

Form 16

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Mining Act 1978
(s. 42, 59, 70D, 75, 97A and r. 120A, 146)

OBJECTION No. 643670

To: The Warden

(a) Mineral Field affected

(a) SOUTH WEST

The undersigned objects to

(b) Insert particulars of the matter objected to and mining tenement application affected

(b) Tenement Application E 70/6049
for the following reasons -

(c) Set out grounds for objection

(c) The NRPNG non-profit organisation has worked for 30 years to preserve the natural areas in Kalamunda and surrounds. As such we recognise that our Northern Jarrah Forests are incredibly precious, biodiverse and globally unique, and they have been subject to extensive clearing and logging over the past 200 years.

The remaining mature, old-growth and two-tiered jarrah forests and linkages between these ecosystems, waterways, First Nations cultural heritage, habitat for wildlife and recovering regrowth and rehabilitation areas are critically important for climate, biodiversity, water, culture and communities.

The cumulative impacts of forest logging, mining, Dieback and other human activities have damaged our forests permanently (including that Climate Change has changed the growing conditions) and any further activities are a serious threat to their viability. NRPNG strongly opposes the application by Rio Tinto to explore for minerals on the following grounds:

?Spread of Phytophthora cinnamomi (dieback)

?Adverse impacts on mature ?two-tiered? Jarrah forest

?Adverse impacts on rare, threatened and endangered (RTE)flora

?Adverse impacts on RTE fauna

?Adverse impacts on Carnaby?s roosts

?Adverse impacts on Drinking Water Protection Areas

?Potential impacts on adjacent formal conservation reserves

?Adverse impacts on important waterways and wetlands

?Adverse impacts on EPA Redbook recommended conservation reserve

?Adverse impacts on EPA Environmentally Sensitive Areas

?Adverse impacts on Old-growth Jarrah

This tenement application cannot be removed from the context of 9 other tenement applications by the same company applied for at the same time, and the associated cumulative adverse impacts.

?Attachment A? lists the conservation values that will be adversely impacted.

Given the significant adverse impacts on multiple conservation values, we trust that this application will be rejected.

- (d) Particulars of objector: (d)
- (i) Full name (i) NATURE RESERVES PRESERVATION GROUP INCORPORATED
 - (ii) Residential or business address (ii) PO BOX 656, KALAMUNDA, WA, 6926
 - (iii) Phone / Fax No (iii) Office Phone: 0400870887
 - (iv) Reference (iv)
- (e) Signature of objector/agent/lawyer (see Note 1) (e) *Steve Gates*
(*NRPG President*) DATED this 11 day of March 2022
- (f) Address for service of objector/agent/lawyer (f) PO BOX 656, KALAMUNDA, WA, 6926

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THE MENTION HEARING FOR THE APPLICATION IS TO BE HEARD BEFORE

THE WARDEN at on day the day of
20 at a.m./p.m. (See Note 2)

Received at 13:19:13 on 11 March 2022

Mining Registrar

NOTES: 1. If this form is signed by a person who is an employee of the Objector, the person must state the person's full name and the position in which the person is employed.

2. A "mention hearing" is an initial hearing where the warden may give directions to the parties, set a hearing date and/or adjourn to a further mention hearing. A party who does not wish to attend in person or by lawyer or agent on the nominated mention hearing date must make written application not less than 7 days before the hearing. Costs may be awarded against a party for non-attendance.