

Northern Manganese Limited has extensive manganese exploration projects in the Northern Territory.

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SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND  
COMMUNITIES**

Northern Manganese Limited (ASX: **NTM** - "Northern Manganese" or "the Company") advises that it has received a further letter from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities ("SEWPAC") regarding the threat that the Minister, Hon. Tony Burke MP, may use emergency listing powers in the EPBC Act to include the Groote Eylandt archipelago and surrounding waters in the National Heritage list. The letter also indicated that the listing as proposed would affect seabed exploration and mining activities.

Northern Manganese immediately referred the letter to its legal advisers and have asked them to respond directly to the Department on behalf of the Company.

We will, on behalf of our shareholders, vigorously defend all legal rights available to us in our intention to properly explore and, if found, mine any economically viable manganese deposits found in the Company's tenement areas always, taking account, of course, the social and environmental requirements.



**Doug Daws**  
Executive Chairman