



Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Our reference: SD2024-4074

Mr Snyman Van Straaten
Manager of Environmental Approvals and Compliance
BCI Minerals Limited
Level 2, 1 Altona Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Van Straaten

Sea Dumping Permit Application – loading and disposal of capital dredge material derived from the Optimised Mardie Project, in the Pilbara region of Western Australia

I refer to Mardie Minerals Pty Ltd's application, received on 11 December 2024, for a permit under the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981* (Sea Dumping Act) to dispose of dredged material. The application is to load for the purpose of dumping, and to dump up to 355,000 cubic metres (in-situ) of dredged material, derived from capital dredging associated with the Optimised Mardie Project, approximately 80 kilometres south-west of Karratha, in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

I have considered your application and supporting documentation received on 23 April 2025 and 9 October 2025 and can advise that, as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, I have:

- granted a permit under Sections 19 and 21 of the Sea Dumping Act, subject to conditions, and valid until 31 October 2028
- approved the disposal site, located 25 kilometres offshore of the Optimised Mardie Project
- approved the *Mardie Project Dredge and Spoil Disposal Management Plan, Revision 5, Report Number R190043*, dated 21 August 2025, which must be implemented as per condition 7 of the Sea Dumping Permit.

I have included a copy of the permit, with conditions, with this letter for your information. Please carefully read your permit so you understand your obligations under the Sea Dumping Act. Also note additional reporting requirements under Appendix 3 of the permit.

Although an approval has been granted under the Sea Dumping Act, this approval does not relieve the person to whom it has been granted from an obligation to comply with any other law of the Commonwealth, state or territory that is applicable to the activity, nor does it provide right, title or interest that is required to access land or waters to conduct the activity.

The department has an active audit program for permits approved under the Sea Dumping Act. The audit program aims to ensure that there is a high degree of compliance with decisions. Please note

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that your permit may be selected for audit by the department at any time and all related records and documents may be subject to scrutiny. Information about the department's compliance monitoring and auditing program is attached.

If you have any further questions, please contact Doug Wagstaffe by phone on (02) 5162 3494 or email at doug.wagstaffe@dcceew.gov.au (cc: seadumping@dcceew.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



Heather Agnew
Director
Sea Dumping Section
18/12/2025

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (SEA DUMPING) ACT 1981

SEA DUMPING PERMIT No. SD2024-4074

for

Mardie Minerals Pty Ltd

(ACN: 152 574 457)

I, HEATHER AGNEW, a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, acting under Sections 19 and 21 of the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981*, hereby grant a sea dumping permit to Mardie Minerals Pty Ltd, Level 2, 1 Altona Street, West Perth, Western Australia (WA), 6005 (ACN 152 574 457), to load for the purposes of dumping, and to dump within the defined offshore disposal site in WA state waters, approximately 20 km offshore from the Mardie Project, approximately 80 kilometres south-west of Karratha, in the Pilbara region of WA, up to 355,000 cubic metres (*in-situ*) of dredged spoil material, derived from the Optimised Mardie Project capital dredging, commencing on the date of signature of this permit.

This permit is valid until 31 October 2028, and is subject to conditions specified in Appendix 1.

DATE 18th day of December 2025

HEATHER AGNEW
Delegate of the Minister

This permit comprises twelve (12) pages, including Appendices 1 - 3.

