

18 March 2016



Government  
of South Australia

Ms Laura Johnston  
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Level 6, 30 Currie Street  
Adelaide SA 5000

**Re: Central Eyre Iron Project (CEIP) Mining Lease Application for Mineral Claim 4383 and Development Application – Government Request for response to public consultation**

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Dear Ms Johnston,

As you are aware the public and agency consultation stage for the abovementioned Central Eyre Iron Project [Mining Lease Proposal (MLP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)] has been completed.

As per section 35A of the *Mining Act 1971* and section 46B (5) of the *Development Act* the MLP and EIS submitted by Iron Road underwent a period of public consultation. The MLP and EIS application was publicly advertised on 19 November 2015 with a deadline for comments on 2 February 2016. The MLP and EIS application was also circulated to a number of government departments that were deemed relevant based on the information provided.

In addition to comments from SA Government departments a total of 105 submissions were received from the public, copies of which are provided in **Attachment 4** to this letter.

In relation to a small number of submissions government provided those submitters with an opportunity to review their respective submissions for the potential for offensive, threatening, defamatory or inappropriate content and permitted them to revise their submission content. Private information has also been withheld if requested by the submitter.

A number of submissions received were also provided on a strictly confidential basis. Confidential submissions by their very nature mean that they have not been provided directly to Iron Road. Please note that relevant government decision makers will have regard to these confidential submissions in the subsequent assessment of your application. It is also noted that a number of these submissions raised issues covered by others.

As a result of the public consultation phase, both the government and the public have identified a range of issues for further consideration by Iron Road. DSD and DPTI now seek a response from Iron Road on all the issues raised during the consultation

period. Guidance on how Iron Road may choose to respond to the public submissions by non-government stakeholders is provided in **Attachment 1**. A consolidated list of issues raised by DSD, DPTI and other SA Government departments and what Iron Road should consider to address these issues has been included as **Attachment 2** (for the MLP) and **Attachment 3** (for the EIS). Iron Road can choose to submit one consolidated Response Document for the MLP and EIS, or two separate Response Documents to address the MLP and EIS separately.

The Response Document(s) will directly contribute to the final SA Government assessment of the MLP and EIS. The Response Document(s) is required prior to DSD and DPTI making final recommendations on your Mining and Development applications. Please note that DSD and DPTI also reserve the right to request further information as required during the government assessment period.

As you begin to scope out the amount of work it would be appreciated if you could please advise as to the likely timeframe for provision of a Response Document(s). Such advice would be appreciated within **1 month** from the date of this letter. If you require a longer period of time please contact the appropriate Assessment Officer below.

Similarly should you require further clarification of any of the issues raised there is opportunity to meet, including with the respective line agency. It is proposed that any such clarification be undertaken in a consolidated fashion which DPTI and DSD are able to coordinate.

Please be aware that the Response Document(s) you provide will be made available to the public through the governments CEIP website. Government also requests that Iron Road provide 20 hardcopies and 20 electronic USB stick copies of your Response Document(s). In regards to your Mining Lease Application, additional information may also be required in later development of the Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR), should a lease be granted.

If you have any enquiries regarding the MLP response, please contact Erik Lock (DSD Officer) at, Phone: 08 8463 3185, Email: [erik.lock@sa.gov.au](mailto:erik.lock@sa.gov.au) or regarding the EIS or EPBC response, please contact Karen Ferguson (DPTI Officer) at: Phone: 08 7109 7067, Email: [karen.ferguson@sa.gov.au](mailto:karen.ferguson@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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Enclosed:  
Attachment 1 – Response to Public Submissions Template and Guidance  
Attachment 2 – Government Submissions on the MLP  
Attachment 3 – Government Submissions on the EIS  
Attachment 4 – Copies of Public Submissions