

Hold Alcoa to account



Alcoa's proposal to clear a further 9,273 ha of the Northern Jarrah Forest is now before the EPBC.

We only have until this Friday (29th of July) to call for the proposed clearing to be assessed under the Federal environment Act.

This is a very quick and early stage in the process of assessment where a decision is made about whether or not to fully assess environmental impacts.

It is critically important that we say **YES**, this is a proposal that must be considered a **CONTROLLED ACTION** and be assessed at the highest level under the EPBC Act.

1. Please go to bit.ly/Alcoa-Huntly-EPBC
2. Click on 'Make a Comment'
3. Fill in the required fields including your full name and email. The title for your comment can simply be Huntly Mine Controlled Action.
4. Answer **YES** to 'do you consider this a **controlled action**?'
5. Give reasons why you consider it a controlled action. The EPBC looks at **Matters of National Environmental Significance**. We've summarised the referral documents and given you some suggestions here:

SOME REASONS WHY THE PROPOSAL IS A CONTROLLED ACTION:

This proposal would result in the clearing of over 9000 hectares of high-quality forest habitat and have major impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance.

It must be treated as a **Controlled Action** and be subject to a **Public Environmental Review** due to:

- > **Listed threatened species (multiple; six fauna and eight flora)**
"The Proposed Action is likely to cause significant impacts to Black Cockatoos, Woylie, Chuditch and Quokka and to eight EPBC Act listed threatened species." (*Alcoa's referral document**)
- > **Wetlands of international Importance (Peel-Yalgorup System)**
Alcoa claims it will not have an impact on any wetlands of international significance. Experts disagree and believe that the proposal would have serious negative impacts on the Peel-Yalgorup system.
Despite the proponent's original statement in July 2020 that the consideration of the Peel-Yalgorup System was "not relevant" to this controlled action, the subsequent decision by the relevant Federal Department required the proponent to include this MNES as a relevant controlling provision.
- > **Aboriginal Heritage Sites of Significance**
There are twenty recognised archaeological sites of significance to Aboriginal people in the Holyoake area that Alcoa wants to clear.
- 6. Answer yes or no to the remaining three questions on confidentiality and privacy.
- 7. Add documents if you wish
- 8. Submit

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 29 July 2022

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