**CONDITIONS FOR THE LOADING, AND DUMPING AT SEA OF CAPITAL DREDGED SPOIL MATERIAL
DERIVED FROM THE OPTIMISED MARDIE PROJECT**

DEFINITIONS

In this permit:

| Act | means the <i>Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981</i> (Cth). | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Application | means the application for a permit under the Act submitted by the permit holder and received by the department on 11 December 2024, with further information received on 23 April 2025 and 9 October 2025. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion of dumping activities | means the date on which all activities associated with dumping activities have permanently ceased or been completed. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Completion report | means a written report of compliance with, and fulfilment of, these conditions (including compliance with commitments relevant to dumping activities made in the monitoring and management plan) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dedicated marine fauna observer | means a person who has relevant professional qualifications and at least 2 years field experience in marine species identification and behaviour, distance estimation and is capable of making accurate identifications and observations of marine species in Australian waters. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Department | means the Australian Government department responsible for administering the Act . For the purposes of this permit, any communication to the department should be sent by email addressed to: seadumping@dcceew.gov.au . | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disposal site | means the disposal area (site code: AU0164) bound by the following WGS84 co-ordinates, and located where shown as 'Spoil Ground' in Figure 1 at Appendix 2: | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Dredge spoil material | means sand, soil, silt and other matter that accumulates on the bottom of a body of water and is removed during dredging. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dumping activities | means all activities associated with the dumping permitted under this permit, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the loading at the loading site of dredge spoil material for the purpose of dumping (ii) the dumping of dredge spoil material at the disposal site. | | | | | | | | | | |

- Environmental incident** means any event that has the potential to, or does, **impact** on the environment other than the **dumping activities** for which this **permit** is granted.
- Environmental risk** means any risk that has the potential to **impact** on the environment, other than the **dumping activities** for which this **permit** is granted.
- EPBC Act** means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).
- EPBC Act approvals** means approvals relevant to **dumping activities** granted under the **EPBC Act**, including:
- (i) the *Mardie Project, 80 km south west of Karratha, WA (EPBC 2018/8236)* controlled action approval decision granted under section 130(1) and 133(1) of the **EPBC Act** on 12 January 2022 and varied under section 143 of the **EPBC Act** on 9 October 2024.
 - (ii) the *Optimised Mardie Solar Salt Project, WA (EPBC 2022/9169)* controlled action approval decision granted under section 130(1) and 133(1) of the **EPBC Act** on 9 September 2024.
 - (iii) the *Offshore Dredge Spoil Disposal – Mardie Project, Onslow, Western Australia (EPBC 2024/10054)* controlled action approval decision granted under section 130(1) and 133(1) of the **EPBC Act** on 28 November 2025.
- Exclusion zone** means the dredging and disposal ‘Exclusion Zone (m)’, specified in *Table 19: Dredging and disposal observation and exclusion zones* of the **monitoring and management plan**.
- GPS** means Global Positioning System.
- Impact** (verb) means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with **dumping activities**.
- (noun) means any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with **dumping activities**.
- Loading site** means the area bound by the following WGS84 co-ordinates, and located where shown as ‘Dredge Area’ in Figure 2 at Appendix 2:

| Latitude | Longitude |
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| -21.0469 ° | 115.9364 ° |
| -21.0476 ° | 115.9371 ° |
| -21.0477 ° | 115.9379 ° |
| -21.0468 ° | 115.9382 ° |
| -21.0468 ° | 115.9383 ° |
| -21.0462 ° | 115.9385 ° |
| -21.0458 ° | 115.9387 ° |
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| -21.0045 ° | 115.9424 ° |
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| -21.0430 ° | 115.9376 ° |
| -21.0312 ° | 115.9399 ° |
| -21.0312 ° | 115.9389 ° |
| -21.0437 ° | 115.9388 ° |
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| Marine species | means all marine cetaceans, pinnipeds, sirenians, elasmobranchs and reptiles. |
| Minister | means the Australian Government Minister administering the Act and includes a Delegate of the Minister. |
| Monitoring and management plan | means the <i>Mardie Project Dredge and Spoil Disposal Management Plan, Revision 5, Report Number R190043</i> dated 21 August 2025, approved by the minister from the date of signature of this permit, or a revised version approved by the minister in accordance with condition 8 or condition 9, or a version revised in accordance with condition 10. |
| Mounding | means the accumulation of dredge spoil material from dumping activities creating a high point from the sea floor within the disposal site . |
| Observation zone | means the dredging and disposal 'Observation Zone (m)', specified in <i>Table 19: Dredging and disposal observation and exclusion zones</i> of the monitoring and management plan , or the maximum visibility range possible in the conditions, but not less than 500 metres from the dumping activities . |
| Permit holder | means Mardie Minerals Pty Ltd, Level 2, 1 Altona Street, West Perth, Western Australia, 6005 (ACN 152 574 457). |
| Suitably qualified expert | means a person who has relevant professional qualifications and/or at least 3 years work experience designing and implementing bathymetric surveys and can give an authoritative independent assessment, advice, and/or analysis regarding designing and implementing bathymetric surveys using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and literature. |
| Trained marine fauna observer | means crew members trained in marine species observations and mitigation measures, consistent with the monitoring and management plan . |
| Vessel | means any vessel used for or in connection with dumping activities . |
| Website | means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the permit holder and available to the public. |

