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Dear Dr Rowston

Thank you for your correspondence of 18 June 2025 to the Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, concerning the proposed Hail Creek Eastern Margin Extension Project. Minister Watt has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on his behalf.

The operator of Hail Creek Open Cut has contacted the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to commence detailed discussions about referral of their Eastern Margin Extension Project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Any referral made under the EPBC Act will be subject to an invitation for public comment, which can be found on the EPBC Act public portal at <https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/>.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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