

# REGIONAL INTERESTS DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL (RIDA)

## RPI19/007 Rio Tinto – Elyse

(Given under section 53 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*)

**Date: 4 November 2021**

### Description of the land

Real property description: Lot 21 SP269704  
Address: 320 Wa Tyne Street, Mission River, QLD 4874  
Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council

### Approved resource activities

The approved resource activity: mining and other resource activities and area of surface disturbance are set out in Table 1 below.

The definitions of the approved resource activities are included in Table 2 below.

This development approval authorises impacts on the Cape York strategic environmental area by the approved resource activities.

**Table 1: Approved resource activities and area of disturbance: Elyse**

Area of regional interest	Location	Resource activities	Area of disturbance (hectares) of SEA
Cape York Strategic Environmental Area (SEA)	Lot 21 SP269704	Air core drilling	10.3
		Access tracks	
<b>Total disturbance area of SEA</b>			<b>10.3</b>

**Table 2: Definition of approved resource activities**

Resource activities	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.
Access tracks	41 kilometres of low disturbance cleared tracks to facilitate vehicular access to the drillholes.

## Regional interests conditions

A person who is the holder of, or is acting under, this RIDA must not contravene a condition of this approval.

Condition number	Condition	Timing for condition
1.	Carry out the approved resource activities and disturbance of land in the Cape York strategic environmental area generally in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the resource activities and area of disturbance identified in Table 1: Approved resource activities and area of disturbance: Elyse</li> <li>(b) the resource activities defined in Table 2: Definition of approved resource activities</li> <li>(c) the stamped approved plans:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <i>Figure 1: Location of proposed exploration activities in relation to the Strategic Environmental Area (Attachment 1)</i></li> <li>(ii) <i>Figure 2: Location of proposed exploration activities in relation to the Strategic Environmental Area, showing the Lot Plan area (Attachment 1).</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	At all times.
2.	Maintain the approved resource activities generally in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Table 1: Approved resource activities and area of disturbance</li> <li>(b) Table 2: Definition of resource activities</li> <li>(c) Approved Plans:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <i>Figure 1: Location of proposed exploration activities in relation to the Strategic Environmental Area</i></li> <li>(j) <i>Figure 2: Location of proposed exploration activities in relation to the Strategic Environmental Area, showing the Lot Plan area</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	During construction and operation of the approved resource activities.
3.	The maximum area of disturbance of Cape York strategic environmental area that may occur as a result of this development approval is not to exceed 10.3 hectares. <p><i>Note: Disturbance means any impact to the landscape, vegetation, air quality, hydrology, habitat, or water quality that has been directly or indirectly caused by human activity associated with the resource activities.</i></p>	At all times.
4.	Maintain a buffer zone of 200 metres between the extent of disturbance from the resource activities and riparian areas, and the banks of a watercourse, lake, spring or wetland.	At all times.

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5.	Clearing of native vegetation is not permitted within or adjoining watercourses, lakes, wetlands or springs unless otherwise authorised under the <i>Water Act 2000</i> and any other relevant legislation.	
6.	(a) No activities are to be undertaken during the regional wet season (December to March). (b) Activities may only be undertaken in November and April with a favourable weather forecast which will not result in flow events occurring in drainage lines within the activity areas.	As indicated.
7.	Develop and implement erosion and sediment controls in accordance with the Best Practice Erosion and Sediment (BPESC) guidelines for Australia (International Erosion Control Association) which: (a) allow stormwater to pass through or around the site in a controlled manner and at non-erosive flow velocities; (b) minimise soil erosion resulting from wind, rain, and flowing water; (c) minimise the duration that disturbed soils are exposed to the erosive forces of wind, rain, and flowing water; (d) minimise work-related soil erosion and sediment runoff; and (e) minimise negative impacts to land adjacent to the activities.	At all times.
8.	Contaminants must not be directly or indirectly released to a watercourse, wetland, drainage feature or to the bed or banks of a watercourse, wetland, drainage feature or to groundwater.  <i>Note: Contaminants means waste contaminants as defined in Schedule 9 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008.</i>	At all times.
9.	Access tracks must be constructed to allow for the natural passage of surface water.	At all times.
10.	Disturbed areas, including access tracks, must be returned to a profile similar to pre-disturbance conditions prior to each wet season and must achieve stable landforms that perform in the same hydrological way as they did prior to disturbance.	As soon as practicable and no later than six months after the decommissioning of the resource activities.
11.	Decommission drill holes to a standard that does not result in detrimental impacts to groundwater.	As soon as practicable and no later than six months

