



# SHREE MINERALS LTD

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David Oldmeadow  
Senior Assessments Officer  
EPA Tasmania

Dear David,

**Re: NELSON BAY RIVER IRON PROJECT - EPBC Referral**

Refer to letter ref -EM-EV-DE-256495/H959278/Proponent\_1ABC\_AssessClass dated the 12 September 2018, re the class of assessment.

In particular we note the contents of the letter regarding the EPBC Act. As you may be aware, the Nelson Bay River Iron Project was assessed by the Commonwealth in 2011 to 2013 and approval was received as EPBC 2011/5846. We have noted your comments regarding the presence of *Astacopsis gouldi* in the area and of storage of PAF material above ground.

The proposal for DSO operations only does not involve much change to the works conducted to date (other than waste rock disposal) and that it has been demonstrated that the project has no significant impact in stream draining the area, we believe that there will be no significant impact on *Astacopsis gouldi*.

The proposal for DSO operations only with storage of PAF material above ground & outside pit is covered in the existing EPBC approval. In particular, we note sections 3.7.4 & 3.11 of EIS and Environment Protection Guideline numbers 16(7) and 16(8) of the EPBC Species management plan Version 3, which have contingency provisions for storage of PAF rock above surface & outside pit.

We believe, the proposal for DSO operations only does not require fresh assessment and re-approval under the EPBC Act. In any case, we are sending a copy of this letter to EPBC for their advice to remove any uncertainties on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Loyalka

Director

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