



Australian Government

Australian Industry  
Participation Authority

# Australian Jobs Act 2013

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## Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

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**Nominated project proponent:** Robe River Mining Co. Pty. Ltd as manager & agent of the Robe River Iron Associa

### Project details

Name: West Angelas Sustaining Project (Project)

Location: East Pilbara, approximately 100 km east of Paraburdoo

Type: Mine or quarry

Purpose: Upgrade existing facility

Capital expenditure: \$500 million or more

Description: The Project includes new and upgraded infrastructure for mining operations at West Angelas mine site. The Project contracting strategy is a simplified approach which leverages synergies across the Pilbara Projects program to deliver value and maximise efficiencies. The contracting strategy aims to engage experienced contractors with existing capabilities and capacity to deliver supply and construction packages and provides for direct and subcontracting opportunities for Pilbara Aboriginal Businesses in line with current commitments. Early Contractor Involvement will occur with panelists on the Pilbara Earthworks program panel within Rio Tinto for bulk earthworks deposits. The procurement of key goods and services will be undertaken by the proponent. 11 construction contracts will be awarded between Q3 2025-Q2 2026 The current scope required to support mining of three new deposits generally includes: Bulk Earthworks including; Heavy vehicle road construction; Light vehicle road construction; Construction of Heavy Vehicle/Light Vehicle Grade separation; Construction clearing; and Surface water management structures. General infrastructure upgrades including; Non-Process Infrastructure (NPI) facilities comprising design and construction of administration buildings, crib rooms, ablutions, storage, ice rooms, wellness rooms; fire response buildings; Dewatering and water supply infrastructure; and Power infrastructure & Communication Infrastructure. Design, installation, hire and demobilisation of the Integrated Project Team's (IPT) temporary construction facilities comprising offices and meeting rooms, ablutions and induction / training rooms, first aid buildings. The general timeline of the project is as follows; Project Readiness Review Aug-2025 Contract and Procurement activities commence July-2025 First commitments Sep-2025 Site mobilisation Oct-2025 Deposit Handover to Operations Apr-2027 - Sep-2027 Project Completion Feb-2028

Completion date: 14 Feb 2028

## Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the project:

Key goods and services	Opportunities for Australian entities*	Opportunities for non-Australian entities	Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities
Civil & Earthworks	Yes	No	
Water infrastructure	Yes	No	
Non-process infrastructure Hub Facilities and Upgrade of Medical Centres	Yes	Yes	
Communications infrastructure	Yes	No	
Bulk Earthworks	Yes	No	
Pump Stations & Pipelines	Yes	No	
Communications Systems	Yes	No	
Communications Infrastructure (RBS)	Yes	No	
Water Pumps	Yes	Yes	
Kiosk Substation, 415V Switchboards and Distributed I/O Enclosures	Yes	Yes	
Survey Services	Yes	No	
Geotechnical Services	Yes	No	
Occupational Hygiene Services	Yes	No	
Enabling Works	Yes	No	
Miscellaneous Civil Works	Yes	No	
Integrated Project Team Office Facilities	Yes	No	

\* An Australian entity is an entity with an ABN or ACN

Project standards:

Australian

International

The Project will predominantly be built to Rio Tinto's internal project standards. These standards are based on Australian Standards and commonly used International Standards.

## Supplier information and communication

Project proponent's contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Daniel Keown  
**Contact person position** Principal Contracts Advisor  
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Project proponent website: <https://www.riotinto.com/products/iron-ore>

Project opportunities website:

[https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/15646/pg-15646?scroll\\_pos=100](https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/15646/pg-15646?scroll_pos=100)  
<https://www.riotinto.com/en/about/suppliers/local-suppliers/buy-local-australia>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

- Engage with vendor identification agencies on project opportunities and bid processes
- Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes
- Develop and distribute a supplier information guide for the project
- Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

## Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

- Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation
- Provide market intelligence to suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

- Support suppliers to register with global supplier databases
- Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback:

The project proponent will ensure that its procurement entities offer, and if requested, provide feedback to Australian entities whose bids to supply key goods or services for the project have not been successful. Feedback will include recommendations about any relevant training, skills capability and capacity development.