



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

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

Daunia Coal Mine - West Infrastructure Project, approximately 170 km south-west of
Mackay, Queensland (EPBC 2026/10427)

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

Proposed Action

designated proponent Whitehaven Daunia Pty Ltd
ACN: 672 143 583

proposed Action To construct and operate an out-of-pit-dump, haul roads, and two surface water dams to support ongoing mining operations within the existing Daunia Mine (see EPBC 2008/4418).

Referral decision: controlled action

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.

relevant controlling provisions Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)
A water resource, in relation to unconventional gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D and 24E)

Assessment approach decision

assessment approach The project will be assessed by preliminary documentation.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position Rod Dann
Acting Branch Head
Environment Assessments Queensland Branch

signature

date of decision 21 April 2026