Except so far as the contrary intention appears, terms used in the conditions of this permit have the same meaning as such terms in the **Act**.

CONDITIONS

1. The **permit holder** must ensure that all persons engaged in the **dumping activities** under this permit, including any owner and any person in charge of a **vessel**, comply with this permit and the requirements of the **Act**. The fulfilment of these conditions is, at all times while this permit is valid, the responsibility of the **permit holder**.
2. The **permit holder** must manage **dumping activities** in accordance with all conditions related to **dumping activities** in the **EPBC Act approvals**. If the **permit holder** requests a variation to the conditions of the **EPBC Act approvals**, the **permit holder** must notify the **department** of the proposed changes in writing at the time of the request.

Material to be dumped

3. The **permit holder** must ensure that no more than 355,000 cubic metres (*in-situ*) of **dredge spoil material** derived from the **loading site** is loaded and dumped, in accordance with methods specified in the **application** and methods and commitments relevant to **dumping activities** in the **monitoring and management plan**.

Disposal site

4. The **permit holder** must only dump **dredged spoil material** within the **disposal site**.
5. The **permit holder** must establish by **GPS** that, immediately prior to commencing dumping, the **vessel** is within the **disposal site**.
6. The **permit holder** must ensure that the **dredged spoil material** is dumped across the **disposal site** in a manner that minimises **mounding**.

Monitoring and management plan

7. The **permit holder** must implement the approved **monitoring and management plan** until the **completion of dumping activities**, including but not limited to management and monitoring commitments relevant to **dumping activities** for:
 - a. ecological windows in section 3.3.1 of the **monitoring and management plan**
 - b. the protection of benthic communities and habitats detailed in Table 9 and Section 8.2. of the **monitoring and management plan**
 - c. the protection of marine environmental quality detailed in Table 10 and Section 8.1. of the **monitoring and management plan**
 - d. the protection of marine fauna detailed in Table 11 and Section 8.3. of the **monitoring and management plan**
8. If the **minister** requires, for the better protection of the environment, the **permit holder** to make specified revisions to the **monitoring and management plan**, the **permit holder** must submit to the **department**, for the **minister's** approval, a monitoring and management plan revised in accordance with the specified revisions. If the **minister** approves a revised monitoring and management plan pursuant to this condition, the **permit holder** must implement the version of the **monitoring and management plan** most recently approved by the **minister** in writing from the date of its approval.
9. The **permit holder** may submit for the **minister's** approval a revised version of the **monitoring and management plan**. If the **minister** approves in writing a revised monitoring and management plan pursuant to this condition, the **permit holder** must implement the version of the **monitoring and management plan** most recently approved by the **minister** in writing, from the date of its approval.
10. The **permit holder** may make administrative changes to the **monitoring and management plan** without submitting it for the approval of the **minister**, if the taking of the permitted activity in accordance with the revised monitoring and management plan will not have a new or increased

impact on the environment or reduce the public accessibility of information. If the **permit holder** makes this choice, they must:

