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### **Bauxite Resources appeals EPA decision**

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Bauxite Resources says it will appeal a decision made by the state environmental watchdog, which this week decided to assess the company's Bindoon mine at one of the highest levels available.

The Environmental Protection Authority this week decided to put Bauxite Resources' stage two plans for the bauxite operation in the Darling Range up for a six week public review period.

Stage two involves mining 1.2 million tonnes of ore between July and December this year from the same property as the trial mining operation, which started late last year.

Stage two will help to fulfil the company's sales contracts it signed recently.

Bauxite Resources said after taking advice and considering its options, it has decided to appeal the EPA decision.

"The Board considers the decision is irregular and disproportionate and that there are strong grounds to seek a review of the EPA decision," the company said in a statement.

"In particular the EPA decision appears to have been taken on

the basis of BRL's potential future projects, rather than by reference to the relatively small scale minimal impact mining project referred to the EPA for consideration (23 hectares on parkland style farmland)."

### **\$3.5bn Collie project given major status**

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Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers' \$3.5 billion Collie urea operation has been granted a major project facilitation status by the federal government, allowing it to have issues responded to promptly.

The Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Development granted the status.

"Achieving Major Project Facilitation status shows the level of support that both the State Government and Federal Government is willing to provide for the Perdaman Collie Urea project and underlines the significance that this project will have to industry innovation and economic growth," Perdaman director Andreas Walewski said.

Perdaman plans to commence construction on the Perdaman Collie Urea project in the last quarter of 2010.