



Notification of

REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action

**Cowal Gold Operations – increased processing rate Lake Cowal, New South Wales
(EPBC 2017/7989)**

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

proposed action	To modify/expand the existing tailings storage facilities within mining lease (ML) 1535, including relocating water management and ancillary infrastructure and the relocation of a portion of the Travelling Stock Reserve and Lake Cowal Road. To duplicate the water supply pipeline along its length, up to Bore 4 of the Bland Creek Palaeochannel Borefield. [See EPBC Act referral 2017/7972]
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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.
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relevant controlling provisions	Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
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designated proponent	Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited ABN 75 007 857 598
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assessment approach	To be advised.
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Decision-maker

Name and position	Gregory Manning Assistant Secretary Assessments (WA, SA, NT) and Air Branch
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Signature

Date of decision	13 October 2017
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