- a. notify the **department** in writing that the **monitoring and management plan** has been revised and provide the **department** with an electronic copy of the revised plan showing the proposed changes in track mode, accompanied by a covering letter specifying the changes made and the reasons that the **permit holder** considers that taking the permitted activity in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased **impact** on the environment or reduce the public accessibility of information
 - b. commence implementing the revised monitoring and management plan no sooner than 14 days after the date of submission of the revised monitoring and management plan to the **department** unless the **department** informs the **permit holder** in writing that the revised monitoring and management plan requires submission under condition 9
 - c. for the life of this permit, maintain a record of the reasons the **permit holder** considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised monitoring and management plan would not have a new or increased **impact** on the environment or reduce the public accessibility of information.
11. Each version of the **monitoring and management plan** approved or adopted for implementation must be published on the **website** within 30 days of its approval or adoption for implementation, and must include:
- a. the date of this permit
 - b. if applicable, the date that the revised version of the **monitoring and management plan** was approved by the **minister**
 - c. if applicable, the date that a revised version of the **monitoring and management plan** may be implemented without the **minister's** approval in accordance with condition 10.

The **permit holder** must ensure that each version of the **monitoring and management plan** remains published on the **website** until the end date of validity of this permit.

Protection of marine species

12. The **permit holder** must ensure that:
- a. at least one **trained marine fauna observer** is present and able to monitor for **marine species** within the **observation zone** at all times during **dumping activities**
 - b. from the period between 1 June and 30 September (inclusive) each year, in addition to the **trained marine fauna observer**, a **dedicated marine fauna observer** is present and able to monitor for **marine species** within the **observation zone** at all times during **dumping activities**
 - c. the **trained marine fauna observer** and **dedicated marine fauna observer** has access to equipment suitable to detect, monitor, and record **marine species** at all times and must not undertake any other duties during any **dumping activities**
 - d. the **trained marine fauna observer** or the **dedicated marine fauna observer** undertakes continuous observations of the **exclusion zone** for at least 30 minutes prior to commencing any **dumping activities**.
13. If any **marine species** is sighted in the **exclusion zone**, the **permit holder** must not commence **dumping activities**, or if **dumping activities** has already commenced, must suspend **dumping activities** within 2 minutes of the sighting or as soon as safe and practicable to do so, until 30 minutes after the time when the last **marine species** has left the **exclusion zone** of its own accord.

Environmental risk and incidents

14. If, at any time any during **dumping activities**, any **environmental incident** occurs or any **environmental risk** is identified, all reasonable measures must be taken immediately by the **permit holder** to minimise or mitigate any **environmental risk** and any **impact** of the **environmental incident**.
15. The **permit holder** must notify the department electronically, within 48 hours of detecting any **environmental incident** or any **environmental risk**, and provide a report to the department within 72 hours of detecting the **environmental incident** or any **environmental risk** and include in the report:
 - a. details of the **environmental incident** or the **environmental risk**, including the date, time, and location (**GPS** co-ordinates)
 - b. the measures taken to minimise or mitigate the **environmental risk** or the **impact** of the **environmental incident** following detection
 - c. the success of those measures in addressing the **environmental incident** or the **environmental risk**
 - d. any additional measures proposed to be taken.
16. The **permit holder** must document any detected injury to or death of any **marine species** within the **observation zone** and **exclusion zone**. The date, time, location (**GPS** co-ordinates) and nature of each detected injury to, or death of, a **marine species** and the species involved, if known, must be recorded, and reported to the **department** within 48 hours of detecting the injury to, or death of, the **marine species**.

Access for observers

17. If requested by the **department**, the **permit holder** must provide access, including to **vessels**, for at least 2 nominees of the **department** to witness, inspect, examine or audit any part of the operations, including any **dumping activities**, monitoring activities, equipment, and any records. The **permit holder** must provide all reasonable assistance to nominees of the **department** in carrying out their duties.

