

NOTICE OF DECISION

Application for approval to carry out work on a heritage place or object under section 72 of the *Heritage Act 2011* (the Act)

Applicant	Amanda Smith on behalf of McArthur River Mining Pty Ltd
Location	MRM4, McArthur River Mine, Northern Territory
Proposed work in brief	Stage 1 archaeological salvage and test excavation at the Aboriginal archaeological place known as MRM4
Application submission	Application submitted to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment on 24 July 2026
Decision maker	Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

THE DECISION

Under section 74 of the Act, I have decided to approve the application submitted by the applicant dated 24 July 2026 for salvage and excavation works on the Aboriginal archaeological place MRM4.

This approval is limited to the Stage 1 works described in the application and the Archaeological Research Design (ARD) dated 8 July 2026. Any further work requiring approval under the Act must be the subject of a separate application.

In accordance with section 76 of the Act, I impose the following conditions on the work approval:

1. The works must be carried out in accordance with the work application, including the ARD and associated documentation provided in the application.
2. This approval does not authorise Stage 2 works, other works at MRM4 not included in the application, or any subsequent disturbance associated with development of the applicant's North Overburden Emplacement Facility that requires a separate work approval under the Act.
3. A final report on the Stage 1 works must be provided to the Heritage Branch of the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment. The report must document the works undertaken, the archaeological results and the management of archaeological objects recovered during the works.

Joshua Burgoyne

Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

DATE 2-9-2026