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# Executive summary

This Recreational Trails and Facilities Management Plan (RTFMP) has been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Instructions on how to prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV Environmental Management Plans (EPA 2024).

The following table summarises the context and purpose of the RTFMP in the context of EPA environmental objectives.

<b>Proposal name</b>	Willowdale Mine, Larego region
<b>Proponent name</b>	Alcoa of Australia Limited
<b>Ministerial Statement number</b>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of the RTFMP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To fulfil Alcoa’s commitment under the Western Australian Operations 2023-2027 Mining and Management Program to develop a recreational management plan for the Larego region in consultation with DBCA.</li> <li>– The RTFMP covers existing mined areas and proposed mining areas – Larego region as itemised in the 5-year mine plan (2023-2027).</li> <li>– The RTFMP provides a framework for stakeholder engagement, planning, design, and management to mitigate impacts to recreational trails and facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Key environmental factor</b>	Social surroundings defined under the EP Act can be summarised as: <i>‘In the case of humans’ social surroundings refers to aesthetic, cultural, economic and other social surroundings to the extent to which they directly affect or are affected by physical or biological surroundings’</i>
<b>Key environmental factor objective</b>	The EPA’s environmental objective for the factor of Social Surroundings is: <i>‘To protect social surroundings from significant harm’</i>
<b>RTFMP objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimise direct impacts to Munda Biddi Trail and Waterous Trail</li> <li>2. Minimise noise and dust impacts to users of Munda Biddi, Waterous Trail and Lake Brockman recreational facilities</li> <li>3. Reinstate public access to Hoffman Mill and Bridge Trails facilities where practicable, in consultation with DBCA and other key stakeholders</li> <li>4. Maintain viability of existing and planned commercial opportunities</li> <li>5. Maintain adequate camping amenities</li> <li>6. Maintain access and adequacy of day-use areas</li> <li>7. Maintain the ability for major events to occur</li> <li>8. Maintenance of access for facility and asset management</li> <li>9. Maintain water quality in response to new or changed recreational facility use</li> <li>10. Minimise direct and indirect impacts on trails and their users in relation to exploration drilling activities</li> </ol>
<b>Condition clauses</b>	Not applicable
<b>Key components of the RTFMP</b>	Objective-based management actions and targets that align with Government policies and strategies relating to recreational trails and forest industry commercial opportunities. Management actions are prioritised to very high and high risks and adopt a hierarchy to avoid, minimise and rehabilitate amenity impacts. The management actions reflect the potential for amenity impacts during mine operations, and longer-term visual and access impacts that may occur during rehabilitation and post-closure.
<b>Proposed construction date</b>	Staged construction is to occur throughout the five-year mine plan 2023-2027.
<b>RTFMP required pre-construction</b>	Yes

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# Acronyms and abbreviations

Acronym/abbreviation	Expanded
4WD	Four Wheel Drive
Alcoa	Alcoa of Australia Limited
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DFES	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
DJTSI	Department of Jobs Tourism Science and Industry
DLGSCI	Department of Local Government Sport Cultural Industries
DMP	Dust Management Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority (WA)
ERD	Environmental Review Document
FDRA	Forest Disease Risk Area
FMP	Forest Management Plan
LGA	Local Government Authority
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Management Assessment
PDWSA	Public Drinking Water Source Areas
MAZ	Mining Avoidance Zone
MMP	Mining and Management Plan
MMPLG	Mining and Management Program Liaison Group
ML1SA	Alcoa's Mining Lease 1SA
MOG	Mine Operations Group
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NIA	Noise Impact Assessment
NMP	Noise Management Plan
RFA	Regional Forest Agreement
RTFMP	Recreational Trails and Facilities Management Plan
WA	Western Australia

# 1. Context, Scope and Rationale

## 1.1 Overview

Alcoa of Australia Limited (Alcoa) proposes the continuation of mining operations in Willowdale Mine, Larego region until 2040. This will support the continuity of bauxite supply to the Wagerup Alumina Refinery.

Larego region is located within the shires of Waroona and Harvey, the traditional lands of the Binjareb people. Located within the Peel and South West region, approximately 120km southeast of Perth, the Larego region is situated east of the townsites of Yarloop and northeast of Harvey (see Figure 1).

Larego region encompasses both existing and proposed mining areas, as outlined in the Larego region five-year mine plan (2023-2027) (The Proposal), with a staged rehabilitation integrated into the process. Proposed mining areas include vegetation clearing, mining earthworks (e.g. creating mine pits and secondary haul roads), and mining operations (ore extraction). Existing mining areas consist of both ceased mine pits and secondary haul roads, yet to be rehabilitated, along with active mine pits and haul roads.

The 2023-2027 Mining and Management Plan (MMP) includes a commitment by Alcoa to develop a recreational management plan for the Proposal, in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). The Recreational Trails and Facilities Management Plan (RTFMP) will be reviewed as required to incorporate significant updates and changes in pertinent internal and external factors.

### 1.1.1 Regional context and setting

The Larego region is located within the Northern Jarrah Forest on the Darling Plateau within the shires of Harvey and Waroona (see Figure 1). The Larego region boundary lies approximately 16.5km south of Dwellingup townsite, 14km southeast of Waroona townsite and 2.5km east of Harvey townsite.

The mine region is located predominantly within Dwellingup State Forest, Harris River State Forest and Lane Poole Reserve, which are managed for multiple uses under the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) and Forest Management Plan (FMP) including conservation, recreation, timber harvesting and water supply. Since the FMP 2014-2023 began in January 2014, significant changes in Government policies have influenced southwest forest management. These updates are reflected in the 2024-2033 plan, prepared by DBCA. In September 2021, the State Government introduced new policies for managing the south-west forests, which will be implemented through FMP 2024-2033. The most notable change is the cessation of large-scale commercial timber harvesting in native forests. From now on, timber will only be removed from these forests through activities aimed at improving forest health or clearing for approved mining operations and infrastructure.

The Northern Jarrah Forest includes extensive Forest Disease Risk Areas (FDRAs, see Figure 2). The FDRAs are proclaimed under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* and comprise areas at high risk of the introduction or spread of *Phytophthora* Dieback. Strict quarantine and access restrictions apply to these areas. The Larego region borders the FDRA along its eastern boundary, however, there is no overlap. This is due to the Larego region lying in the high rainfall zone with a substantial infestation of *Phytophthora* Dieback from historic forest industries.

The Munda Bididi Trail runs through the north, west and south portions of the mine region and Bibbulmun Track is located 650m east of the mine region, within Lane Poole Reserve. Other formal and informal recreational facilities and commercial opportunities are located within and in the vicinity of the Larego region (Figure 2).







## 1.2 Rationale and Approach

### 1.2.1 Environmental management objectives

The environmental management objectives of this RTFMP are presented in Table 1. The objectives are based on the following:

- Site-specific environmental, social and commercial values and potential impacts (see Table 1)
- Study findings, assumptions and uncertainties (see Section 1.2.2 and Section 1.2.3)
- Risk assessment and prioritisation (see Section 1.2.4).

Section 2 presents the environmental management components of the RTFMP, which detail how monitoring and management will assist in demonstrating compliance with the environmental management objectives.

**Table 1** Site-specific Values, Potential Impacts and Environmental Management Objectives

Region-specific environmental, social and commercial values	Value impacts	Environmental management objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Recreational trails within and in close proximity to the Larego region as listed in Table 1.3.</li> <li>– Recreational campsites and day-use sites as listed in Table 1.3.</li> <li>– Commercial operations as listed in Table 5.</li> </ul> <p>Other values and events associated with the region include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equestrian</li> <li>• Enduro motorbike</li> <li>• Rogaining</li> </ul> </li> <li>– Historic value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shield/reference trees</li> <li>• Bridges and minor culverts</li> </ul> </li> <li>– Cultural heritage values*</li> <li>– Aboriginal heritage values*</li> <li>– Water resource values</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Closure and restricted public access to recreational facilities, commercial opportunities and/or cultural heritage.</li> <li>– Potential direct and indirect impacts to recreational facilities and commercial opportunities within and outside the mine region.</li> <li>– Potential amenity impacts to facilities.</li> <li>– Potential indirect impacts to water quality in reservoirs within the mine region that support recreational use.</li> <li>– Clearing of shield/reference trees.</li> <li>– Potential impacts of exploration drilling on recreational trails</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimise direct impacts to Munda Biddi Trail and Waterous Trail</li> <li>2. Minimise noise and dust impacts to users of Munda Biddi, Waterous Trail and Lake Brockman recreational facilities</li> <li>3. Reinstate public access to Hoffman Mill and Bridge Trails facilities where practicable, in consultation with DBCA and other key stakeholders</li> <li>4. Maintain viability of existing and planned commercial opportunities</li> <li>5. Maintain adequate camping amenities</li> <li>6. Maintain access and adequacy of day-use areas</li> <li>7. Maintain the ability for major events to occur</li> <li>8. Maintenance of access for facility and asset management</li> <li>9. Maintain water quality in response to new or changed recreational facility use</li> <li>10. Minimise direct and indirect impacts on trails and their users in relation to exploration drilling activities</li> </ol>

\*Cultural and Aboriginal heritage have not been considered further within the RTFMP.

### 1.2.2 Study findings

Table 2 presents the social surroundings studies undertaken for the Proposal which have informed the rationale and approach for this RTFMP.