Record-keeping and reporting

18. The **permit holder** must notify the **department** within 5 days of the **completion of dumping activities**.
19. The **permit holder** must provide a **completion report** to the **department** within 20 days of the **completion of dumping activities**.
20. The **permit holder** must make and retain records (which may comprise weekly plotting sheets or an extract of the ship's log) which must detail:
 - a. the dates, times, and **GPS** co-ordinates of **vessel** movements for **dumping activities**
 - b. the volume of **dredged spoil material** (*in-situ* cubic metres) dumped and quantity in dry tonnes for the specified operational period, including the proportion that this amount represents of the total amount permitted under the permit for the dredging activity.
21. The **permit holder** must retain records of the **marine species** observations undertaken in accordance with section 8.3.2. *Marine Fauna Observers* and section 8.3.5 *Records and Reporting* of the **monitoring and management plan**.
22. The **permit holder** must retain the records required by conditions 15, 16, 20 and 21 for the life of the permit, for verification and audit purposes.

23. The **permit holder** must ensure that a **suitably qualified expert** undertakes a bathymetric survey of the **disposal site**:
 - a. prior to the commencement of **dumping activities** authorised under this permit
 - b. within one month of the completion of all **dumping activities** authorised under this permit.
24. Within 2 months of the final bathymetric survey being undertaken in accordance with condition 23.b, the **permit holder** must provide a digital copy of each of the bathymetric surveys to the Australian Hydrographic Office, Locked Bag 8801, Wollongong, NSW 2500 or via email at: datacentre@hydro.gov.au.
25. The **permit holder** must provide a report on the bathymetry to the **department** within 2 months of the final bathymetric survey being undertaken. The report must include a chart showing the change in sea floor bathymetry from **dumping activities** and include a reliable estimate of the volumes of dumped **dredge spoil material** retained within the **disposal site**.
26. To facilitate annual reporting to the International Maritime Organization, the **permit holder** must report to the **department** by 31 January each year, including a final annual report on the day of the expiry of this permit or **completion of dumping activities** under this permit, the information specified at Appendix 3 to this permit, in the format of Appendix 3 or as otherwise approved by the **department**.

Auditing

27. If the **department** believes that it is necessary or desirable to undertake an audit of the **permit holder's** compliance with the permit conditions, the **permit holder** must comply with any such request and must provide any necessary assistance to the **department's** representatives in carrying out their duties.

