

Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Proposed Central Queensland Coal Project

An EIS has been prepared on behalf of Central Queensland Coal Limited and Fairway Coal Limited (joint proponents) for the proposed Central Queensland Coal Project (the Project). The Project would be located in Central Queensland, approximately 130 kilometres (km) northwest of Rockhampton and approximately 25km northwest of Marlborough within the Livingstone Shire Council area. The Project covers approximately 3028 hectares, including mining lease application's 80187 and 700022.

The project would involve the development of three open-cut mine pits mining a 200 million tonne coal resource to produce initially 2 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of product coal and would rise to 10 Mtpa. The mine area would also comprise of two waste rock dumps, mine water dams, two mine industrial areas, two Coal Handling Preparation Plants, haul roads and a conveyor. The expected mine life is approximately 20 years including construction, operation, decommissioning and rehabilitation. Coal product would be transported via a haul road to a new train loadout facility that will connect to the existing North Coast Rail Line. Product coal would then be transported 175km north to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal.

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)

On 16 December 2016 an application was made by Fairway Coal Limited under section 70 and 71 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) to voluntarily prepare an EIS for the Project. On 27 January 2017 the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) approved the application under section 72 of the EP Act.

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

On 3 February 2017 the Project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2016/7851) under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are:

- World Heritage properties (sections 12 and 15A)
- National Heritage places (sections 15B and 15C)
- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 and 20A)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (sections 24B and 24C)
- A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D and 24E)

The EIS process will assess potential impacts of the Project on the controlling provisions consistent with the bilateral agreement (section 45 of the EPBC Act) between the Commonwealth and Queensland governments for the purposes of the Commonwealth Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

A copy of the EIS can be inspected at the following locations:

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Livingstone Shire Council Library
15 Milman Street
MARLBOROUGH QLD 4705

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
99 Hospital Road
EMERALD QLD 4720

Rockhampton Regional Library
230 Bolsover Street
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700

The EIS can also be viewed online at www.cqcoal.com.au. Electronic copies can be ordered by phoning the proponent on (07) 3832 2044 or emailing info@cqcoal.com.au

Written submissions on the EIS are invited from any person during the submission period, which starts on Monday **6 November 2017** and ends on Monday **18 December 2017**. Submissions should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Central Queensland Coal Project)
GPO Box 2454
Level 9, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4001
or by email to [<eis@ehp.qld.gov.au>](mailto:eis@ehp.qld.gov.au)

A properly made submission is one that:

- is written
- is signed by or for each person ("signatory") who made the submission
- states the name and address of each signatory
- is made to the chief executive
- is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Coordinator (Central Queensland Coal Project) on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or email eis@ehp.qld.gov.au

Please note it is a statutory requirement that all submissions (including names and addresses) will be provided to the proponent as required under section 56 of the EP Act, so that they may consider them and provide a response to EHP. This consultation is a public process, and any submission you provide may be published (including online) and may be transmitted outside of Australia. You may wish to bear this in mind when providing your submission. Your information will not be disclosed by EHP to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.