

# Have your say on a revised draft environmental impact statement

## Environmental impact statement process

The Queensland Coordinator-General has the power to declare a project a 'coordinated project for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required' under section 26(1)(a) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act).

The declaration triggers the requirement for a project proponent to prepare an EIS and submit it to the Coordinator-General. The purpose of an EIS is to examine and address the project's potential direct and indirect environmental, social and economic impacts.

The proponent prepares a draft EIS in accordance with terms of reference set by the Coordinator-General. The draft EIS is released for public and government advisory agency consultation.

The Coordinator-General evaluates the draft EIS and the submissions made during the consultation period, and if required or desirable may require the proponent provide additional information (referred to as the 'revised draft EIS').

Additional information can include:

- corrections, clarification and further information to that provided in the draft EIS—as requested in public and government advisory agency submissions
- results from additional studies requested by government advisory agencies or the Coordinator-General
- a description of any changes or refinements to the project proposed by the proponent since the draft EIS was released.

## Why am I being consulted?

The public and government advisory agencies may be invited to make a submission on whether the revised draft EIS adequately addresses the issues raised in submissions on the draft EIS.

## Where are consultations advertised?

A list of open public consultations is available at <https://haveyoursay.dsd.qld.gov.au>

A public notice also appears in state and local newspapers at the start of the consultation period.

## How do I make a submission?

Follow the instructions on the website above or in the public notice for details about how to make a submission on the revised draft EIS and the consultation closing date. Send your comments online (preferred) or by email, post or fax.

If you are sending your submission by email, post or fax, it is preferred that you complete and send the attached submission form. However, you may provide your written submission in any format that meets the requirements set out **below**.

## Submission checklist

When making a submission:

- clearly state your matter(s) of concern or interest and list points to help with clarity
- reference the relevant section(s) of the draft EIS or revised draft EIS
- provide factual information relied upon and its source
- if you wish, describe any measures you consider would be appropriate to improve the proposal
- provide sketches or diagrams if they assist to clarify your submission
- ensure your submission is legible.

**Note:** Under section 157O of the SDPWO Act, it is an offence to give the Coordinator-General a document that contains information known to be false or misleading.

## 'Properly made' submissions

Under the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General is not obliged to consider a submission that is not 'properly made'. Also, to ensure you have appeal rights under other legislation (e.g. the *Planning Act 2016*), your submission must be 'properly made'.

For a submission to be 'properly made', it must:

- be received on or before the last day of the submission period
- be signed by each person who makes the submission (or submitted online or by email)
- state the name and address of each person who makes the submission
- state the grounds of the submission and facts and circumstances relied on.

## What happens next?

After consultation closes, the Coordinator-General evaluates the revised draft EIS and any submissions received on the revised draft EIS and decides whether to accept the EIS as final. Although it is rare at this stage, the Coordinator-General may require further additional information from the proponent.

When the draft EIS is accepted as final by the Coordinator-General, the Coordinator-General prepares a report evaluating the EIS (CGER) and recommends that the project be either approved or refused.

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# Privacy

The Coordinator-General is authorised to collect personal information under Part 4 of the SDPWO Act. Your personal information will be used for the purpose of evaluating the revised draft EIS and undertaking the performance of functions under the Act and other legislation relevant to the proposed project.

Your personal information will not be disclosed to the project proponent and other government agencies involved in the proposed project, unless disclosure is required by law, or is permitted under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

Documents in the possession or under the control of the Coordinator-General are also subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

## More information

If you have a question about the consultation process, please contact the relevant EIS project manager (see the public notice or the website for contact details).

General information about the Coordinator-General's EIS evaluation process is available at [www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/cg](http://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/cg)

