGP.qld.gov.au

If you require any further information, or have any queries, please contact

Ms Morag Elliott, Manager, Planning Group, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on 3452 7653 or by email at RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TPG', written in a cursive style.

Tess Pickering
Deputy Director-General
Planning Group

ATTACHMENT A

Information required for assessment against SEA criteria – Schedule 2, Part 5 of the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014

1.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>Section 2 Application details of the Assessment Application Form identifies the area of disturbance as being 2.24 ha.</p> <p>Table 1 of the Assessment Application Report - Wagunda – McNamara Project (EPM 16900) dated 09 March 2023, prepared by Rio Tinto (Supporting report) identifies the area of impact as being 0.6 ha for the proposed tracks and 0.09 ha for the proposed drill sites, being a total of 0.69 ha.</p> <p>Table 1 also identifies an area of impact of 1.1 ha for existing tracks, but it is unclear why these are included if they are existing.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>(a) Confirm the proposed area of impact/SEA disturbance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) proposed access tracks(ii) drills sites. <p>(b) Clarify why the area of impact of existing tracks is included.</p>
2.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The application does not include adequate information on the location of the proposed drills sites.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Provide spatial layers, able to be viewed within Queensland Globe, that show the location of the proposed drill sites.</p>