



## Australian Government

### Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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Date: 21 May 2009  
EPBC Ref: 2009/4865  
EPBC contact: Mr Tim Kahn  
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Dear Mr Bergin

#### **Decision on referral**

#### **Wonarah Phosphate Mine and associated infrastructure**

This proposed action, to develop the Wonarah Phosphate Mine and associated infrastructure, 260 km east of Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, has now been considered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**We have decided that the proposed action is not a controlled action and, as such, does not require assessment and approval by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts before it can proceed.**

A copy of the document recording this decision is enclosed.

Please note that this decision relates only to the potential for significant impact on the specific matters protected by the Australian Government under Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act.

There may be a need for separate state or local Government environment assessment and approval to address potential impacts on state, regional or local environmental values.

The Department has an active audit program for proposals that have been referred or approved under the EPBC Act. The audit program aims to ensure that proposals are implemented as planned and that there is a high degree of compliance with any associated conditions. You should be aware that your project may be selected for audit by the Department at any time and all related records and documents may be subject to scrutiny. Information about the Department's audit strategy is enclosed.

If you have any questions about the referral process or this decision, please contact the EPBC project manager and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Skippington  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch



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**Notification of  
REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action**

Wonarah Phosphate Mine, NT – EPBC 2009/4865

This decision is made under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**Proposed action**

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person named in the referral    Minemakers Australia Pty Ltd

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proposed action                      To develop the Wonarah Phosphate Project and associated infrastructure, 260 km east of Tennant Creek, Northern Territory as described in the referral received 22 April 2009.

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**Referral decision: Not a controlled action**

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status of proposed action        The proposed action is not a controlled action.

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**Person authorised to make decision**

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Name and position                      Cathy Skippington  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch

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date of decision                        21 May 2009

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