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## EPA Formal Referral Lodged for the NiWest Nickel-Cobalt Project

### Highlights

- Lodgement is the first step for environmental approval for construction and operation of the NiWest Nickel-Cobalt Project (**NiWest**).
- NiWest comprises the proposed development of sustainable production of Nickel and Cobalt Sulphate, both critical precursor battery metals for the electric vehicle market.

Emerging battery metals producer Alliance Nickel Ltd (ASX: AXN) (**Alliance** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has lodged a formal referral and supporting information with the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (**DWER**). The assessment of the NiWest referral will be undertaken by the Environmental Protection Authority (**EPA**) with the assistance of DWER.

The referral describes the potential environmental impacts of NiWest and the proposed management and mitigation measures for any potential impacts. The EPA has 28 days to determine whether to assess the referred proposal and, if so, what level of assessment to assign. The Company anticipates that the project will be assessed at the Assessment of Referral Information level, the lower of the two main levels of assessment. Once determined, the EPA commences the assessment process and, if successful, culminating with a Ministerial Statement, the key environmental approval for the NiWest Project.

Alliance Managing Director and CEO, Paul Kopejtka, said “This referral commences the process for environmental approval for the NiWest Project and represents another significant milestone towards the development of the NiWest Project.”

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Alliance Nickel Limited.

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### **About Alliance Nickel Limited**

*Alliance Nickel Limited is an ASX-listed nickel and Critical Minerals development company with its principal asset being its flagship 100% owned NiWest Nickel Cobalt Project containing one of the highest-grade undeveloped nickel laterite resources in Australia. The Project has access to existing primary mining infrastructure such as an established network of roads, a railway and gas pipeline and is strategically situated adjacent to Glencore's Murrin Murrin Operations. The Company has completed a Pre-Feasibility Study which has confirmed the technical and economic viability of a heap leach and direct solvent extraction operation where it aims to manufacture low-cost, high-quality Class 1 nickel and cobalt sulphate for battery manufacturers and automakers in the Electric Vehicle (EV) sector. **For more information, visit: [www.alliancenickel.au](http://www.alliancenickel.au)***

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