**Table 2** Relevant Studies

Key environmental factors	Studies	Author
Social surroundings	Identification of recreational trails and facilities	GHD
	Noise impact assessment – Larego Mine Region	GHD (2024a)
	Landscape and visual impact assessment – Larego Region	GHD (2024b)
	Air quality impact assessment – Larego Mine Region	GHD (2024c)
	Exploration drilling potential impacts	GHD
	Light pollution	GHD

### 1.2.2.1 Identified recreational trails and facilities

This RTFMP provides a summary of the recreational trails and facilities within the Larego region and a surrounding 2km Study Area (Figure 2).

Recreational trails and facilities were identified based on published documents and stakeholder consultation, including the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Local Government Authorities and non-government organisations. Details of stakeholder consultation regarding recreational trails and facilities are presented in Section 3. The RTFMP does not currently consider scientific facilities or monitoring sites located within the Larego region or the 2km Study Area as the locations of these sites have not been confirmed by DBCA due to issues with the register and the age of previous records.

Recreational facilities were classified, where applicable, with definitions (see Table 3) drawn from the WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2017-2021 (TRC Tourism, 2017) and as proposed in the Peel Regional Trails Strategy (Common Ground Trails, 2019). The classifications are proposed to prioritise investment for the purposes of economic and social development.

**Table 3** Trail Classification Under WA Strategic Trails Blueprint

Classification	Definition
Trail Town	A population centre that has been assessed and accredited as a destination for its trails offering through the provision of high-quality trails and related services, businesses, branding and signage; and outdoor experiences that encourage extended visitation.
Trail Centre	A managed multiple trail facility with dedicated visitor services supported by high-quality trails and related services; and outdoor experiences that encourage single-day visitation. May be stand-alone or within a Trail Town.
Trail Network	A multiple trail facility with limited or no visitor services, supported by high-quality trails, branding and signage; and outdoor experiences that encourage single or part-day visitation. May be stand-alone or part of a Trail Town or Trail Centre.
State Trails	An extended trail or trail network that is of sufficient quality and with appropriate, products and services to be recognised beyond the State and to attract visitors to WA.
Regional Trails	A major trail or trail network that services a population centre or large regional community, with facilities and services of a standard and appeal that could attract visitors from outside the region.
Local Trails	A trail that services the local community and provides facilities suited to local use. Some local trails may have the potential for development to regional status.

Figure 2 and Table 4 present an overview of the identified facilities within the Larego region and 2km Study Area, with details provided in Appendix A. The facilities include eight campsites, eleven trails and seven day-use facilities.

In addition, there are many informal trails located within and around the Larego region that are not promoted or managed by DBCA. Issues associated with informal trails and informal access include damage to native vegetation and fauna, damage to Aboriginal cultural heritage, water catchment/water quality risks (e.g., by pathogens) and risks to users of getting lost or injured on poorly aligned or unmaintained trails.

**Table 4** Recreational Trails and Facilities Identified within the Larego Region and 2km Study Area

Asset type	Name	Use/Value	ID
State trails	Munda Biddi Trail	Mountain bike trail	S01
	Bibbulmun Track	Bushwalking trail	S02
Regional trails	Captain Fawcett 4WD Trail	Drive trail (4wd)	R01
	Waterous Trail	Mountain bike trail	R02
Local trails	Unnamed Walk Trail*	Bushwalking trail	L01
	Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (closed)*	Bushwalking trail	L02
	Harvey Wildflower Ridge Walk	Bushwalking trail	L03
	Lake Brockman Loop*	Bushwalking trail	L04
	Nanga Heritage Circuit*	Drive trail (4wd)	L05
	King Jarrah Circuit	Bushwalking trail	L06



Asset type	Name	Use/Value	ID
	Dick Lofthouse Rotary Walk*	Bushwalking trail	L07
Recreational sites	Wildflower Picnic Site	Day-use	DU1
	Gibbs Pool Amphitheatre	Day-use	DU2
	Fish Ladder Picnic Site	Day-use	DU3
	Picnic Site	Day-use	DU4
	Five Mile Bridge	Day use	DU5
	Rocky Crossing	Day use	DU6
	Clarke Picnic Site	Day use	DU7
Campsites	Lake Brockman Tourist Park	Campsite	CS1
	Logue Brook Campground	Campsite	CS2
	Hoffman Mill	Campsite	CS3
	Saddleback Campground	Campsite	CS4
	Brockman Campground	Campsite	CS5
	Dookanelly Campsite	Campsite	CS6
	Bidjar Ngoulin Campsite	Campsite	CS7
	Murray Campsite	Campsite	CS8
Informal facilities	The Larego region has been identified as being used informally for hiking, camping and day use. Some of these use types and facilities may hold local significance.		
Shield/reference trees	167 within the Larego region; 75 within the current gated area	Historic value	

\*Local trails (formal or informal) are not official DBCA trails and therefore are not managed by DBCA.

### 1.2.2.1.1 Commercial operators and opportunities

Commercial operators and opportunities were identified based on published information as indicated in Table 5.

Table 5 Commercial Operators and Opportunities Identified within the Larego Region and 2km Study Area

Asset Type	Description
Apiary sites	27 current and one pending apiary site licences are located within the Larego region.
Commercial tour operators	Sites to the east of Larego, have historically been accessed on roads running through the Larego region.
Logue Brook commercial opportunities	Commercial opportunities currently exist for DBCA leases at Logue Brook.
Seed collecting	Commercial seed collection occurs within the Larego region.
Commercial wildflower picking	Commercial wildflower picking occurs within the Larego region.

### 1.2.2.1.2 Relevant state and regional recreational strategies and plans

Table 6 presents state and regional strategies and plans that relate to recreational trails and facilities within the Larego region and Study Area. The strategies and plans identify the state significance of the Munda Biddi Trail and Bibbulmun Track.

Table 6 Strategies and Plans Relevant to Recreational Trails and Facilities within the Larego Region and 2km Study Area.

Document	Author	Sponsor	Statements and provisions relating to recreational facilities within the Larego region and 2km Study Area
WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022 –2027	Common Ground Trails 2023	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) and DBCA	Existing trails that already have a strong awareness in the market are the Bibbulmun Track and the Munda Biddi Trail. Achieving an excellent suite of iconic trails for Western Australia will require considerable investment in planning and development over time. Since 2017 Dwellingup (rewarded with Trails Town status in April 2024) has built on the natural assets of the town, as well as the connection to iconic trails Munda Biddi and Bibbulmun Track to become a place 'where the trails meet'.
Western Australian Mountain Bike Strategy 2022-2032	WestCycle Incorporated Purpose Drive Performance	DLGSCI and DBCA	The document identifies the Munda Biddi Trail as one of the world's top cycling trails, offering significant opportunities to boost participation, economic growth, and tourism. Enhancing the Munda Biddi and other potential long-distance off-road cycling experiences is crucial. Moreover, Strategy highlights the challenge in the rapid growth of off-road cycling for transport and recreation, noting that off-road transport routes, rail trails, and long-distance touring trails like the Munda Biddi present opportunities to encourage more people to ride off-road.
Two-Year Action Plan for Nature-Based Tourism in Western Australia 2019 and 2020	DBCA	DBCA	Continue to promote, maintain and improve the ...Munda Biddi ... and encourage new industry investment in accommodation and visitation products.
WA Hiking Strategy Bushwalking and trail running in Western Australia 2020 - 2030	Common Ground Trails 2019	DBCA and DLGSCI	No facilities within, or surrounding, the Larego region were identified.
Taking the Reins - The Western Australian Recreational Horse Trail Strategy	PX2 Pty Ltd 2015	Australian Trail Horse Riders Association	No facilities within, or surrounding, the Larego region were identified.
Shire of Harvey Advocacy Priorities: Harvey Trails and Adventure Precinct	Shire of Harvey		Identified as a priority in the SW Mountain Bike Master Plan 2017, including connecting Harvey with Logue Brook Dam and the existing Munda Biddi trail to create a new 75km 3 day 2-night loop from Harvey. <b>Stage 1:</b> Munda Biddi Harvey Spur will take adventure riders and families from the Munda Biddi Trail to Harvey's town centre past some of the most iconic scenery in the region, including the Harvey Dam. Due to Harvey's undulating topography, it will provide an exciting downhill descent ride, filling a critical gap in Western Australia's downhill trail opportunities and event venues. <b>Stage 2:</b> Logue Brook - Clarke State Forest – Munda Biddi Harvey Spur North - Harvey Dam Trails and Connection Links: Clarke State Forest Trail Network and Challenge Park. Adventure Trails connecting Logue Brook Dam, Clarke Forest Trail Network and Harvey Dam with the Munda Biddi Spur and the town of Harvey, including finalising infrastructure for a three-day loop.
South West Mountain Bike Master Plan	Common Ground Trails Pty Ltd for WestCycle 2017	Lotterywest, Department of Sport and Recreation, Department of Parks and Wildlife, West Australian Mountain Bike Association	Identifies the Clarke State Forest as a priority site. It offers significant topography, excellent views, steep terrain, and diverse vegetation. In addition, it includes the Logue Brook Dam facilities and will connect the Munda Biddi Trail to Harvey. Constraints include conservation reserves, competing demands and other environmental issues.
Harvey Region Trails and Adventure Masterplan	Common Ground Trails Pty Ltd for the Shire of Harvey 2023		Objectives of this plan, relevant to the Study Area include the creation of a signature trail and adventure hub, providing complimentary immersive experiences and marketing and promoting the experiences. This includes making use of attributes of the Darling Scarp and Plateau through increasing the availability of walking, mountain biking, paddling, gravel and road riding trails in addition to adventure activities and experiences, bolstered by upgrades and improvements to existing trails.



