

Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Information request

This information request is issued by the administering authority under section 140 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to request further information needed to assess an application for a site-specific environmental authority and proposed PRC plan.

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Cc: Coal Hub, Department of Resources
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Reference: C-EA-100428387

Notice sent via email transmission only

Further information is required to assess an application for an environmental authority and PRCP schedule.

1. Application details

The application for a site-specific environmental authority and proposed PRC plan was received by the administering authority on 2 May 2023.

The application reference number is: **A-EA-NEW-100417277**

Land description: **MLA70453**

2. Information request

The administering authority has considered the abovementioned application and is writing to inform you that further information is required to assess the application (an information request).

To make a decision, the administering authority requires you to provide an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the application.

To satisfy this information request, the EIS process under Chapter 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, must be completed and the EIS provided to the administering authority. The EIS must be provided to the department within **2 years** after the final terms of reference (ToR) are given under section 46(1).

The EIS process under Chapter 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* will commence when the administering authority receives a draft ToR in addition to the prescribed fee. Once the draft ToR and prescribed fee have both been received, the administering authority will begin to review the draft ToR against the requirements of section 41 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. If the submitted draft ToR allows the purpose of the EIS to be achieved, the EIS process will then progress towards public notification of the draft ToR.

The assessment of your application for an environmental authority will recommence at the completion of the EIS process. If you do not complete the EIS process and provide a copy of the EIS to the administering authority within 2 years after you receive the final ToR, your application will lapse unless the information request period is extended. A request to extend the information request period must be made at least **10 business days** before the end of the information request period. A request to extend the information response period can be submitted to the administering authority by email to CRMining@des.qld.gov.au.

3. Reasons

The reasons for this decision include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consideration of the department's Trigger Guidelines, the Standard Criteria and the department's assessment of supporting information provided by the applicant.
- The project is a new greenfield thermal open cut coal mine near Alpha in the Galilee Basin. There are currently no other coal mines near the township of Alpha.
- The project proposes the road transport of ROM coal to another mine for processing and rail-loading, thereby having potential impacts on roads, townships (such as Alpha, Emerald and Clermont) and waste disposal of tailings.
- The project is located within the flood inundation area of the tributaries of Tallarenha Creek and will require watercourse diversions, and it is unclear of the location of the final void depressed landform in relation to the inundation area, or the interaction of the final void with groundwater and surface waters.

4. Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision and it was determined that that the decision does not engage human rights.

5. Internal Review rights

You may apply to the administering authority for a review of this decision within **10 business days** after receiving this notice. Information about your review rights is found by searching '[DES Internal review and appeals](#)' at business.qld.gov.au. This information is guidance only and you may have other legal rights and obligations.

If you require more information, please contact the department on the telephone number listed below.



Signature

3/08/2023

Date

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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