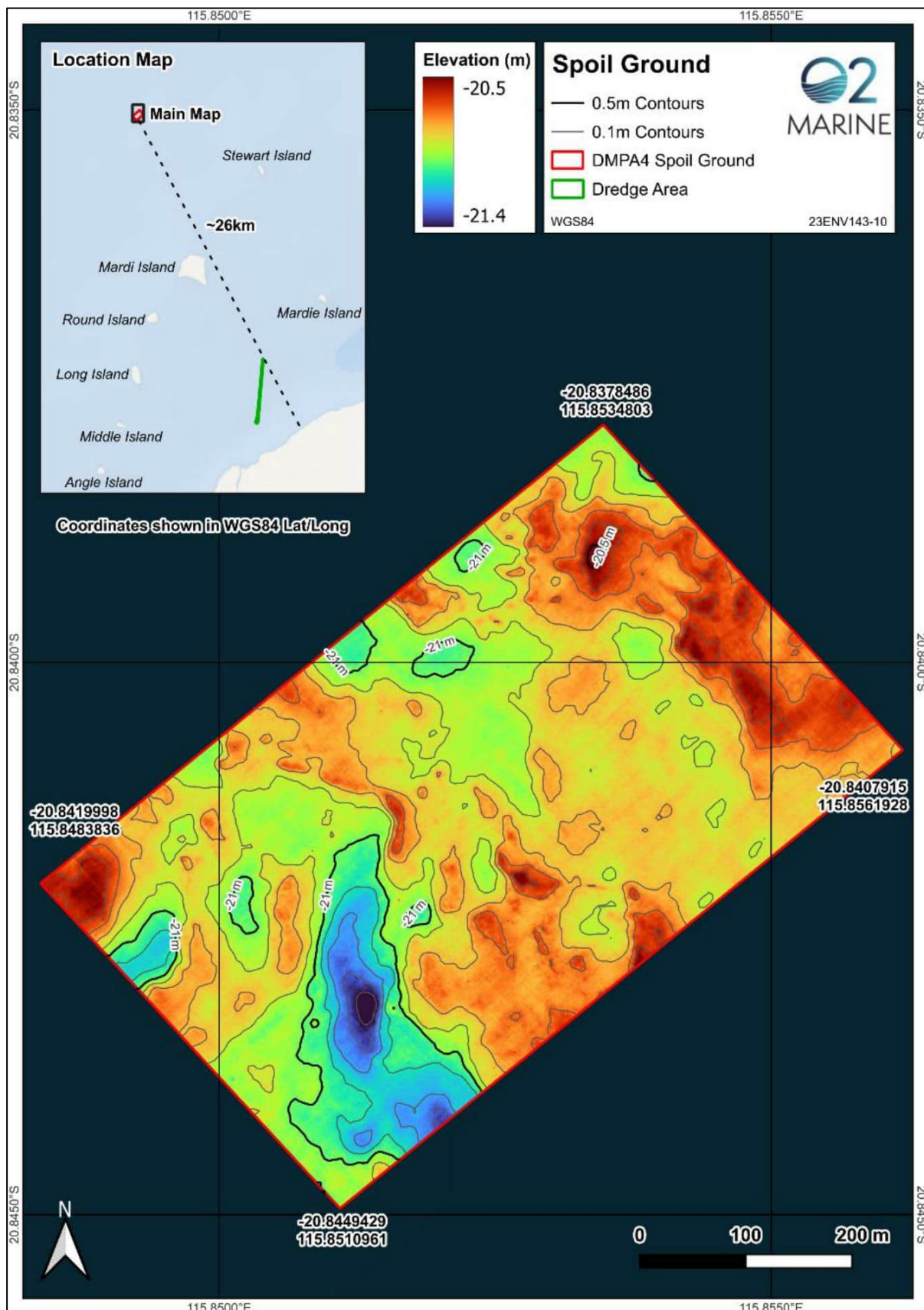


Figure 1: The disposal site boundary coordinates and depth below Australian mean sea level (i.e., metres below Australian Height Datum). Inset map displaying the location of the disposal site (red polygon), relative to the loading site (green polygon), offshore approximately 26 kilometres north-west of the Mardie Coastline, in the Pilbara region of WA.