### 1.2.2.1.3 Public drinking water source areas

The Larego region lies in the catchments of Murray River, Harvey River, and Logue Brook. The Murray River drains into Lane Poole Reserve and supports water-based recreation (paddling) as well as riparian foreshore amenities for recreational facilities and trails. Logue Brook drains into Lake Brockman (Logue Brook Dam which supports water-based recreation (boating) as well as foreshore amenities for camping).

The Larego region intersects the Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSA) of Stirling Dam. Recreational uses pose a risk to PDWSAs through potential pathogen loading. Recreational use within PDWSAs must be in accordance with *Operational Policy 13: Recreation within Public Drinking Water Source Areas on Crown Land* (Department of Water, 2019). Table 7 outlines the acceptability of various recreational activities within PDWSAs according to Operational Policy 13.

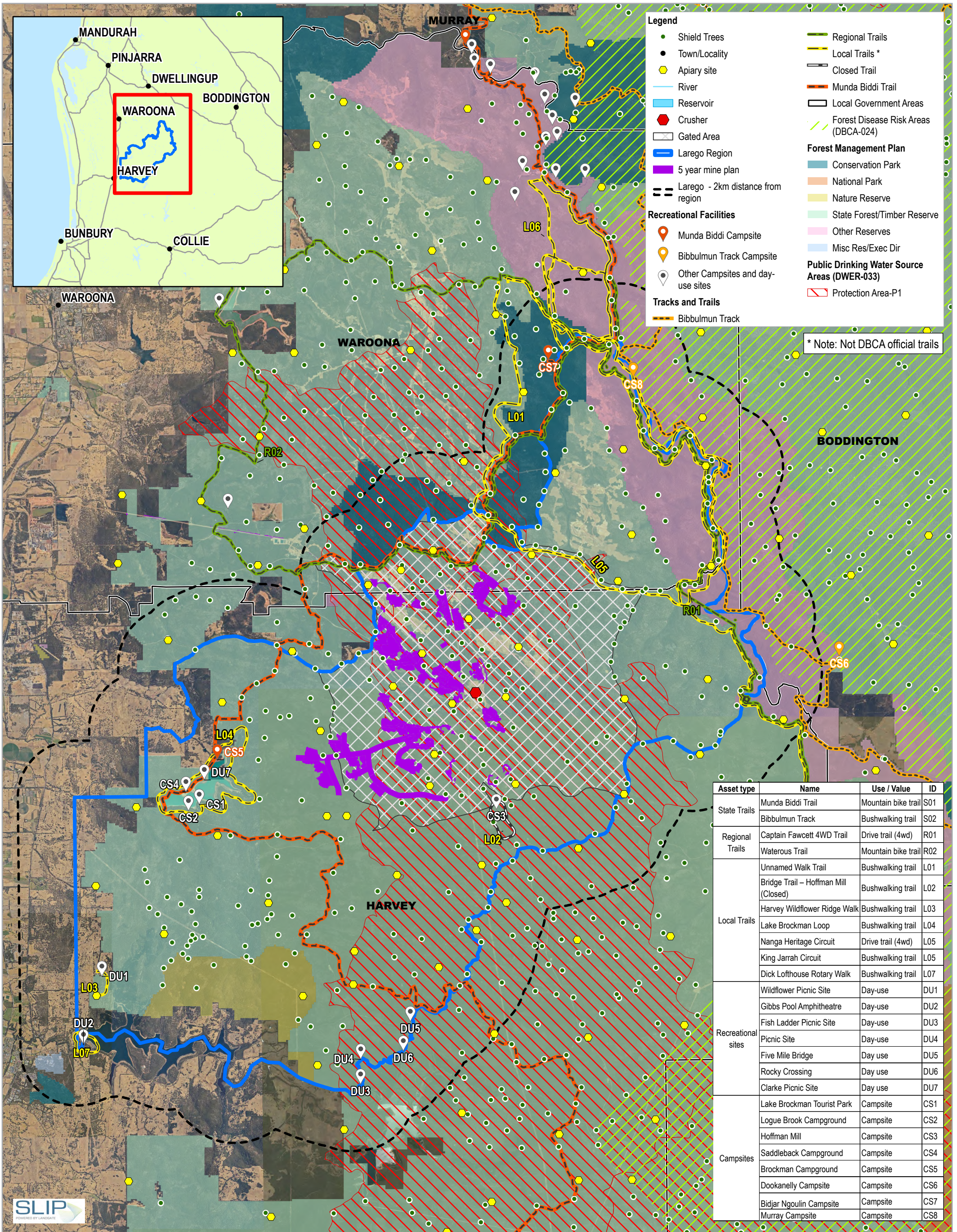
Table 7 Compatibility of Recreation Activities

Recreation type	Public drinking water source area location	
	Surface water – Reservoir protection zone	Surface water – Outer catchment
<b>Vehicular activities</b>		
Caravanning at approved designated sites	Incompatible	Supported at designated sites
Caravanning (off-road)	Incompatible	Incompatible
Coach tours/scenic driving	Incompatible (except on public roads <sup>1</sup> )	Supported
Off-road driving All motorised vehicles (including 4WD vehicles, motorbikes, trail bikes and quad bikes) whether licensed or unlicensed.	Incompatible	Incompatible (except at legally designated sites)
Rallying	Incompatible	Incompatible
Paragliding/gliding - motorised or non-motorised	Incompatible	Incompatible
<b>Land-based activities</b>		
Abseiling/rock climbing	Incompatible	Supported
Barbequing	Incompatible	Supported at designated sites
Bike riding/power-assisted pedal cycling on public roads	Supported	Supported
Bike riding/power-assisted pedal cycling within approved designated sites - trails, tracks or areas	Incompatible (except on the Munda Bididi Trail)	Supported in designated sites
Bike riding/power-assisted pedal cycling (free range/off-trail)	Incompatible	Incompatible
Bush skills/navigational exercises	Incompatible	Supported
Bushwalking/trekking/hiking/trail running at approved designated sites - trails, tracks or areas	Incompatible (except on the Bibbulmun Track or Munda Bididi Trail)	Supported
Bushwalking/trekking/hiking (free range/off-trail)	Incompatible	Supported
Camping at approved designated sites	Incompatible	Supported at designated sites
Camping (free-range)	Incompatible	Incompatible
Drone flying (electric)	Incompatible (except on public roads <sup>1</sup> )	Supported
Orienteering/rogaining/geo-caching/cross-country running.	Incompatible	Supported*
Photography/painting/sightseeing/birdwatching/astronomy	Incompatible (except on public roads <sup>1</sup> )	Supported
Picnicking	Incompatible	Supported
Prospecting	Incompatible	Supported
Riding/walking/training of animals (including dogs and horses)	Incompatible	Incompatible
Riding/walking/training of animals on public roads <sup>1</sup> and on approved designated sites - trails, tracks or areas (including dogs and horses)	Supported on public roads <sup>1</sup> and at designated sites	Supported on public roads <sup>1</sup> and at designated sites
Hunting/shooting	Incompatible	Incompatible
<b>Water based activities</b>		
Boating (motorised)/jet skiing/water skiing/power boating (fuel and low-powered electric)	Incompatible	Incompatible
Boating (non-motorised) Canoeing/kayaks/buoyancy devices/rowing/sailing/model boating/ windsurfing/kite surfing	Incompatible	Incompatible
Fishing	Incompatible	Incompatible <sup>2</sup>
Introduction of fish/aquatic species	Incompatible	Incompatible
Marroning	Incompatible	Incompatible
Swimming/wading/bathing/scuba diving/snorkelling (all activities that involve direct human contact with water)	Incompatible	Incompatible

<sup>1</sup> 'Public roads' does not include tracks or trails for the purposes of fire control, mining, forestry or infrastructure access/maintenance.

<sup>2</sup> Fishing was an existing, approved activity as at September 2012 at Big Brook Dam in the Lefroy Brook Catchment Area.

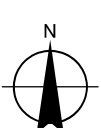
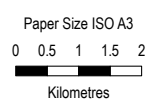




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- Shield Trees
  - Town/Locality
  - Apiary site
  - River
  - Reservoir
  - Crusher
  - Gated Area
  - Larego Region
  - 5 year mine plan
  - Larego - 2km distance from region
  - Regional Trails
  - Local Trails \*
  - Closed Trail
  - Munda Biddi Trail
  - Local Government Areas
  - Forest Disease Risk Areas (DBCA-024)
- Forest Management Plan**
- Conservation Park
  - National Park
  - Nature Reserve
  - State Forest/Timber Reserve
  - Other Reserves
  - Misc Res/Exec Dir
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas (DWER-033)**
- Protection Area-P1
- Recreational Facilities**
- Munda Biddi Campsite
  - Bibbulmun Track Campsite
  - Other Campsites and day-use sites
- Tracks and Trails**
- Bibbulmun Track

