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Department of
**Housing, Local Government,
Planning and Public Works**

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Dear Mr Johannesen

REQUIREMENT NOTICE

RPI24/002: Rio Tinto – Carrier Project

(given under section 44 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*)

I refer to the assessment application which was properly made on 24 May 2024 under section 29 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act). The application is seeking a regional interests development approval (RIDA) for resource activity: mining and other resource activities (not petroleum and gas) for the Rio Tinto – Carrier Project in the Gulf Rivers strategic environmental area (SEA).

Application details

Applicant	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd ABN 000 057 125
Project	Carrier Project
Description	Exploration activities for minerals
Area of regional interest	Gulf Rivers SEA
Proposed disturbance area	8.25 ha

Site details

Real property description	Lot 4 GY805051
Site address	3186 Riversleigh Road, Lawn Hill QLD 4825
Local government area	Burke Shire Council Mt Isa City Council

Information Requirement

Pursuant to section 44 of the RPI Act, you are advised that further information is required to assist in the assessment of the application against the assessment criteria contained in the RPI Act and the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (RPI Regulation).

The further information required is detailed in **Attachment A**.

The period in which the information must be provided is a maximum of three months from the date of this notice.

An extension to this period may be requested if necessary.

Another requirement notice may be given if, for example, the response to this requirement notice does not provide sufficient information to assess and decide the application or in response to matters raised in a submission.

Public notification requirement

Pursuant to section 34(4) of the RPI Act, it has been determined that the application requires notification. The reason for the decision is that the delegate for the chief executive has determined that it is in the public interest for the application to be publicly notified.

In accordance with section 35 of the RPI Act, you are required to:

- publish a notice about the application '*at least once in a newspaper circulating generally in the area of the land*' as prescribed in section 13 of the RPI Regulation
- where not the owner of the land, give the owners of the land notice about the application.

Please provide proof of delivery of notice about the application to landowners to RPIAct@dasilgp.qld.gov.au

Public notification must be undertaken within 10 business days of providing the response to the requirement notice to the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (DHLGPPW).

The notification period is 15 business days after the notice about the application is first published, with the closing date being a day that is after the end of the notification period.

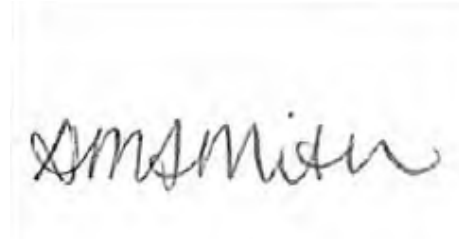
The approved form for public notification is available on DHLGPPW's website at [rpi-regional-interests-dev-approval-template.doc \(live.com\)](#)

Please provide a copy of the notice as it appears in the newspaper circulating generally in the area to RPIAct@dasilgp.qld.gov.au

You are also referred to the RPI Act Statutory Guideline 06/14 Public notification of assessment applications at [RPI Act - Statutory Guideline 06/14 \(windows.net\)](#) for further information.

If you require any further information, or have any queries, please contact Morag Elliott, Manager, Planning Group, DHLGPPW on 3452 7653 or by email at RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SKidd', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Susan Kidd
A/Director
Development Assessment Division
Planning Group

Encl. Attachment A

ATTACHMENT A

Information required for assessment against SEA criteria – Schedule 2, Part 5 of the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014

1.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The Assessment Application Report – Carrier Project – Police Creek (EPM27951) & Riversleigh (EPM27935) prepared by Rio Tinto dated 16 May 2024 (Supporting Report) includes descriptions of the project and the proposed exploration activities and provides figures depicting the location of the proposed activities.</p> <p>No one figure shows the lot number and the location of the proposed activities, including the proposed camp site, in relation to both the SEA and the SEA (designated precinct).</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Provide a figure which shows the lot the subject of the application, the SEA, the SEA (designated precinct) and the location of all proposed activities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Issue:</u></p> <p>The Supporting Report states that most new access tracks will not intersect creek systems but notes that the main access track into the site crosses the Police Creek.</p> <p>No information is provided on how track maintenance activities on the main access track will be undertaken in a way that will minimise impacts on water flows and bank erosion.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Provide information on how track maintenance activities on the main access track will be undertaken in a way that will minimise impacts on natural flows in and along the watercourse and minimise bed and bank erosion.</p>