



# Phosphate Mining in South Point, Christmas Island

## (EPBC 2012/6653)

### INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

#### The Proposal

Phosphate Resources Limited (PRL) (ACN: 67 009 234 860), under the trading name of Christmas Island Phosphates (CIP), propose to mine in an area located in the South Point Region of Christmas Island, Indian Ocean Territories, approximately 20km from the major settlement. The area comprises three separate parcels of unallocated crown land totalling 97.93 ha which are bordered by mining lease MCI 70/1 (held by PRL) and unallocated crown land. The areas were originally in the mining lease but were excised to allow for the proposed Asia Pacific Space Centre project (which subsequently did not progress).

#### The Assessment Approach

In accordance with the provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*, following the referral of the project to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Phosphate Mining in South Point, Christmas Island (EPBC 2012/6653) is determined to be a controlled action under section 75 and section 87 of the *EPBC Act* and is to be assessed on preliminary documentation. The preliminary documentation report addresses matters protected by the provisions of Part 3 of the *EPBC Act* including:

- (i) Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
- (ii) Commonwealth land (section 26 & 27A)

#### Where the documentation can be accessed or viewed

As per Section 95A of the *EPBC Act (1999)*, the preliminary documentation material will be published and available for public review from **Friday 29 November 2013** to **Friday 7th February 2014** at the following locations free of charge:

- State Library of Western Australia – 25 Francis St, Perth WA 6000
- Shire of Christmas Island Public Library – George Fam Centre, 2 Murray Road, Christmas Island, Indian Ocean
- Christmas Island Phosphates Office – Murray Road, Christmas Island, Indian Ocean
- Phosphate Resources Limited website -  
[http://cirp.com.au/latest\\_news/announcements\\_and\\_disclosures.phtml](http://cirp.com.au/latest_news/announcements_and_disclosures.phtml)

Final Date for Comments: **Friday 7th February 2014**

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