



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

**Valeria Project Mine Site, Accommodation and Access Road, 27 km north of Emerald,
Queensland (EPBC 2021/9077)**

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

proposed action To construct and operate an open cut metallurgical and thermal coal mine, accommodation, access road and associated infrastructure, as part of the overarching Valeria Project, approximately 27 km north of Emerald, Queensland [See EPBC Act referral 2021/9077].

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 State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

Decision-maker

Name and position Andrew McNee, Assistant Secretary,
Environment Assessments Queensland and Sea Dumping Branch

Signature

date of decision 14 January 2022
