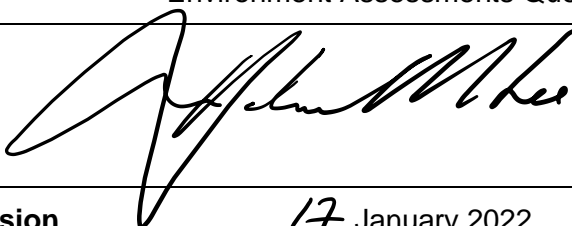




**NOTIFICATION OF
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – CONTROLLED ACTION
DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH – ACCREDITED ASSESSMENT**

Valeria Project Communications Infrastructure from the Gregory Highway to the mine site (EPBC 2021/9074)

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 buried fibre-optic cable and associated communications infrastructure to connect at the Gregory Highway approximately 15 km to the Valeria mine site. [See EPBC Act referral 2021/9074]
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
designated proponent	VALERIA COAL HOLDINGS PTY LIMITED ACN: 625 049 701
assessment approach	The proposed action will be assessed by accredited assessment under the <i>Queensland State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971</i> .
Decision maker	
name and position	Andrew McNee, Assistant Secretary, Environment Assessments Queensland and Sea Dumping Branch
signature	
date of decision	17 January 2022
