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Dear Morag,

REQUEST TO AMEND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTEREST APPROVAL – RPI19-007 RIO TINTO ELYSE

On 25 September 2019 Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited (RTX) applied for a Regional Development Interest Approval (RIDA) to undertake exploration works within the Cape York Strategic Environmental Area (SEA).

The RIDA was granted to RTX on 04 November 2021 as per the below Table.

Area of Regional Interest	Location	Resource Activities	Area of disturbance of SEA (ha)
Cape York Strategic Environmental Area (SEA)	Lot 21 on SP269704	Air core drilling	10.3
		Access tracks	
Total disturbance area of SEA			10.3

Pursuant to section 55 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act), RTX would like to respectfully request an amendment to RPI19/007. RTX would like to amend the definition of approved resource activities as per the Table below.

Current definition	Proposed definition
Air core drilling – A total of 110 air core drillholes at a spacing of either 800m x 400m or 400m x 400m with drill depths of up to 3 metres.	Air core drilling – A total of 110 air core drillholes at a spacing of either 800m x 400m or 400m x 400m
Access Tracks – 41 kilometres of low disturbance cleared tracks to facilitate vehicular access to the drill holes	No change.

There will be no increase to the disturbance nor any adverse impacts to the ecological values of the SEA due to the change in the definition of approved resource activities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3625 3042 or via email at Mathew.johannesen@riotinto.com.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew', written in a cursive style.

Mathew Johannesen
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