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		after the decommissioning of the resource activities.
13.	<p>Provide records to the chief executive (<a href="mailto:RPIAct@dasilgp.qld.gov.au">RPIAct@dasilgp.qld.gov.au</a> application reference number RPI19/007), demonstrating that the impacted Cape York strategic environmental area has been returned to its pre-disturbance condition. Such records must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) photographs of the pre-disturbance site conditions</li> <li>(b) photographs of the post-reinstatement site conditions</li> <li>(c) photographs of the post-restoration site conditions</li> <li>(d) date and GPS stamped evidence, supporting parts (a) to (c) of this condition.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i>  <i>'disturbance'</i> - means any impact to the landscape, vegetation, air quality, hydrology, habitat, or water quality that has been directly or indirectly caused by human activity associated with the resource activities.</p> <p><i>'pre-disturbance'</i> - the condition of the land before any resource activities occurred.</p> <p><i>'post-reinstatement'</i> - following the completion of the resource activities, being the return of the soil to its previous profile, topography and drainage.</p> <p><i>'post-restoration'</i> - this is the point at which the ground cover has been established and ponding, erosion, subsidence, etc has been dealt with (being a longer process than the reinstatement phase).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Prior to disturbance</li> <li>(b) – (d) Within six months of completing all post-restoration works.</li> </ul>
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) All complaints received, and resulting actions taken, about the impact of the approved resource activity on the strategic cropping area must be recorded. The record must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) name, address and contact number of the complainant</li> <li>(ii) time and date of complaint</li> <li>(iii) reasons for the complaint</li> <li>(iv) investigations undertaken</li> <li>(v) conclusions formed</li> <li>(vi) actions taken to resolve the complaint</li> <li>(vii) any abatement measures implemented</li> <li>(viii) person responsible for resolving the complaint.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) At all times.</li> <li>(b) Within 60 business days of receipt of a complaint.</li> </ul>

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	<p>(b) The records of any complaints received and recorded in accordance with this condition must be provided to the chief executive at <a href="mailto:RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au">RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au</a>.</p> <p><i>Note: The record of complaint provided to the chief executive must state the application reference number, being RPI19/007.</i></p>	
8.	A full copy of the regional interests development approval must be held on-site and available to any person(s) contracted to undertake the approved resource activities throughout the construction, operation and restoration stages.	At all times

### General Advice

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all relevant approvals and licenses are obtained from the applicable Local, State, and/or Federal Authorities prior to works commencing on site.