\* Note: Not DBCA official trails

Asset type	Name	Use / Value	ID
State Trails	Munda Biddi Trail	Mountain bike trail	S01
	Bibbulmun Track	Bushwalking trail	S02
Regional Trails	Captain Fawcett 4WD Trail	Drive trail (4wd)	R01
	Waterous Trail	Mountain bike trail	R02
Local Trails	Unnamed Walk Trail	Bushwalking trail	L01
	Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (Closed)	Bushwalking trail	L02
	Harvey Wildflower Ridge Walk	Bushwalking trail	L03
	Lake Brockman Loop	Bushwalking trail	L04
	Nanga Heritage Circuit	Drive trail (4wd)	L05
	King Jarrah Circuit	Bushwalking trail	L05
	Dick Lofthouse Rotary Walk	Bushwalking trail	L07
Recreational sites	Wildflower Picnic Site	Day-use	DU1
	Gibbs Pool Amphitheatre	Day-use	DU2
	Fish Ladder Picnic Site	Day-use	DU3
	Picnic Site	Day-use	DU4
	Five Mile Bridge	Day use	DU5
	Rocky Crossing	Day use	DU6
	Clarke Picnic Site	Day use	DU7
Campsites	Lake Brockman Tourist Park	Campsite	CS1
	Logue Brook Campground	Campsite	CS2
	Hoffman Mill	Campsite	CS3
	Saddleback Campground	Campsite	CS4
	Brockman Campground	Campsite	CS5
	Dookanelly Campsite	Campsite	CS6
	Bidjar Ngoulin Campsite	Campsite	CS7
	Murray Campsite	Campsite	CS8



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Identified Recreational Facilities

FIGURE 2



### 1.2.2.2 Noise impact assessment

GHD (2024a) undertook a Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) of the Proposal. The NIA included modelling of noise emissions from operations to ascertain the risk of non-compliance under the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (the Regulations) at the identified Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSR) located in and around the Proposal. The assessment also included an assessment of blasting activities to determine potential airblast and groundborne noise and vibration impacts at the NSRs.

The NIA indicates that mining operations in the Larego region may not comply with the daytime noise criteria (i.e. exceeding 40 dB (A) during Sundays and public holidays) at some noise-sensitive receptor locations. Considering the 40 dB(A) noise contour provided in the NIA report, GHD (2024a), it is expected that mine noise may impact the users of the following recreational trails under worst-case mining operations and meteorological conditions:

- Hoffman Mill campsite (CS3)
- Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (L02)

There are access restriction controls in place, with DBCA closing Hoffman Mill to the public in November 2022. Alcoa acknowledges the tradition of reuniting at the Hoffman Mill camping area on the first Sunday in November each year, often extending into a weekend for many participants. Alcoa's public commitments include facilitating the annual Back to Hoffman Reunion event on the 1st weekend in November; and implementing an ad-hoc, day-use process. In addition, a Mining Avoidance Zone (MAZ) is proposed for Hoffman Mill. The proposed MAZ is 500m from Hoffman Mill during daytime and 1100m from Hoffman Mill during night-time.

Audibility is predicted to occur over a short distance on the Munda Bididi Trail located to the north of the Larego region, i.e. parallel to R02 – Waterous Trail. The predicted levels do not exceed the daytime criteria along the Bibbulmun Track located east of the Larego region (GHD 2024a).

The noise modelling of the mining operations during the night shows the potential to exceed the night-time noise criteria (i.e. 35 dB(A)) over the northwestern portion of the mine region. It is expected that mine noise may impact the users of the following recreational trails under worst-case mining operations and meteorological conditions at nighttime:

- Lake Brockman Tourist Park (CS1)
- Logue Brook Campground (CS2) (if tonality is considered)

Night-time noise prediction was not predicted to impact users of the Bibbulmun (GHD 2024a).

It should be noted that the daytime and night-time noise criteria (40 dB(A) and 35 dB(A) mentioned above) are assigned by the Regulations to assess the impact of noise on the NSRs which are defined as dwellings or occupied buildings. As a result, the audibility of the operational noise may be considered more relevant to assess the impact of noise on the users of the recreational trails and facilities surrounding the Larego region. The audibility of mining noise at the NSRs depends on the ambient baseline levels, the weather conditions and the tonal content of the noise. These are factors that are difficult to predict given the range of distances involved. As a result, 30 dB(A) during nighttime when the background noise is lower, is considered as a simplified approach to assess the audibility.

The audibility noise contour line (30 dB(A) for night-time noise modelling scenarios) provided in the NIA report, GHD (2024a) show that the following recreational facilities may be impacted by audible noise during nighttime:

- Brockman Campground (CS5)
- Saddleback Campground (CS4)
- Lake Brockman Tourist Park (CS1)
- Lake Brockman Tourist Park (CS1)
- Logue Brook Campground (CS2) (if tonality is considered)

The audibility assessment provided in the NIA report shows that the operational noise will be audible at the northern part of the Munda Bididi Track, but there are no facilities in which users will be impacted during nighttime. Also, the Bibbulmun Track is not impacted by audibility (i.e. the predicted noise level is below 30 dB(A) all along the path during nighttime).

Accordingly, mine operations will require management during worst-case meteorological conditions and particularly during periods of peak public usage of the above trails (e.g. events, weekends, and school holidays) to minimise noise impacts on recreational values.

Blasting would occur on an approximately daily basis during mining operations, generating airblast noise and vibration. The NIA (GHD, 2024a) indicates that ground-borne noise and vibration (resultant from blasting) may be significant within 1.2km of mine pits during mine development. No NSRs except for Hoffman Mill will be affected.

There would be potential noise exceedances resulting from blast noise impacting the users of the following trails:

- Hoffman Mill campsite (CS3) - closed for public access during the life of mine
- Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (L02)

According to the parameter of 1.2km distance from the mine pits, Munda Biddi Trail (S01) and Waterous Trail (R02) located in close proximity to the northern portion of the 5-year plan are likely to be impacted by blasting required for mining operation.

GHD proposes an MAZ for Hoffman Mill and campsites surrounding Lake Brockman/Logue Brook Dam to mitigate noise impacts.

### **1.2.2.3 Landscape and visual impact assessment**

GHD (2024b) undertook a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) for the Larego region, as summarised below.

The Larego region is located within the topographic landform of the Darling Plateau within the Darling Uplands subtype. The landscape in the western part of the Study Area is relatively flat and low-lying. Moving eastward, the elevation rises as it becomes part of the Darling Range. Much of the surroundings of the mine region are covered by forests and therefore views of mining will be effectively screened by vegetation. There is a lack of elevated viewpoints with public access within proximity of the mine region. However, there is potential for landscape and visual impacts on the Munda Biddi Trail within the northern component of the Larego region (GHD 2024b).

Drawn from the LVIA recommendations in regard to visual impacts on tracks, trails, and recreational areas include (GHD 2024b):

- Avoid: Relocate haul road routes and mine pits to avoid visibility from tracks and trails whenever possible.
- Minimise: Reduce visual impacts on recreational facilities, including the Munda Biddi Trail, by providing screening corridors appropriate to the area.
- Mitigate: If mining occurs near tracks, trails, or recreational areas, initiate rehabilitation promptly to establish replanted vegetation as quickly as possible.

Visual screening studies conducted within the Myara region for the Pinjarra Alumina Refinery Revised Proposal ERD, indicate that a vegetative buffer of approximately 200m provides effective screening (GHD, 2021).

Mining operations within the Larego region (Willowdale Mine) and Myara region (Huntly Mine) occur concurrently throughout the duration of the 5-year mine plan. As such an understanding of cumulative visual impacts to Munda Biddi Trail and Bibbulmun Track is relevant. Based on the LVIA assessments for both mine regions findings suggest that no cumulative impacts are anticipated.

### **1.2.2.4 Air quality impact assessment**

GHD (2024c) undertook an air quality assessment for the Proposal, including an assessment of concentrations of total suspended particulates (TSP) and dust deposition that could affect the amenity of users of recreational trails and facilities. The assessment (GHD, 2024c) indicates that incremental concentrations of TSP from the mining operations were below relevant criteria for identified sensitive receptors, except for one exceedance at CS3, Hoffman Mill Campground (labelled as R01 in the Larego Air Quality Impact Assessment report), during the modelled period for one scenario. However, it is also understood that public access to Hoffman Mill Campground is closed by DBCA, and it is only open for ad-hoc day visits. Hence the likelihood of exceedance to occur during the day visits is low. Predicted dust deposition was below the relevant criteria for identified sensitive receptors.

Munda Biddi Trail (S01), Waterous Trail (R02), and Bibbulmun Track (S02) were not assessed as receptors in the air quality assessment. However, based on the distribution of dust as per the contours, it is likely that there will be TSP and dust deposition exceedances along parts of the Munda Biddi Trail (S01) and Waterous Trail (R02) running close to the north and north-west boundary of the Proposal. No dust emission exceedances are likely to occur along the Bibbulmun Track which is located further to the east of Larego region.



### **1.2.2.5 Exploration drilling potential impacts**

Required for strategic long-term mine planning up to 20 years prior to mining, exploration drilling activities occur throughout the entirety of the mining lease. Using tractor-mounted drill rigs, modified to operate in forested areas, a fleet of 10 – 19 rigs (Alcoa and contract) undertake drilling activities between May – September (annually), 7 days a week, 11 hours a day (6am – 5pm). There is also a small shutdown period of approximately 10 days over Christmas through to the start of January.

Each year approximately 105,000 drill holes are undertaken across the mining lease with approximately 25 holes drilled each day in three phases, being:

- Phase 1: 60m x 60m apart
- Phase 2: 30m x 30m apart
- Phase 3: 15m x 15m apart

Phase 3 usually occurs within the gated mine area, however, DBCA has raised concerns regarding exploration activities outside gated areas.

The following non-negotiable exploration drilling constraints are in place in relation to trails and recreational facilities:

- 200m buffer to the Bibbulmun Track
- 50m buffer to the Munda Biddi Trail

Negotiable constraints relate to all other sanctioned trails whereby drilling within 300m of trails will only occur Monday – Friday outside of school holidays. Exploration activities will occur within these trails if required.

