

Section One
Introduction



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose and Scope

Cameco Australia Pty Ltd (Cameco) a wholly owned subsidiary of Cameco Corporation, one of the world's largest uranium producers, is proposing to develop the Kintyre Uranium Project (the Project) located approximately 1,200 km north northeast of Perth in the Shire of East Pilbara of Western Australia (WA) (Figure 1-1).

This Environmental Review and Management Programme (ERMP) has been prepared as part of the process to seek State and Federal approval for the Project under the State *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999*. This ERMP is the key document for joint environmental assessment of the Project by the:

- Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Minister for Environment; and
- Commonwealth Department of the Environment (DoE) and the Minister of the Environment.

The ERMP is also made available to the public to review the Project. Comments received from the public and government agencies during the public review period, and Cameco's response to these comments, will assist the EPA in preparing an assessment report in which it will make recommendations to government.

1.2 Document Structure

This document provides:

- an overview of the Project;
- information on Cameco;
- discussion of the legislative and administrative framework that will apply to the approval of the Project;
- stakeholder consultation and engagement;
- project benefits and evaluation of alternatives;
- a detailed project description;
- impact assessment methodology;
- a description of the existing environment;

- an assessment of environmental and social effects;
- proposed management measures; and
- proposed rehabilitation and closure of the site.

Technical appendices to the ERMP are provided on CD with this document. The ERMP and technical appendices are also available on Cameco's website (www.cameco.com/australia/kintyre/community_information/). Hard copies of the ERMP can be ordered from Cameco's Perth office on +61 (8) 9318 6600 or by email at au_exp_reception@cameco.com.