REGIONAL INTERESTS DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL (RIDA)

RPI26/041: APA - Bulloo Interlink Pipeline Project

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

Date: 16 October 2026

Description of the land

Real property description: Lot 3 on BI22

Area of regional interest: Critical Minerals Reach and designated precinct of the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area (SEA)

Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council

Approved resource activities

The approved resource activities are set out in **Table 1** below.

This development approval authorises impacts on the SEA by the approved resource activities.

Table 1: Approved resource activities

Area of regional interest	Location	Components of Resource Activity – Mineral Exploration	Area of disturbance (ha)
Critical Minerals Reach and designated precinct of the Channel Country SEA	Lot 3 on BI22	Pipeline right of way	1.02
		Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) construction pad	0.64
		Subsurface pipeline (HDD)	0
		Temporary mud return-line	0
		Total area of disturbance:	**1.66**

Table 2: Description of approved resource activities

Resource activities	Description
Pipeline right of way	A 170-metre length of subsurface pipeline within the Channel Country SEA, north of the HDD construction pad.
Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) construction pad	A 0.64 ha temporary construction area, located on the northern side of the Wilson River, to be used as the HDD entry point.
Subsurface pipeline (HDD)	A 1.5 km length of subsurface pipeline within the Channel Country SEA, installed beneath the Wilson River using HDD. The pipeline will be constructed at depth beneath the river channel and floodplain. No surface excavation, open trenching or permanent above-ground infrastructure may occur within the bed or banks of the Wilson River, other than standard AS 2885 pipeline signage where required.
Mud return-line (temporary above-ground)	A temporary above-ground flow line installed along an existing disturbed access track and used to return mud during the HDD process.

Regional interests conditions

A person who is the holder of, or is acting under, this RIDA must not contravene any of the conditions related to this approval.

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
1.	Carry out the approved resource activities and disturbance of land in the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area generally in accordance with: (a) the resource activities identified in Table 1: Approved resource activities; (b) the resource activities as described in Table 2: Description of approved resource activities; and (c) APA Group Bullo Interlink Pipeline Locality plan for Channel Country Sea, dated 12 June 2026, Revision No. 0 (**Attachment 1**).	At all times
2.	A full copy of the Regional Interests Development Approval must be kept on-site and available to any person(s) contracted to undertake the approved resource activities.	At all times
3.	Crossing of the Wilson River must occur using Horizontal Directional Drilling beneath the riverbed.	Prior to carrying out the resource activity and while the works are occurring
4.	(a) Design the Wilson River crossing to ensure the pipeline will remain below the maximum predicted scour depth of the Wilson River, with sufficient allowance for future changes in stream morphology, channel migration and erosion over the life of the pipeline. (b) Construct the Wilson River crossing in accordance with section (a) of this condition.	(a) Prior to carrying out the resource activity (b) While the works are occurring
5.	(a) A Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Management Plan must be prepared for the Wilson River crossing by suitably qualified person(s). The HDD Management Plan must include: i details of the HDD alignment and minimum depth of installation beneath the riverbed, including consideration of predicted scour depth and potential changes in stream morphology; ii measures to protect surface water, groundwater and riparian environmental values; iii procedures for the storage, handling, use, recovery, recycling and disposal of drilling fluids and drilling muds; iv measures to prevent the release of drilling fluids and drilling muds to surface waters, groundwater and surrounding land; v procedures for the prevention, detection and management of inadvertent returns (frac-outs); vi monitoring, trigger levels, notification requirements and response actions for inadvertent returns;	(a) Prior to carrying out the resource activity (b) While the works are occurring

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
	vii containment, clean-up and remediation measures for any drilling fluid or drilling mud released to the environment; and viii criteria for recommencement of HDD activities following an incident or inadvertent return. (b) Implement the HDD Management Plan during construction of the HDD crossing.	
6.	Construction activities must be scheduled to occur outside of the following times: (a) when surface water is present; or (b) during a flood event or inundation period.	While the works are occurring
7.	(a) A Weather and Flood Management Procedure must be prepared by suitably qualified person(s). The procedure must include: i daily monitoring of weather forecasts, rainfall and flood conditions throughout the construction period; ii trigger levels and response actions for adverse weather and flood events; iii procedures for the safe cessation of works and securing of equipment and infrastructure; iv measures to protect environmental values and prevent environmental harm during weather and flood events; and v recovery and inspection requirements prior to recommencement of construction activities following a weather or flood event. (b) Implement the Weather and Flood Management Procedure during construction of the resource activity.	(a) Prior to carrying out the resource activity (b) While the works are occurring
8.	Implement erosion and sediment controls 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 construction works.	While the works are occurring
9.	Contaminants from the resource activities must not be directly or indirectly released to a watercourse, wetland, to the bed or banks of a watercourse or to groundwater. Note: 'Contaminants' mean contaminants as defined in Schedule 10 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019. 'Watercourse' has the definition as contained in the *Water Act 2000*.	While the works are occurring