As indicated in Figure 3, drilling activities over 2023-2027 MMP are identified within close proximity to Munda Biddi Trail (S01), Bibbulmun Track (S02), Unnamed Walk Trail (L01) and Captain Fawcett 4WD Trail (R01). Similarly, exploration drilling is proposed within the vicinity of a number of day-use facilities including Fish Ladder Picnic Site (DU3), Picnic Site (DU4), Five Mile Bridge (DU5) and Rocky Crossing (DU6). Potential visual impacts resulting from exploration activities are considered short-term and may include visibility of drill rigs, rig operators and support vehicles in addition to removed trees (up to 150m diameter), warning signage and disturbed patches of earth from filled drill holes.

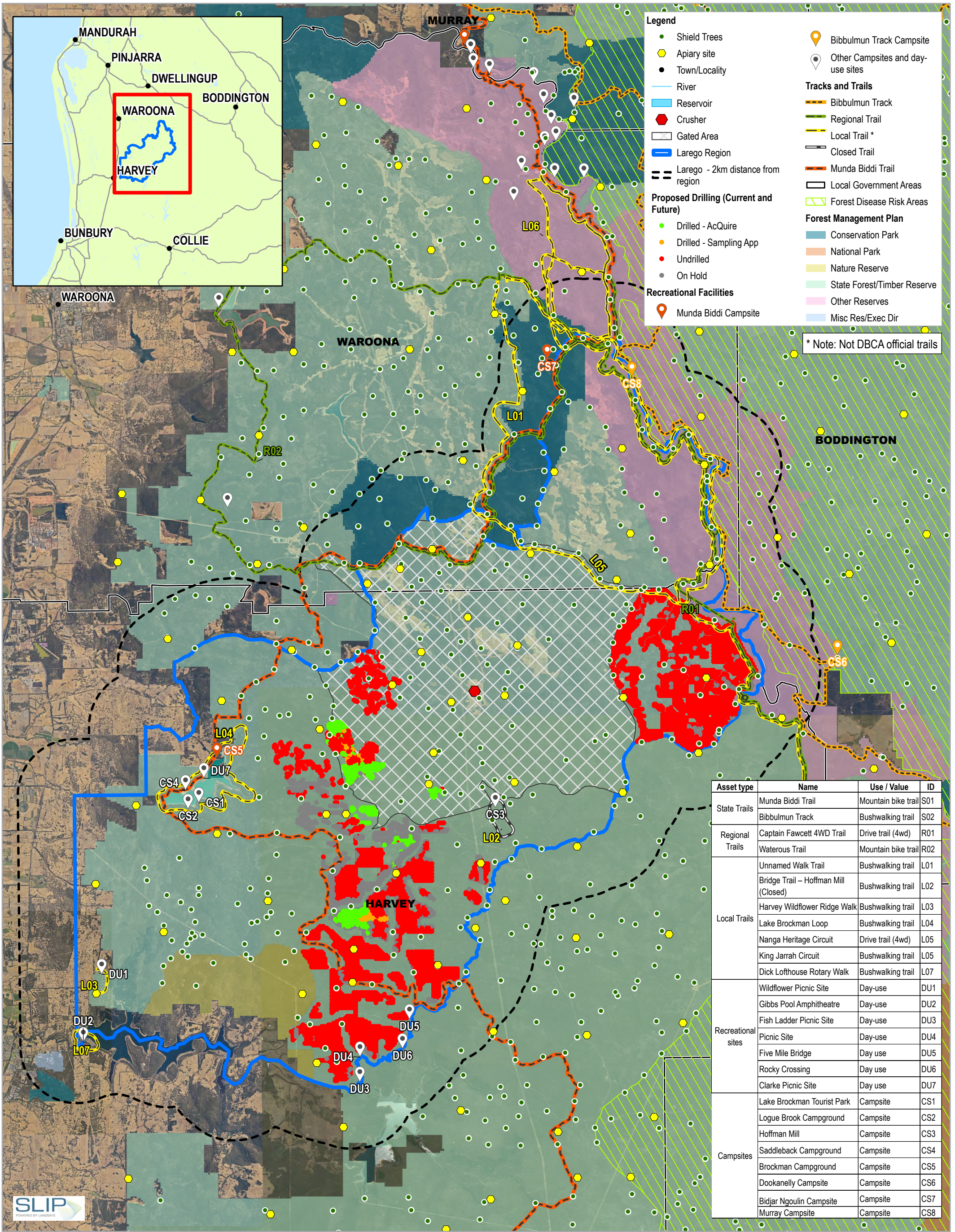
### **1.2.2.6 Light pollution**

Existing light sources within the Larego region are dominated by the mine facilities situated along the existing conveyor line and the mine pits in operation. The townsites of Harvey and Yarloop emit comparatively limited light, with the largest light emitter, in the vicinity of the Larego region, being Wagerup Alumina Refinery.

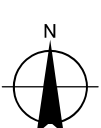
The main light sources associated with mining activities identified in the 5-year MMP, within the Larego region, will comprise permanent lighting at mine facilities and conveyor transfer stations, vehicle headlights and mobile LED light towers at operating mine pits. Due to the distance from Harvey and Yarloop, rural properties and overnight campsites, it is unlikely that lighting associated with mining activities identified in the 5-year MMP will have a significant impact on night-time amenities.

Implementation of MAZ for the Larego region is expected to avoid impacts on night-time amenities to rural residential properties and campgrounds.





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Exploration Drilling

FIGURE 3



## 1.2.3 Key assumptions and uncertainties

### 1.2.3.1 Regional planning and stakeholder consultation

The recreational facilities within the Larego region have been identified and classified in accordance with published State and regional planning documents as summarised in Section 1.3.2.

It is assumed that the identified and classified facilities are correct and current as per the published documents. There remains the potential for changes to occur in the identified facilities (e.g., new facilities developed) or changes to their significance at some point over the period of mining and rehabilitation and as a result of trail usage, promotion and stakeholder consultation.

## 1.2.4 Risk-based approach to management

This objective-based RTFMP adopts a risk-based approach to identify and prioritise targets and actions. Appendix B Presents a risk assessment of the potential impacts on recreational facilities and commercial opportunities identified within the Larego region and associated Study Area.

- Table B-1 Closure and direct disturbance
- Table B-2 Indirect impacts noise
- Table B-3 Indirect impacts on visual
- Table B-4 Indirect impacts on air quality
- Table B-5 Exploration drilling impacts

Consideration of potential impacts and the implementation of management measures have been determined within related studies identified in Table 2

Tables B-2 to B-5 present residual risks incorporating proposed access restrictions/closure of facilities during the life of mine as proposed in Table B-1. The risk assessment considered consequences based on the significance class of recreational trails, magnitude and duration of impact, and likelihood.

As presented in Appendix B, the risk assessment indicated the following very high and high risks, to which mitigations/actions need to be applied (Table 8).

**Table 8** *Potential Risks to Facilities During the Life of Mine*

<b>High risks</b>
Potential noise, dust and visual impacts to a proportion of Munda Bididi Trail and Waterous Trail due to the proximity of mining operations
Potential noise and dust and to day-use areas (Logue Brook dam and Lake, Hoffman Mill Campsite <sup>3</sup> , Lake Brockman Tourist Park, Logue Brook Campground, Saddleback Campground, informal day-use) due to proximity to mining operations
Potential noise, dust and visual impacts to commercial operators (Apiary sites, commercial tour operators and Logue Brook commercial opportunities) due to proximity to mining operations
Potential noise, dust and visual impacts to other facilities (shield trees) due to proximity to mining operations
Potential noise, dust and visual impacts on day-use areas and trails due to exploration drilling activities

A further identified risk is the limited stakeholder consultation at the time of preparing this RTFMP. This risk is addressed through the proposed stakeholder consultation in Section 3.

The management approach in this RTFMP is consultative and conservative, with the view of managing impacts during all phases of mining. The RTFMP adopts an environmental management hierarchy in the prioritisation of management provisions:

- Avoidance: measures taken to avoid impact
- Minimisation: measures taken to reduce the duration, intensity and/or extent of impact
- Rehabilitation: measures taken to restore previously existing conditions.

<sup>3</sup> Currently closed due to the mining activities in surrounding area



## 1.2.5 Rationale for choice of provisions

### **Changes in intensity, duration, magnitude and geographic footprint of the impact**

The management provisions have been developed to address how impacts to recreational facilities and commercial opportunities may vary in intensity, duration, magnitude and geographic footprint, including:

- variation in direct and indirect impacts as mining progresses within the Larego region
- variation in meteorological conditions affecting noise propagation or dust dispersion during mining
- progression and restoration of visual impacts over mining and rehabilitation timeframes.

### **Environmental changes and rate of change**

Management measures have been developed to address the potential for external threatening processes to affect visual screening by vegetation surrounding the region.

The RTFMP will be reviewed by Alcoa and with DBCA in the event of material changes to environmental conditions or social surroundings that may influence the Proposal's impacts on recreational facilities or commercial opportunities.

### **External issues**

The provisions have taken into account third-party proposals for new trails, recreation and tourism (e.g., Harvey Region Trails and Adventure Masterplan). The RTFMP will be reviewed in the event of material changes to external issues.

