

Amendment to the Coordinator-General's Report

In February 2008 the Hinze Dam Alliance requested that the Coordinator-General amend a condition of the Hinze Dam Stage 3 Project (HDS3 Project) Coordinator General's Report in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* ("the Proposed Change").

The HDS3 Project sources rock for the dam wall construction from an on-site quarry. The Proposed Change relates to an extension of approved blast times by 30 minutes to allow blasting to occur in the quarry between 5.30pm and 6.00pm. The quarry operation was conditioned in Schedule A of the Coordinator-General's Report at condition number PN13, with blasting times outlined in Table 3. The condition specifies blasting shall be conducted between Monday and Saturday from 9:00am to 5.30pm.

The Proposed Change to the project essentially relates to an extension of time is to improve the safety of operations on site, as the approved blast times only allow 30 minutes for the safety exclusion zone to be cleared of the on-site workers, as the work hours end at 5.00pm.

The Coordinator-General evaluated the change considering the nature of the Proposed Change and its effect on the project and the environmental effects of the Proposed Change. The Coordinator-General concluded that the nature of impacts that may result from the Proposed Change to the project are limited to the range of impacts as assessed in the Coordinator-General's Report of October 2007 and that the impacts of the Proposed Change relating to noise and vibration can be managed effectively through the application of existing conditions, notably Conditions PN1 to PN11 (Emission of Noise) and Condition PN12 to PN14 (Explosive Blasting nuisance) and PN15 to PN18 (Explosive Blasting monitoring).

Conditions for the undertaking of the HDS3 Project in the Coordinator-General's Report of October 2007 continue to apply in addition to the condition amended here. An amendment to Table 3 (Explosive blast design criteria and time limits) referred to in Condition PN13 (Emission of Noise – Explosive Blasting Nuisance) provides for the extension of the specified time to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday.

On 27 March 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency granted the application for a change to the condition of the development approval, by changing Table 3 to reflect the new blasting times of 9.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday.