

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Section 42**Draft terms of reference for an
environmental impact statement****Proposed Saint Elmo Vanadium Project**

Multicom Resources Pty Ltd (the proponent) proposes to develop a shallow open cut mine and associated infrastructure, to facilitate the eventual target production of 50,000 tonnes per year of Vanadium Pentoxide over at least a 30 year mine life. The project would require strip mining of 25 - 30 million tonnes of material per year within Mining Lease Application 100162, located approximately 25 kilometres east of Julia Creek in north west Queensland.

The Department of Environment and Science (the department) has approved an application for the proponent to voluntarily prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

The project is a controlled action (EPBC 2017/8007) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities). 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.

The proponent submitted the draft terms of reference (TOR) for an EIS for the proposal to the department on 22 February 2018.

The draft TOR may be viewed at:

- Department of Environment and Science
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Department of Environment and Science
99 Hospital Road
EMERALD QLD 4720
- Department of Environment and Science
445 Flinders Street
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810
- Julia Creek Library
56 Burke Street
JULIA CREEK QLD 4823
- CityLibraries Aitkenvale
4 Petunia Street
AITKENVALE QLD 4814

This public notice, the draft TOR and a description of the project is available on the department's website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au/management/impact-assessment/eis-processes/current, by contacting the proponent on **0437 119 017** or emailing info@mcres.com.au.

Written comments

The department's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft TOR, within the comment period from **19 March to 2 May 2018**.

Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Science
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Saint Elmo Vanadium Project)
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

or in person at **Level 3, 400 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000**

or by email to eis@des.qld.gov.au

Please note that it is a statutory requirement that all submitted comments on the draft TOR will be forwarded to the proponent for consideration and their provision of a response to the department.

When the EIS is released, public submissions will be invited. For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Coordinator on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or email eis@des.qld.gov.au.

