Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Notice of decision on whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) would be required for an environmental authority (EA) application

This notice is issued by the chief executive pursuant to section 73C of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 *(EP Act) to advise of a decision on whether an EIS would be required for an EA application.*

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Our reference: 101/0050562

Attention: Brendan Dillon - BDillon@whitehavencoal.com.au

Re: Application for decision on whether an EIS would be required for EA application for proposed Blackwater North Extension project.

Application

An application for **a decision on whether an EIS would be required for an EA application**, was received on **15/08/2025**, for proposed **Blackwater North Extension Project**, on Surface Areas (SA) 7 and SA 10 within ML 1759 and ML 1762.

Decision

You are advised that the above-mentioned application has been considered and it has been decided that an EIS would not be required under the EP Act for an EA application for this project. The decision has been made as the administrating authority considers an EIS is not appropriate for the project.

The reasons for the decisions are as follows:

- This decision is made in consideration of all information presented as part of the Application for a decision on whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) would be required for an environmental authority (EA) application under *Environmental Protection Act 1994.*

- Consideration to the level of risk associated with identified matters and the significance of impact to:
    - departmental interests and key matters;
    - the department's guideline *Criteria for environmental impact statements for resource projects under the Environmental Protection Act 1994* (ESR/2016/2167); and
    - the relevant sections of the EP Act.

Next steps

Prior to submitting an EA, please arrange a pre-lodgement meeting with the relevant Business Centre from the Department of the Environment, Science and Innovation (the department) by lodging the form Application for pre-lodgement services for an environmental authority (ESR/2015/1664) at Application for pre-lodgement services (ESR/2015/1664 and ESR/2023/6440) | Environment, land and water | Queensland Government (www.qld.gov.au) or by searching the title or 'ESR/2015/1664', at business.qld.gov.au.

Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision and it was determined that no human rights are engaged by the decision.

If you require more information, please contact Jerilly Armstrong of the department on telephone 0435 128 474 or by email eis@detsi.qld.gov.au.



Signature

12/09/2025

Date

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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