



## Notification of referral decision and designated proponent – controlled action – and assessment approach

### Kestrel West Mine Extension, 40 kilometres north-east of Emerald, Queensland (EPBC 2024/09792)

This decision is made under section 75 and section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

#### Proposed Action

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**designated proponent** Kestrel Coal Resources Pty Ltd

ACN: 624 245 325

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**proposed Action** The proposed action is the construction, operation, and rehabilitation of an extension of the existing Kestrel Mine, approximately 40 kilometres (km) north-east of Emerald, Queensland (See EPBC Act referral 2024/09792).

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#### Referral decision: controlled action

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**status of proposed Action** The proposed Action is a controlled action.

The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

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**relevant controlling provisions**

- World Heritage properties (sections 12 and 15A)
  - National Heritage places (sections 15B and 15C)
  - Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)
  - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (sections 24B and 24C)
  - A water resource, in relation to unconventional gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D and 24E)
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#### Assessment approach decision


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**assessment approach** The project will be assessed by accredited assessment under the Queensland *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

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**Person authorised to make decision**

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<b>name and position</b>	Declan O'Connor-Cox Branch Head Environment Assessments Queensland
<b>signature</b>	
<b>date of decision</b>	22 May 2024

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