

Notification of REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH – accredited assessment

Valeria Project Rail Line from the mine site to Aurizon Goonyella Coal Chain, QLD (EPBC 2021/9076)

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

proposed action	The proposed action is to construct and operate a railway line (approximately 67 km in length) and associated infrastructure from the Valeria Mine Infrastructure Area (MIA) to Aurizon Goonyella Coal Chain, Bowen Basin, Queensland [See EPBC Act referral 2021/9076].
decision on 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 & 18A)
	A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D & 24E)
designated proponent	VALERIA COAL HOLDINGS PTY LIMITED
	ACN: 625 049 701
assessment approach	The proposed action will be assessed by accredited assessment under the Queensland <i>State Development and Public Works</i> <i>Organisation Act 1971</i> .
Decision-maker	
Name and position	Andrew McNee, Assistant Secretary, Environment Assessments Queensland and Sea Dumping Branch
Signature	A. Mille
date of decision	/4/ January 2022