## 2. Environmental Management Components

Table 9 presents objective-based management provisions relating to those recreational facilities and commercial opportunities within the Larego region with the potential for very high and high risks. Table 10 lists trigger and threshold criteria related to the environmental impacts management plan.

Table 9 Recreational Facilities and Commercial Opportunities within the Larego Region – Management Components

Management target	Management actions	Monitoring	Timing/Frequency of actions	Reporting
<b>Objective 1: Minimise direct impacts to Munda Bididi Trail and Waterous Trail</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Direct impacts are minimised as far as practicable to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Munda Bididi</li> <li>• Waterous Trail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Establish and maintain MAZ within the region to allow uninterrupted access to these trails.</li> <li>– Rehabilitate be re-instated as early as practicable with consideration to rehabilitation priorities given other environmental and social values and constraints.</li> <li>– Rehabilitation to recreate the pre-mining trail condition and facilities, in consultation with DBCA and other key stakeholders, where practicable</li> </ul>	Annual spatial database review of MAZ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MAZ (for trails to be retained) was established and demarcated prior to the construction of the adjacent mine development.</li> <li>– Any required rehabilitation is conducted as early as practicable or at the end of mine region life.</li> </ul>	Compliance assessment report will include a review of the MAZ.
<b>Objective 2: Minimise noise and dust impacts on users of Munda Bididi, Waterous Trail and Lake Brockman recreational facilities</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Minimise audible noise, blast overpressure and dust levels on Munda Bididi, Waterous Trail and Lake Brockman recreational facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Implement MAZ including daytime noise sensitivity zones around the Munda Bididi Trail and Brockman Campground, Saddleback Campground, Lake Brockman Tourist Park, and Logue Brook Campground.</li> </ul>	Annual spatial database review of MAZ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MAZ was established and demarcated prior to the construction of the adjacent mine development.</li> <li>– Pre-mining noise planning</li> <li>– During mining noise planning</li> <li>– Daily – blast modelling</li> </ul>	Compliance assessment report will include a review of the MAZ.
<b>Objective 3: Reinstate public access to Hoffman Mill and Bridge Trails facilities where practicable, in consultation with DBCA and other key stakeholders</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Where practicable, rehabilitate and reinstate access to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Maintain closure or partial closure for the life of the mine</li> <li>– Rehabilitate trails to be re-instated as early as practicable with consideration to rehabilitation priorities given other environmental and social values and constraints.</li> <li>– Rehabilitation to recreate the pre-mining trail condition and facilities, in consultation with DBCA and other key stakeholders, where practicable</li> </ul>	To be determined in consultation with DBCA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Any required rehabilitation is conducted as early as practicable or at the end of mine region life.</li> <li>– Any required access was reinstated at the closure of the mine region.</li> </ul>	To be determined in consultation with DBCA.
<b>Objective 4: Maintain the viability of existing and planned commercial opportunities</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Maintain viability of existing and planned commercial opportunities as identified in Table 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Alcoa to consult with DBCA when reviewing mine planning to ensure commercial operators are advised of changes to access to minimise disruption to commercial activity.</li> </ul>	Annual spatial database review of negotiable constraints.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concept planning, site surveys and detailed design</li> </ul>	Pre-construction/mine development site inspection..
<b>Objective 5: Maintain adequate camping amenities</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ensure camping and adequate amenities for campers remain at Logue Brook Dam for the life of mine.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Establish and maintain MAZ surrounding sites to be retained</li> <li>– MAZ will be demarcated in construction and mining maps to guide mine development and construction personnel</li> </ul>	Pre-construction and pre-mine development inspection of facility condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MAZ was established and demarcated prior to the construction of the adjacent mine development.</li> </ul>	Compliance assessment report will include a review of the MAZ.
<b>Objective 6: Maintain access and adequacy of day-use areas</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Enable existing informal day-use opportunities to occur, inclusive of existing DBCA day-use areas in and adjacent to the mine area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Demarcate areas for mining and construction</li> </ul>	Annual spatial database review of MAZ.		Compliance assessment report will include a review of the MAZ.
<b>Objective 7: Maintain the ability for major events to occur</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limit the disruption to major recreational events that occur within or partially within the Larego region, including (but not limited to):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equestrian events</li> <li>• Enduro motorbike events</li> <li>• Rogaining events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Alcoa to consult with relevant stakeholders and event organisers to minimise the impacts of mining on any proposed event.</li> <li>– Inform event planners of upcoming and future operations to allow for the planning of safe, high-quality events.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Agreement reached with event organisers prior to the event to clearly demarcate the event footprint</li> </ul>	Post-event reporting, where applicable.
<b>Objective 8: Maintenance of access for facility and asset management</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ensure DBCA and DFES have suitable access to the mine region to allow for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate fire management, including upkeep of fire breaks and allowance of strategic access.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Prepare and maintain a site access plan to allow for regulated movement of DBCA/DFES officials</li> <li>– Minimise direct impacts to access tracks as far as practicable.</li> </ul>	To be determined in consultation with DBCA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Prior to clearing, DBCA/DFES to provide an indication of essential service roads.</li> <li>– Any required rehabilitation is conducted as early as practicable or at the end of mine region life.</li> </ul>	Pre-construction/mine development site inspection

Management target	Management actions	Monitoring	Timing/Frequency of actions	Reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-going ability to maintain the Western Shield Baiting Program within the mine region</li> <li>DBCA nominated public firewood areas</li> <li>Avoidance of Disease Risk Areas for relocated facilities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have an agreed Forest Access Plan for general vehicle access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreate the pre-mining site conditions and facilities, in consultation with DBCA and other key stakeholders, where practicable.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any required access was reinstated at the closure of the mine region.</li> </ul>	
<b>Objective 9: Maintain water quality in response to new or changed recreational facility use</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the following water quality objectives are maintained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public drinking water in the constituted public drinking water source areas of Stirling Dam and Samson Brook</li> <li>Recreational water quality in Harvey Dam and Logue Brook Dam (Lake Brockman).</li> <li>Waterways and wetlands at pre-development levels (winter concentrations) or improved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure any new or changed recreation facilities or events are consistent with Operational Policy 13 or noted by the Minister for Water.</li> <li>Ensure access is not increased to the Stirling Dam reservoir protection zone, where public access is prohibited under the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws 1981, except on public roads.</li> </ul>	Surface water monitoring as per the Water Resources Management Plan in conjunction with relevant standards and guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAZ was established and demarcated prior to the construction of the adjacent mine development.</li> </ul>	As per the Water Resources Management Plan.
<b>Objective 10: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on trails and their users in relation to exploration drilling activities</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit the disruption to the Munda Biddi Trail as a result of exploration drilling, with appropriate management and mitigation measures applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a minimum 50m MAZ between exploration drilling activities and Mundi Biddi Trail to minimise associated impacts.</li> </ul>	Annual spatial database review of MAZ.	Prior to exploration drilling activities occurring	Compliance assessment report will include a review of the MAZ.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit the disruption to the trails as a result of exploration drilling, with appropriate management and mitigation measures applied</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a minimum 200m buffer to Bibbulmun Track</li> <li>Drilling within 300m of all other trails only occurs Mon-Fri outside of school holidays</li> </ul>	Annual spatial database review of MAZ.	Prior to exploration drilling activities occurring	Compliance assessment report will include a review of the MAZ.

Table 10 Trigger and Threshold

Indicator/Value	Response actions	Monitoring: frequency and location	Reporting
<b>Trigger criterion 1</b> Required exploration or construction is identified to be on a trajectory towards any MAZ (within 30m) listed for the region.	<b>Trigger level action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a review of the Mine Plan and ensure MAZ is incorporated into the Mine Plan Process.</li> <li>Review map layers where relevant, including updates.</li> <li>Conduct an in-field assessment to confirm or verify potential exceedance.</li> <li>If required implement trigger level response action in consultation with relevant stakeholders (for example, rehabilitation).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconciliation assessment against clearing activities once a specific clearing area is completed.</li> <li>If triggered, an in-field assessment will be undertaken against trigger criteria.</li> <li>Annual spatial database of MAZ.</li> </ul>	The compliance assessment report will include a discussion around the assessment/s and whether revision of the trigger criterion is required.
<b>Threshold criterion 1</b> Required exploration or construction activity has intruded into any MAZ listed in Table 9.	<b>Threshold contingency action</b> As above, including the addition of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If avoidance cannot be achieved, Alcoa must provide, to the satisfaction of the State Development Minister, a written report explaining why the relevant avoidance cannot be met prior to the exploration or construction activity being undertaken.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual audit of activities and review of internal protocols, where relevant.</li> <li>Annual spatial database review of MAZ.</li> </ul>	In the event that monitoring or surveys indicate an exceedance of the threshold, the exceedance will be reported to the State Development Minister in writing within 21 days of the exceedance being identified. The compliance assessment report will include a discussion around the assessment/s and whether revision of the management objective is required.



## 2.1 Adaptive Management and Review

### 2.1.1 Environmental monitoring and corrective actions

Environmental monitoring will occur during the construction and operational phases of mining in the Larego region including the establishment and progress of rehabilitation.

Any non-conformances with the requirements of this RTFMP will be investigated to identify the root cause and the relevant corrective action. If necessary, the RTFMP will be amended to incorporate the corrective action to prevent future non-conformances. Non-conformances will be rectified or mitigated as soon as possible to ensure minimal ongoing harm to social surroundings.

Relevant procedures will be amended/updated as necessary and inductions and other workforce communication will be undertaken in a timely manner to minimise the risk of re-occurrences.

