

Arafura Nolans Project Pty Ltd
Attn.: Gavin Lockyer
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Via email: arafura@arultd.com

Dear Mr Lockyer,

Re: Application for licence to take water

I have considered your application for a groundwater extraction licence for the take of water associated with open cut mining of rare earth metals on Aileron Station, for the beneficial use of mining activity, and determined to grant groundwater extraction licence L10013.

A copy of the water extraction licence decision is enclosed which outlines the reasons for my decision.

I draw your attention to Conditions 1.1 - 1.3; 2.1 and 2.2; and Special Conditions 4.1 – 4.15. These conditions include requirements to:

- Undertake a hydro-census prior to extraction of water under the licence.
- Limit extraction to no more than the water entitlements specified in the licence.
- Undertake monitoring.
- Prepare and implement an adaptive management plan and monitoring program.
- Verify groundwater dependent ecosystems in the area.
- Improve and verify the assessed groundwater model.

I note that no bores are currently listed on the licence, and as a result an application to amend the licence must be submitted to add bores to the licence prior to take of water under the licence.

A notice of the licence decision will be published in the NT News. A full copy of the decision; public submissions to the notice of intention; and a copy of the licence will be available online at the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security; Water Licensing Portal available at: www.nt.gov.au/water.

If you are aggrieved by the decision you may apply for a review. More information on how to have a decision reviewed is available at nt.gov.au/waterdecision.

If you have any questions regarding your new licence please contact Water Licensing on 8999 4455 or email water.licensing@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Alaric Fisher
A/ Controller of Water Resources

20 / 03 / 2023

Encl.: Licence L10013; Water extraction licence decision