

## Engagement of Independent Heritage Assessment Hamersley Iron Ore Project

Equinox Resources Limited (ASX: EQN) ("Equinox Resources" or the "Company") advises that it has engaged Judih Judih Pty Ltd, an independent heritage advisory firm led by Mr Wayne Stevens, a Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation (**WGAC**) knowledge holder, to undertake a fact and evidence-based assessment relating to heritage matters at the Company's Hamersley Iron Ore Project (M47/1450).

Judih Judih Pty Ltd is also undertaking a program to digitise native title archives, oral histories and site records to preserve Guruma cultural history for future generations. The late Peter Stevens, a Guruma elder whose leadership was instrumental in securing the Guruma people's native title recognition, compiled an extensive archive of recordings and documents. These materials, entrusted to Mr Wayne Stevens, will be used alongside other records and data for this independent assessment.

This engagement follows questions raised regarding aspects of the WGAC and the 2023 Yulur heritage survey, particularly the mapped extent and location of the Wulkajarramunha ethnographic site in relation to M47/1450. Mr Stevens, a WGAC member and custodian of WGAC heritage knowledge, maintains extensive archives of recordings and materials from elders, including his late father, Peter Stevens. He has provided correspondence to government authorities on these matters. The independent assessment will review this correspondence, together with other records and data to address these concerns.



On Country with Wayne Stevens (Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation knowledge holder) and Zac Komur (Managing Director, Equinox Resources) at Equinox's Hamersley Project (M47/1450), Pilbara, WA.

## Background to the Dispute

Equinox Resources' planned infill drilling program, approved by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, was designed to advance the resource definition of the Company's Hamersley Iron Ore Project, located on Mining Lease M47/1450-1. The program was submitted in accordance with a valid Native Title Agreement with the Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation ("WGAC"), under which prior exploration consisting of 168 holes totalling 22,621 metres had already been completed with WGAC's approval.

The Hamersley Iron Ore Project contains a current Direct Shipping Ore ("DSO") Inferred Mineral Resource of 108.5 million tonnes at 58 % Fe and represents a significant opportunity for regional economic development and employment in Western Australia.

The Minister declined consent based on the ACHC's consideration of two newly identified ethnographic sites on the land, being the subject of the proposed exploration. These sites were identified in a 2023 survey conducted by Yulur Heritage Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of WGAC:

- Wulkajarramunha Wuntu (ID 40534): an asserted spiritual site associated with an ancestral water serpent believed to have shaped local waterways.
- Elinili Range (ID 40533): associated with songs and dreaming stories.

These sites were not identified in multiple prior heritage assessments, including detailed 2012 ethnographic surveys, surveys in which WGAC participated, and that were commissioned by WGAC's agent. The Company has lodged comprehensive submissions with the Court, supported by detailed affidavits and independent expert evidence, and will argue that the matter should be remitted for reconsideration.

The Supreme Court has listed the Company's judicial review of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee decision to register two ethnographic Aboriginal sites over the Hamersley mining lease (M47/1450) for hearing on 26 September 2025. This hearing was originally anticipated to take place in July 2025.

The related State Administrative Tribunal review of the Minister's refusal of the Company's Section 18 application has been adjourned and will be rescheduled after the Supreme Court's judgement to ensure alignment between the proceedings.

Equinox Resources remains committed to advancing the Hamersley Iron Ore Project in full compliance with heritage legislation while engaging constructively with Traditional Owners and other stakeholders. The Company will continue to update shareholders as developments occur.

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### Compliance Statement

This announcement contains information relating to the Mineral Resources estimate for the Hamersley Iron Ore Project extracted from the Company's ASX announcement dated 6 June 2024 and reported in accordance with the 2012 edition of the "Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in any original announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The original market announcements are available to view on [www.eqnx.com.au](http://www.eqnx.com.au) and [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au).

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