In the event of unforeseen impacts from the Proposal to recreational or scientific facilities within the Larego region, relevant stakeholders (e.g., DBCA) will be notified and consulted in regard to the appropriate remedial actions.

## 2.2 Revisions

This RTFMP is intended to be dynamic and may be updated to reflect changes in management practices and social surroundings with time. This will also allow flexibility to respond to new environmental impacts and adopt new technologies/management measures. Figure 4 outlines the process for review, upon revisions to the MMP.

Amendments to management actions will be completed on an as-needed basis. This will include revision/amendment of management actions that are not achieving the desired outcomes, environmental monitoring identifying additional impacts and management actions, and changes to relevant legislation or improvements to practices that are likely to achieve better environmental outcomes.

Where substantial changes to the RTFMP are required, Alcoa will engage with DBCA and relevant stakeholders on the proposed changes to inform and update the document, and the document will be distributed to DBCA and the relevant stakeholders. Once agreed upon, updates to the RTFMP can be discussed in the Alcoa DBCA Conflicts Meeting.

This RTFMP will be reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect material changes and updates in relevant internal and external factors, which may include:

- Material changes in the Larego mine plan, construction or rehabilitation programs that may affect recreational or scientific facilities
- Non-conformances and corrective actions
- Material updates of existing recreational strategies (e.g., Peel Regional Trails Strategy) or release of new recreational strategies (e.g., Harvey Region Trails and Adventure Masterplan) that relate to recreational facilities within the mine region.
- Advice from DBCA or key stakeholders regarding material changes to recreational, commercial or scientific facilities that may be directly or indirectly impacted by the Proposal, or material changes in environmental conditions that may affect impacts from the Proposal (e.g., external threatening processes).

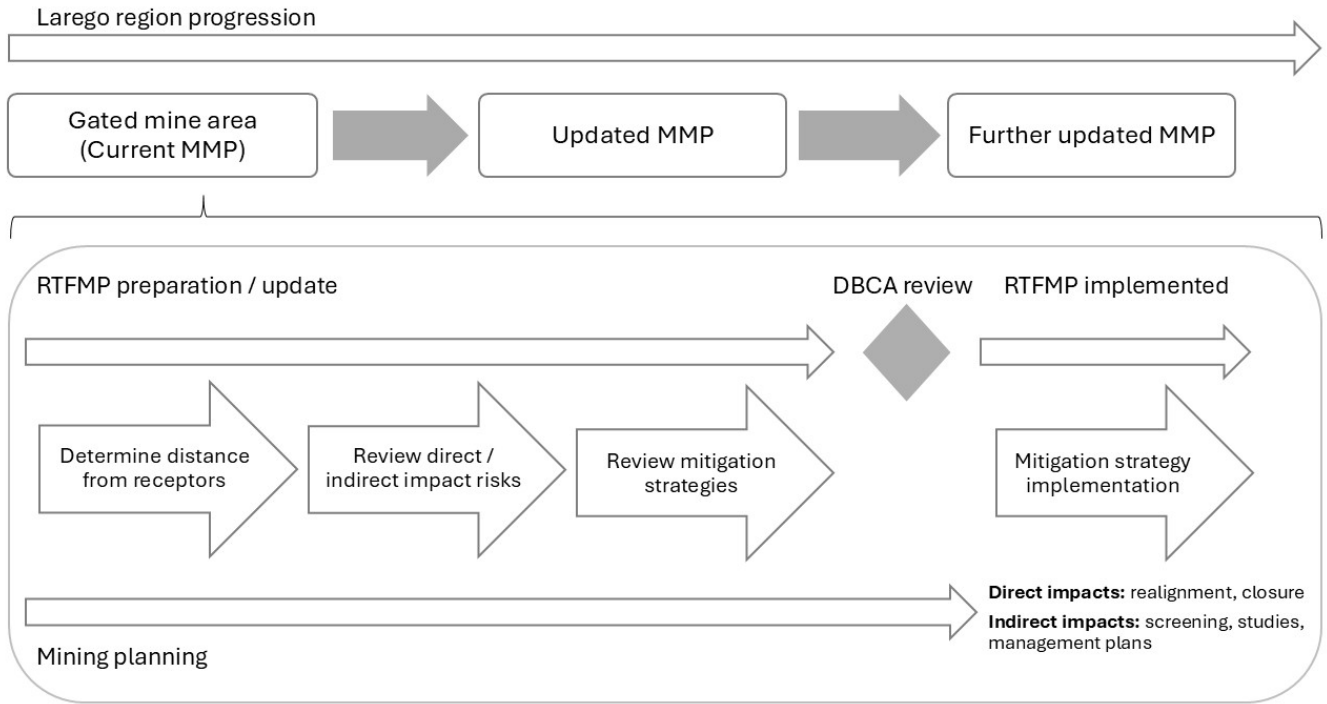


Figure 4 RTFMP Review Process

### 3. Stakeholder Consultation

Preliminary stakeholders have been identified and are summarised in Table 11. Consultation with these stakeholders regarding environmental issues associated with recreational facilities and commercial opportunities within the Larego region will be undertaken. This will ensure management actions are suitable to meet plan objectives. External stakeholder consultation details including stakeholders, the responses and Alcoa actions are listed in Table 11.

Table 11 Key Stakeholders

Stakeholders	Details of consultation
State Government	Departments – Jobs Tourism, Science and Innovation; DBCA, DLGSCI, Water Corporation, EPA, Tourism WA, Local Members of Parliament – Forrest and Murray-Wellington, DWER
Local Government	Shire of Waroona and Shire of Harvey
Recreation and tourism groups	Back to Hoffman Mill Reunion Group and Munda Bididi Trail Foundation
Environmental groups:	Harvey River Restoration Taskforce
Community groups	Nearby communities and nearby private landowners/residents
Traditional Owners	Harvey Aboriginal Corporation
Industry Stakeholders	Trails WA, HikeWest, West Cycle, Outdoors WA, WA Mountain Bike Association

Table 12 External Stakeholder Consultation in Relation to this RTFMP

Date	Stakeholder	Consultation	Stakeholder response	Alcoa action
6/10/2023	DBCA	Larego RTFMP drafted in 2022 was sent to MMPLG for review and DBCA provided written feedback.	Extensive feedback, more than 10 recommendations.	Alcoa provided comments back to these and has incorporated this feedback into both the Myara and Larego RTFMPs.
8/8/2024	DBCA	Email request for information on scientific sites in Myara and Larego. Several emails were sent over the following months.	No current information is available as the register is not functional and therefore GIS is out of date.	Asked GHD to leave this query open and can update in further versions of the report.
24/07/2024	DBCA – Wellington	In-person meeting to discuss Larego mine plan.	Better documentation is needed around the Munda Bididi trail alignment request and noise and dust assessments for Logue Brook are of interest to the department.	Ensure the process for trail realignments is documented and ensure noise and dust assessment for Logue Brook is shared.
22/10/2024	DBCA	Alcoa provided DBCA with the drafts of the two RTFMPs and a summary presentation. DBCA agreed to provide comment.	DBCA asked Alcoa to add a note that local trails are not DBCA endorsed and agreed to send written feedback – this was received on 22/11/2024.	Comments have been incorporated prior to finalising the report.

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# Appendices

# **Appendix A**

**Identified Impacts – Recreational Facilities  
and Commercial Opportunities**

Colour key

Impact	Colour representation
Direct impact short term (facility within / part within gated area)	
Direct impact long term (facility within / part within region)	
Direct impact mitigated	
No impact	

Table A-1 State significance trails and facilities

ID	Existing assets	Identified values	Proximity to mine region	Direct impact within region	Indirect impact within region
S01	Munda Bididi Trail	State significance, very high priority in Peel Regional Trails Strategy (PRTS) via Consultation – important to Dwellingup ecotourism Mountain biking, camping	Total of 36.2 km within region	Short-term impact to 9.7 km within the gated area and long term impact to 36.2 km total within the region. Potential short-term impact from exploration drilling.	Proposed to be realigned; Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
S02	Bibbulmun track	State significance; important to WA ecotourism Bushwalking, camping	Outside of region (along eastern boundary)	No impact	Potential visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations and exploration drilling activities

Table A-2 Regionally and locally significant trails and facilities

ID	Existing Assets	Identified values	Proximity to Larego region	Direct Impact	Indirect impact
L01	Unnamed Walk Trail	Hiking, bushwalking	Within region, along north eastern boundary of gated area	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities, dust, noise and visual impact.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations and exploration drilling activities.
L02	Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill	Bushwalking	Within region, outside of current gated area	Directly impacted by mining -Trail closed for life of mine	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
L03	Harvey Wildflower Ridge Walk	Bushwalking	Within region, along south west boundary	No impact	Potential visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
L04	Lake Brockman Loop	Bushwalking	Within region, along western boundary	Potential short-term impacts – noise and dust.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations and exploration drilling activities.
L05	Nanga Heritage Circuit	4WD track	Within region, north eastern boundary	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations and exploration drilling activities.
L06	King Jarrah Circuit	Bushwalking	Outside of region, northern boundary	No impact	No impact
L07	Dick Lofthouse Rotary Walk	Rotary Walk Trail	Outside of region, southern boundary	No impact	No impact
R01	Captain Fawcett	4WD track	Outside region, along north eastern boundary	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities.	Potential for access restrictions as a result of road closures and diversions and exploration drilling activities.
R02	Waterous Trail	Mountain bike trail	Within region, partially within current gated area	Potential long term impact – visual impact and dust. Short term impact to 1.5 km within the gated area – noise, visual and dust.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
CS1	Lake Brockman Tourist Park	Camping, recreation, boating	Within region, outside of current gated area	Potential long term impact – MAZ proposed to mitigate noise and dust impacts	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
CS2	Logue Brook Campground	Camping, recreation, boating	Within region, outside of current gated area	Potential long term impact – MAZ proposed to mitigate noise and dust impacts	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
CS3	Hoffman Mill (day use also)	Camping; community heritage	Within region, outside of current gated area	Directly impacted by mining – Facility closed for life of mine	n/a – closed for life of mine
CS4	Saddleback Campground	State forest, camping	Within region, outside of current gated area	Potential long term impact - – MAZ proposed to mitigate noise and dust impacts	Noise and dust impacts based on proximity to mining operations.
CS5	Brockman Campground	State forest, camping	Within region, outside of current gated area	Potential long term impact - – MAZ proposed to mitigate noise and dust impacts	Noise and dust impacts based on proximity to mining operations.
CS6	Dookanelly Campsite	State forest, camping	Outside of region, eastern boundary	No impact	Potential short-term noise impacts related to exploration drilling.

