




Notification of

VARIATION OF PROPOSAL TO TAKE ACTION under section 156B of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

Arrowsmith North Silica Sand Project, Western Australia (2020/8788)

The delegate of the Minister has accepted the variation to the proposal in accordance with section 156B of the EPBC Act

proposed action	To clear native vegetation to develop a high-grade silica sand mine and associated infrastructure in the Geraldton Sandplain bioregion in the Arrowsmith area, Western Australia. [See EPBC Act referral 2020/8788]
Varied proposed action	To clear native vegetation to develop a high-grade silica sand mine and associated infrastructure in the Geraldton Sandplain bioregion in the Arrowsmith area, Western Australia. [See EPBC Act referral 2020/8788 and associated variation request dated 11 August 2021).
designated proponent	VRX Silica Limited ACN 142 014 873
Variation	To vary the scope of works to relocate the silica sand processing plant to the Mine Development Envelope, remove the train load out facilities, and remove the solar farm. A 386-hectare portion of the Access and Processing Development Envelope will be removed and it will be renamed the Access Development Envelope.
Decision-maker	
Name and position	Kylie Calhoun Assistant Secretary Environment Assessments West (WA, SA, NT) Branch
Signature	
date of decision	9 September 2021