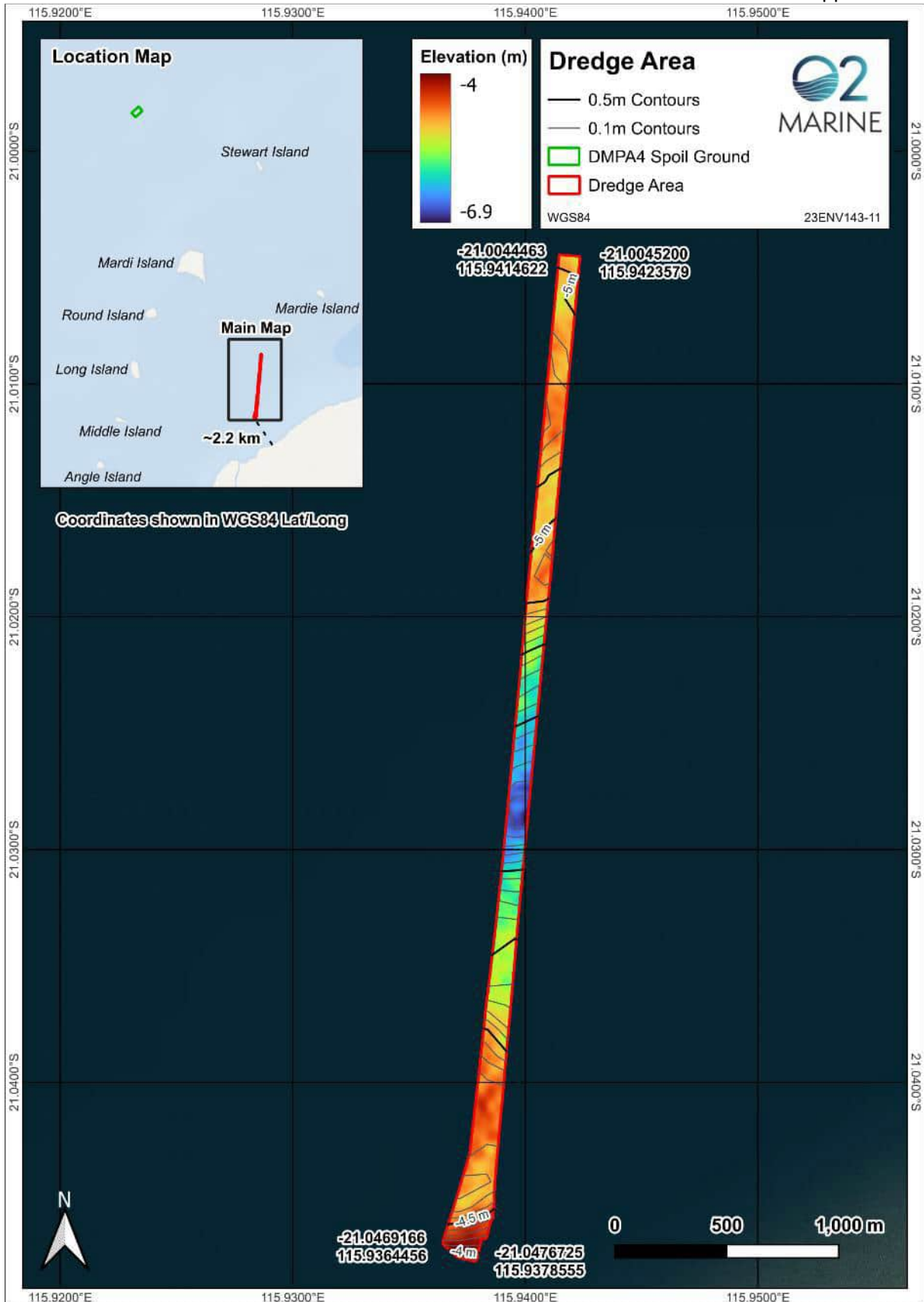


Figure 2: The loading site boundary coordinates and depth below Australian mean sea level (i.e., metres below Australian Height Datum). Inset map displaying the location of the loading site (red polygon), relative to the disposal site (green polygon), offshore approximately 2.2 kilometres north-west of the Mardie Coastline, in the Pilbara region of WA.

SEA DUMPING PERMIT ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Please fill in this form and return it by **email** to the **department by 31 January each year**. This information is required for Australia’s reporting obligations to the International Maritime Organization under the London Protocol.

Email: seadumping@dcceew.gov.au and epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au, quoting the permit reference number (**SD2024-4074**).

