



## **Environmental Protection Authority**

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#### **Environmental Protection Authority to assess lead export through Fremantle**

Magellan Metal, the company that mines lead carbonate from near Wiluna, has applied to export through Fremantle Port. This would replace the previous export through Esperance Port.

The amended proposal by Magellan would involve transporting the lead carbonate by rail, having first placed it in sealed bags inside sea containers.

Environmental Protection Authority Chairman Barry Carbon said that the proposal would not be available for public comment for perhaps two months, as it was desirable to be able to incorporate material from the forthcoming report of the Parliamentary Inquiry.

"When the proposal is ready for public comment, it will be available for community submissions to the Environmental Protection Authority for 4 weeks", Mr Carbon said.

After the EPA deliberated, it would provide its own report to Environment Minister David Templeman. He in turn would take direct submissions from the public on the EPA report for a further 2 weeks. Then he would decide if the amended proposal was to be given environmental approval, and if so, under what conditions.

Mr Carbon said that the Environmental Protection Authority report would enlist advice from appropriate parts of government so as to consider safety and public health aspects as well as environment.

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