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
10.	Rehabilitate all areas impacted by the resource activity to achieve: (a) stable landforms that perform in the same hydrological way as they did prior to impact; and (b) pre-impact Regional Ecosystem, including the restoration of native vegetation composition, structure and ecological function, and the reinstatement of pre-impact landform and drainage characteristics.	As soon as practicable, and no later than 12 months after the disturbed area is no longer required for construction activities
11.	Implement measures to minimise the diversion of overland flow caused by the resource activities.	At all times
12.	Undertake works in a way that limits interference with watercourses by minimising erosion, sedimentation, diversion, or any other degradation of the bed, banks and associated riparian vegetation.	While the works are occurring
13.	(a) All complaints received, and resulting actions taken about the impact of the approved resource activities on the environmental attributes in the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area must be recorded. The record must include: (i) name, address and contact number of the complainant (ii) time and date of complaint (iii) reasons for the complaint (iv) investigations undertaken (v) conclusions formed (vi) actions taken to resolve the complaint (vii) any abatement measures implemented (viii) person responsible for resolving the complaint. (b) Provide records of any complaints received and recorded in accordance with this condition to the chief executive at RPIAct@dsdip.qld.gov.au. Each complaint record must identify the application reference number RPI26/041.	(a) At all times (b) Within 60 business days of receipt of a complaint

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.

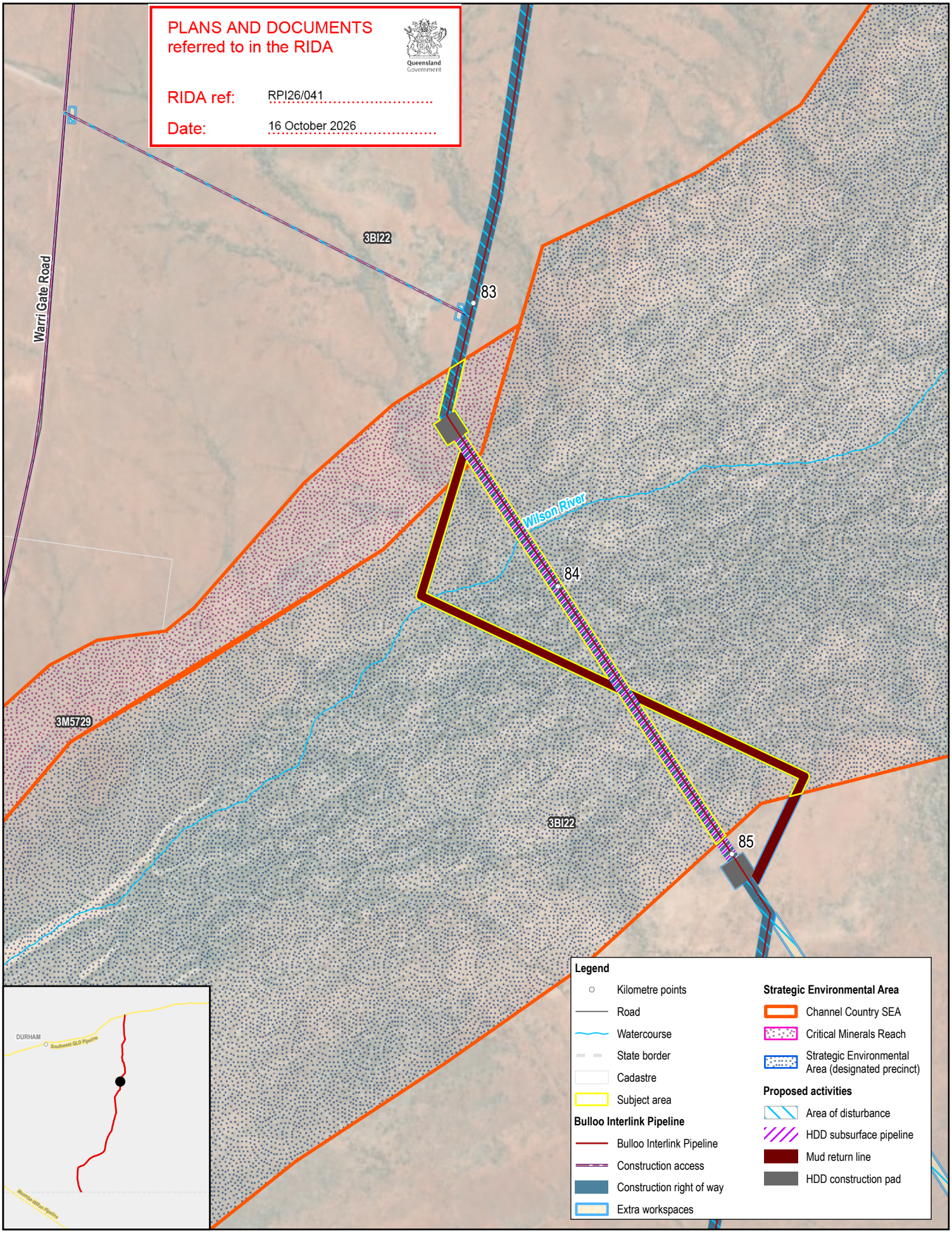
Attachment 1 – Approved Plan (intentionally blank)

PLANS AND DOCUMENTS
referred to in the RIDA

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Locality plan for
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