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DIATREME Resources' proposed Northern Silica Project has been deemed a project of regional significance by the Queensland government, as the resource company moves through the approvals process for the sand mine.

Diatreme CEO Neil McIntyre said the announcement was an important regulatory boost for the project as the company moved through the environmental approval and permit process.

"We are delighted to receive this designation, which is an important regulatory vote of confidence in our Northern Silica Project and its economic and social significance for the region, particularly the local communities of Hope Vale and Cooktown," Mr McIntyre said.

The project of regional significance designation would allow Diatreme to apply in future for water entitlements for the mine. If approved, the proposed \$1 billion silica mine in the dunes near Hope Vale could produce five mega tonnes of silica annually for 25 years.