ID	Existing Assets	Identified values	Proximity to Larego region	Direct Impact	Indirect impact
CS7	Bidjar Ngoulin Campsite	State forest, camping	Outside of region, northern boundary	No impact	n/a
CS8	Murray Campsite	State forest, camping	Outside of region, northern boundary	No impact	n/a
DU1	Wildflower Picnic Site	Day use	Within region, outside of current gated area	No impact	Potential visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
DU2	Gibbs Pool Amphitheatre	Day use	outside of region (south-west boundary)	No impact	n/a
DU3	Fish Ladder Picnic Site	Day use	within region, outside of current gated area	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to exploration drilling activities.
DU4	Picnic Site	Day use	Within region, outside of current gated area	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to exploration drilling activities.
DU5	Five Mile Bridge	Day use	within region, outside of current gated area	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities.	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to exploration drilling activities.
DU6	Rocky Crossing Site	Day use	outside of region (south boundary)	Potential short-term impacts related to exploration drilling activities.	Noise and dust impacts based on proximity to mining operations.
DU7	Clarke Picnic Site	Day use	within region, outside of current gated area	Potential long term impact - MAZ proposed to mitigate noise and dust impacts	Noise and dust impacts based on proximity to mining operations.
	Informal camping within state forest	Camping	no specific site	Potential short and long term impact	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.
	Other informal day use of state forest	Day use	no specific site	Potential short and long term impact	Potential noise, dust and visual impacts due to proximity to mining operations.

Table A-3 Significant events, economic and scientific facilities

ID	Existing assets	Identified values	Proximity to Larego Mine Region	Direct impact	Indirect impact
	Apiary sites	Agricultural	27 current and one pending apiaries within mine region	Potential clearance within gated mine area Possible disturbance due to exploration drilling activities.	Potential reduction in nectar sources resulting from clearing; dust impacts within 500m of mining.
	Commercial tour operators	Tourism	no specific site	n/a	Increase in the travel times within region due to closes/ diverted roads.
	Logue brook commercial opportunities	Tourism, recreation	Within mine region, outside of current gated area	n/a	Potential for reduction in turnover should reduce recreational use occur based on proximity to mining operations.
	Seed collecting	Commercial	no specific site	Reduction of accessible vegetation as a result of clearing for mining operations. Potential impact due to exploration drilling.	Reduction of access to vegetation as a result of road closures.
	Commercial wildflower picking	Commercial	no specific site	Reduction of accessible vegetation as a result of clearing for mining operations. Potential impact due to exploration drilling.	Reduction of access to vegetation as a result of road closures.
	Equestrian	Recreation	unknown - potentially within mine region	Potential for loss of activity if tracks and trails located within planned mining areas within mine region. Potential impact due to exploration drilling.	Reduction of access to tracks and trails as a result of road closures. Noise dust impacts based on proximity to mining operations.
	Enduro motor bike	Recreation	unknown - potentially within mine region	Potential for loss of activity if tracks and trails located within planned mining areas within mine region. Potential impact due to exploration drilling.	Reduction of access to tracks and trails as a result of road closures.
	Rogaining	Recreation	unknown - potentially within mine region	Potential for loss of activity if tracks and trails located within planned mining areas within mine region. Potential impact due to exploration drilling.	Reduction of access to tracks and trails as a result of road closures. Noise dust impacts based on proximity to mining operations.
	Shield trees	Former forest industry grid reference trees, widespread through Northern Jarrah Forest. Used for orienteering.	167 within mine region	Potential clearance within gated mine area	Dieback, weeds, long term dust
n/a	Aboriginal cultural and heritage customary access	Cultural	no specific site	Potential for loss of access	Increase in the travel times within region due to closes/ diverted roads.
n/a	Bridges and minor culverts	Public access	unknown	Mine traffic use may accelerate the rate of degradation.	n/a

# **Appendix B**

## **Risk Assessment**



**Consequence criteria**

Classification	Short term minor impact	Long term minor impact	Short term major impact	Long term major impact
State significance	Moderate	Major	Major	Critical
Regional significance	Minor	Moderate	Major	Major
Local / informal	Minor	Minor	Moderate	Moderate

**Risk matrix**

		Likelihood			
		Unlikely	Potential	Likely	Almost certain
Consequence	Critical	Medium	High	Very high	Very high
	Major	Medium	High	High	Very high
	Moderate	Medium	Medium	High	High
	Minor	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium

**Table B.1 Risk assessment: Closure and direct disturbance**

Asset	Significance	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk	Strategy
<b>Trails and campsites</b>							
Hoffman Mill (closed)	Local	Major	Long-term	Major	Almost certain	Very high	Closed for life of mine, control public access for life of mine
Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (closed)	Local	Major	Long-term	Moderate	Almost certain	High	Closed for life of mine, control public access for life of mine
<b>Commercial operators</b>							
Apiary sites	Regional	Minor	Long-term	Moderate	Likely	High	Discussion with DBCA regarding licences.
Seed collecting	Local	Minor	Long-term	Minor	Likely	Medium	Discussion with DBCA regarding licences.
Commercial wildflower picking	Local	Minor	Long-term	Minor	Likely	Medium	Discussion with DBCA regarding licences.
<b>Events</b>							
Equestrian	Local / informal	Minor	Long-term	Minor	Likely	Medium	Control public access during mining.
Enduro motor bike	Local / informal	Minor	Long-term	Minor	Likely	Medium	Control public access during mining.
Rogaining	Local / informal	Minor	Long-term	Minor	Likely	Medium	Control public access during mining.
<b>Other facilities</b>							
Shield trees	Regional	Minor	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Avoidance with other controls also put in place
Bridges and minor culverts	Local / informal	Minor	Long-term	Minor	Likely	Medium	Avoidance with management in accordance with works agreement with DBCA.

**Table B.2 Risk assessment – audible noise and airblast**

Asset	Significance	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk	Strategy
<b>State significant trails</b>							
Munda Biddi Trail	State	Major	Long term	Major	Likely	Very high	Noise management plan
<b>Region significant tracks and trails</b>							
Waterous Trail	Regional	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Noise management plan
<b>Local trails</b>							
Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (closed)	Local	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Restrict access
Lake Brockman Loop	Local	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Noise management plan
<b>Campsites</b>							
Lake Brockman Tourist Park	n/a	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Noise management plan
Logue Brook Campground	n/a	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Noise management plan
Hoffman Mill (closed)	n/a	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Restrict access
Saddleback Campground	n/a	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Noise management plan
Brockman Campground	n/a	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Noise management plan

**Table B.3 Risk assessment – visual impact**

Asset	Significance	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk	Strategy
State significant trails and camping							
Munda Biddi Trail	State	Major	Long-term	Major	Almost certain	Very high	Implement MAZ - Avoid impact, maintain public access, prioritise rehabilitation
Region significant trails							
Waterous Trail	Regional	Major	Long-term	Major	Almost certain	Very high	Implement MAZ - Avoid impact, maintain public access, prioritise rehabilitation

**Table B.4 Risk assessment – Air quality impact**

Asset	Significance	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk	Strategy
State significant trails and camping							
Munda Biddi Trail	State	Major	Long term	Major	Likely	Very high	Dust management plan
Region significant tracks and trails							
Waterous Trail	Regional	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Dust management plan
Other tracks and trails							
Bridge Trail – Hoffman Mill (closed)	Local / informal	Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Restrict access
Campsites							
Hoffman Mill (Closed)		Major	Long-term	Major	Likely	High	Restrict access

**Table B.5 Risk assessment – Exploration drilling**

Asset	Significance	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk	Strategy
State significant trails and camping							
Munda Biddi Trail	State	Major	Short term	Major	Potential	High	Manage impacts of exploration drilling
Region significant tracks and trails							
Captain Fawcett 4WD Track	Regional	Major	Short term	Major	Potential	High	Manage impacts of exploration drilling
Other tracks and trails							
Unnamed Walk Trail	Local	Major	Short term	Major	Potential	Medium	Manage impacts of exploration drilling
Day use areas							
Picnic Site		Major	Short term	Major	Potential	Medium	Manage impacts of exploration drilling
Five Mile Bridge		Major	Short term	Major	Potential	Medium	Manage impacts of exploration drilling
Rocky Crossing Day use		Major	Short term	Major	Potential	Medium	Manage impacts of exploration drilling



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