



Mining giant to appeal

FOLLOWING the announcement that Bauxite Resources (BRL) operations in Bindoon would be subject to a review, the company has revealed it will appeal the WA Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) decision.

The EPA announced last Monday that BRL would be subject to a six-week public environmental review into stage two of its operations in Bindoon, which proposes to extract 1.2 million tonnes of bauxite later this year.

BRL released a statement within days, detailing the deci-

sion as "irregular and disproportionate", and that there were "strong grounds to seek a review of the EPA decision".

The statement outlined the grounds for appeal as being based on the EPA's decision to focus on BRL's potential future projects rather than by reference to the "relatively small scale, minimal impact mining project referred to the EPA for consideration".

BRL managing director Dan Tenardi said the company had received advice that they had strong grounds to appeal.

"If this decision to set the

level of assessment based on future aspirations is allowed to stand, it would put in jeopardy the timing of numerous resource development projects in Western Australia," he said. "It would certainly undermine confidence in the regulatory system."

Residents for Responsible Mining spokeswoman Clair Medhurst said the review was a win for residents.

Chittering Shire president Alex Douglas said the Shire would look into the process, and if appropriate, make a submission of its concerns.