# Attachment 1 - Approved plans

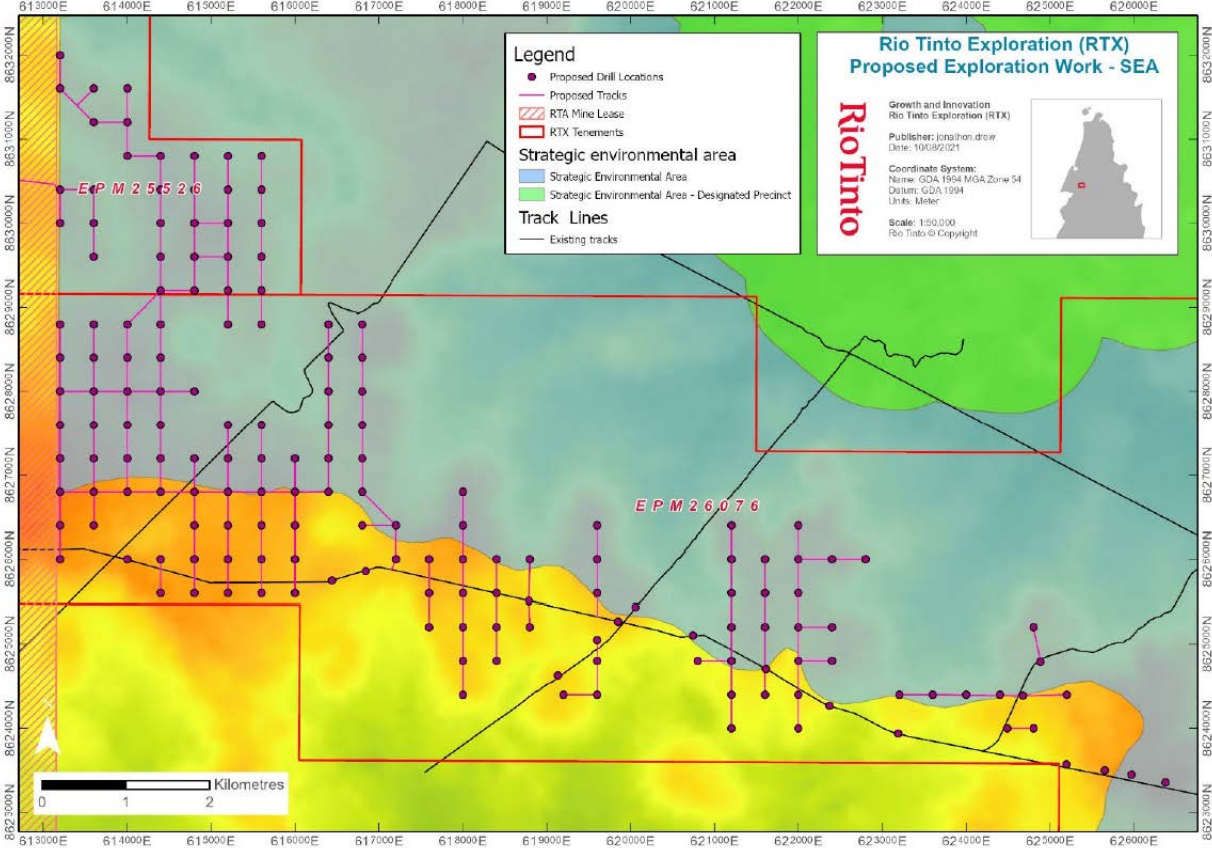


Figure 1: Location of proposed exploration activities in relation to the Strategic Environmental Area.



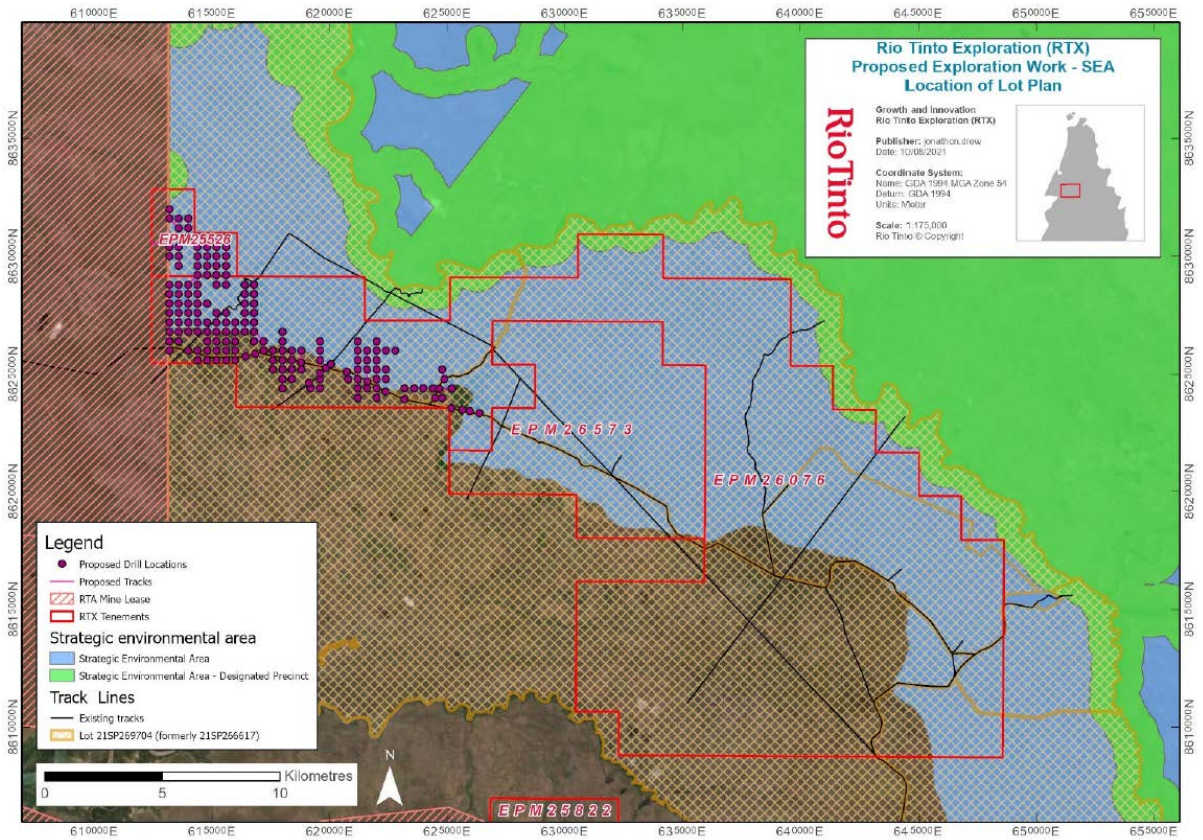


Figure 2: Location of proposed exploration activities in relation to the Strategic Environmental Area, showing the Lot Plan area.