

Bauxite Resources Limited - Appeals Against Bauxite Assessment Dismissed

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Perth, Australia (ABN Newswire) - Minister for Environment, John Day MLA, has dismissed all appeals under the Environmental Protection Act against the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) level of assessment for [Bauxite Resources Limited](#) (ASX: BAU) (BRL) mining proposal for north Bindoon. Four parties including Ms Clair Medhurst on behalf of the group calling itself Residents for Responsible Mining had appealed to the Minister to raise the level of assessment from Public Environmental Review (PER) to Environmental Review and Management Programme (ERMP).

On behalf of the Minister, the Appeals Convenor issued a written statement to explain the rejection of all appeals:

'Broadly the appellants submitted that there would be cumulative impacts of many small mine sites including dust, noise, visual amenity, tourism, flora and fauna, property values, lifestyle, water and road safety.

The Minister determined that the environmental issues raised by the appellants were of a scale and level of complexity that is appropriate for a PER level of assessment with an eight week review period, as recommended by the EPA.

The Minister, therefore, dismissed the appeals.'

BRL chairman, Barry Carbon, said that the public scoping of the PER was progressing with the aid of professional external consultants, and that he remains happy with the ongoing level of community involvement.

Further information on the decision is available to the public in the Department of Environment and Conservation library or on the Appeals Convenor website; appealsconvenor.wa.gov.au

About Bauxite Resources Limited:

Bauxite Resources Limited (ASX:BAU) was launched in May 2006 to establish itself in the bauxite and alumina industries in Western Australia where four of the seven Australian alumina refineries and four of Australia's bauxite mines are located. It listed successfully on the ASX on 22 October 2007 after closing its A\$7.5 million IPO early and oversubscribed, having previously raised approximately \$1.3 million in seed capital. In February 2009 the Company raised a further \$4.7 million on the uptake of its options issue.

The Company is the only ASX-listed bauxite explorer in the highly prospective Darling Range, and is the largest tenement holder in the Darling Range with approximately 15,000 square kilometres of prospective bauxite laterite ground. To put this into context this area is larger than East Timor and almost the size of Beijing Municipality.

The Darling Range is the largest bauxite mining and alumina producing region in the world. This area supplies approximately 18% of the world's alumina and is home to Alcoa's Huntly Mine, the largest producing bauxite mine in the world and Pinjara Refinery the second largest alumina refinery in the world. The Darling Range has three of the top five refineries in the world in terms of lowest operating costs.

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