Permit details

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| Sea Dumping Permit number: | SD2024-4074 |
| Permit holder: | Mardie Minerals Pty Ltd |
| Address: | Level 2, 1 Altona Street, West Perth, Western Australia, 6005 |
| Permit start date: | <i>(DD/MM/YYYY)</i> |
| Permit end date: | 31 October 2028 |
| Description of material: | Capital dredge |
| Total permit quantity (cubic metres): | 355,000 m³ |

Annual report

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| Submitted by (name): | |
| Phone: | |
| Email: | Date: <i>(DD/MM/YYYY)</i> |

- 1) Specify the calendar year this report applies to: _____ (*Reporting period*)
- 2) Quantity of **dredge spoil material** permitted for dumping under this permit but not yet dumped at the beginning of the reporting period:

_____ m³

- 3) Quantity of **dredge spoil material** dumped during the reporting period (*please provide volume and weight*):

Geodetic Datum:

| Disposal Site Code | Disposal Site Latitude <i>(North/South decimal degrees)</i> | Disposal Site Longitude <i>(East/West decimal degrees)</i> | Volume <i>(in-situ cubic metres)</i> | Weight <i>(dry weight tonnes)</i> |
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Briefly describe any conversion rates used for calculating disposal volumes:

- 4) Quantity of **dredge spoil material** permitted for dumping under this permit but not yet dumped at the end of the reporting period: _____ m³

5) Was field monitoring of the disposal sites conducted during the reporting period? Yes No

If yes, please complete questions 6-9 below.

Monitoring of the disposal site

6) When was field monitoring conducted? *(Please tick all boxes which apply.)*

Before dumping , During dumping , After dumping , Other

If other, please explain: _____

7) What type(s) of field monitoring was undertaken? *(Please tick all boxes which apply.)*

Biological , Geological , Chemical , Physical , Other

If other, please explain: _____

8) Were any adverse impact(s) found beyond those that were predicted? Yes , No

If yes, briefly describe the impacts (e.g., physical, chemical, or biological) and their spatial or temporal variation: _____

9) Provide a website link/URL to Field Monitoring Reports, or any additional information:



COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND AUDITING

This fact sheet provides an overview of the compliance monitoring and auditing program in place for projects referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and permits granted under the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981* (the Sea Dumping Act).

What is the EPBC Act?

The EPBC Act is Australia's key national environment law. Under the EPBC Act, proposals which are likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance must be referred, assessed, and a decision made by the Minister or his delegate on whether to approve the proposal.

What is the Sea Dumping Act?

The Sea Dumping Act regulates the loading and dumping of waste at sea. The Sea Dumping Act fulfils Australia's international obligations under the London Protocol to prevent marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter. Permits are required from the Department for all ocean disposal activities.

What is compliance monitoring and auditing for?

The Department has implemented a program to monitor and audit projects that have been referred under the EPBC Act and the Sea Dumping Act to ensure they are complying with their approval/permit conditions or particular manner requirements and the legislation.

Compliance monitoring activities, including inspections and audits, aim to ensure projects with the potential to impact on nationally protected matters are implemented as planned. Monitoring and audits help the Australian Government to understand how well conditions or requirements are being understood and applied, and contribute to improving the effectiveness of the Department's operations.

All compliance monitoring activities, and any subsequent enforcement activities, are conducted in accordance with the Department's Compliance and Enforcement Policy.

What is a monitoring inspection?

Approved projects are subject to monitoring inspections to ensure and verify compliance with the conditions or requirements of the approval or permit. Projects are selected for a monitoring inspection based on a risk-based process informed through a number of factors, including sector, location, compliance history and the potential impact on listed matters (such as threatened species and ecological communities).

What is a compliance audit?

A compliance audit is an objective assessment of a project's compliance against selected criteria. Projects are audited against conditions or requirements. A compliance audit usually takes the form of a desktop document review and may include a site inspection, if necessary. In some cases, the document review provides the Department with enough information to verify that a project is compliant.

Projects can be chosen for audit based on a random selection process or a risk-focused selection process. If your project is selected for an audit, you will be contacted by a Departmental officer who will explain the process. All audit report summaries are posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.

Further information

For further information on the compliance monitoring and auditing program, please visit the Department's website at www.environment.gov.au or contact:

The Director, Compliance Monitoring Section
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Email: EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au

