

# APA Pilbara Holdings – Integrated Regional Licence (Transmission) Application

APA Group





# **Application Summary**

APA Group (**APA**) is planning the construction and operation of a high voltage electrical transmission line (**Project**) from APA's existing power generation facilities at the Port Hedland Power Station within the Boodarie Strategic Industrial Area to a future customer site. The Applicant is APA Pilbara Holdings Pty Ltd (ABN 33 126 822 802) (**APA Pilbara**) a subsidiary of APA Group Limited (see details below).

On 3 December 2024, APA announced that it had been awarded Priority Project status by the Western Australian Government for the Hamersley Range Corridor, to progress the delivery of common-use electricity transmission infrastructure<sup>1</sup>. Subject to further discussions with the Western Australian State Government, the Project will form the first stage of the development of common-use infrastructure in the Hamersley Range Corridor.

For the purpose of the Project, APA Pilbara is seeking an Electricity Integrated Regional Licence from the Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**). The proposed Licence Area is outlined in Figure 1 (overleaf).

## **Corporate Information**

APA is a leading Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) listed energy infrastructure business. The Applicant, APA Pilbara is wholly owned by APA Group. **APA Group** refers to the ASX listed entity "APA Group Limited", APA Infrastructure Trust and APA Investment Trust and each of its subsidiaries.

The core activities of APA Pilbara (including through its subsidiaries) are to build, own, and operate power generation, storage, and transmission assets in the Pilbara region.

### **Financial Information**

APA Pilbara intends to fund the construction of the Project through a combination of debt and cash reserves.

Capacity on the constructed transmission line is intended to be contracted to large-scale industrial customers through bilateral agreements. The revenue stream generated through contracting capacity on the transmission line is expected to support the initial investment of the Project and the ongoing costs of the transmission line.

#### Public Interest Information

The Project is intended to initially deliver reliable transmission of electrical energy from generation based at Port Hedland to a future customer's inland site. As the first stage of common-use electricity infrastructure in the Hamersley Range Corridor, the Project seeks to support the broader decarbonisation of the Pilbara through common-use transmission infrastructure to transport renewable generation and firming thermal and battery to customers inland from Port Hedland.

The Project seeks to support the economic development of the region through increased employment opportunities, primarily during the construction phase. APA tailors it's local employment opportunity programs to each of its projects, which includes alerting Traditional Owner groups to employment opportunities and scoping work packages to be procured through local business and corporations.

Environmental impact is expected to be minimal, and the Project has either already obtained or is in the process of obtaining all relevant environmental approvals. All other relevant regulatory approvals, including development approvals, native title agreements, and market participation approvals have either already been obtained or are in the process of being obtained.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to: <u>APA Group Welcomes Priority Project Status for the Delivery of Common-Use Electricity Transmission Infrastructure in the Pilbara</u>



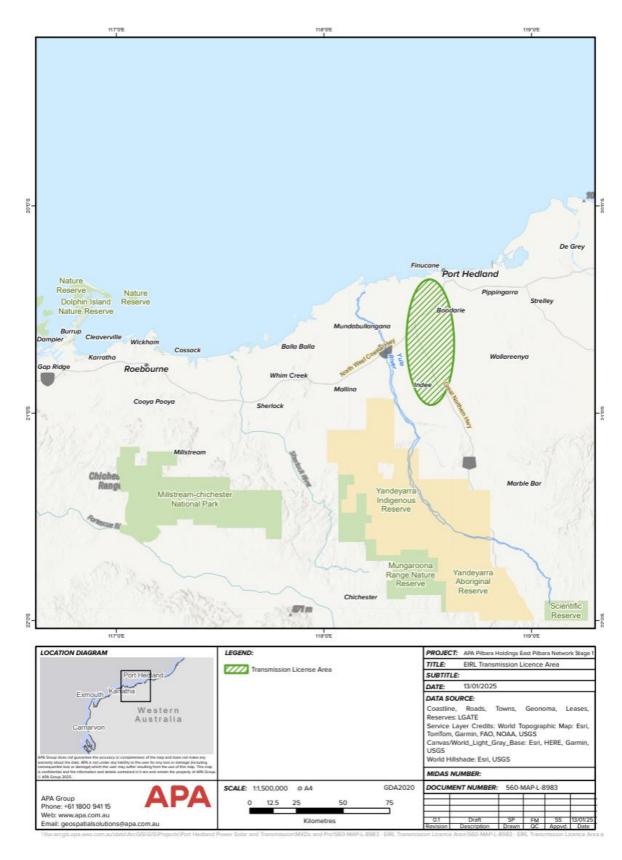


Figure 1. Indicative transmission line route envelope