



10 September 2014

The Companies Officer
Australian Securities Exchange Ltd
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir/Madam

Environmental Protection Amendment (Validation) Bill 2014

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) advises that it was informed last night of a decision by the Western Australian Government to introduce legislation to validate a number of past environmental approvals. This decision has been made due to the risk created by the recent Supreme Court decision in *Wilderness Society v Minister for Environment* [2013] WASC 301 (2013) 45 WAR 471.

Fortescue's Solomon Iron Ore Project was one of 25 projects identified however we do not foresee any risk of operational impacts at this time. Having identified the issue we are assured that the State is taking all appropriate steps to remove any risk so as to provide investment certainty for Western Australian projects which might be affected.

Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said, "We applaud the State for taking this decisive action to provide certainty and confidence to significant Western Australian projects."

Yours sincerely
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

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