Proponent information acknowledgment

Prior to receiving this document, the proponent named on page 2 has applied to the Coordinator-General to have a project declared as a 'coordinated project' for which an environmental impact statement or impact assessment report is required, under section 26(1) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* ('the Act').

This document does not constitute legal advice of any nature about the Act or the environmental impact statement (EIS)/impact assessment report (IAR) process, and neither the State nor the Coordinator-General make any representation as to those matters.

By signing this document, you acknowledge that you have been informed of the following:

- 1. The proponent must complete the EIS/IAR process for the declared 'coordinated project' in accordance with Part 4 of the Act. This includes the following:
 - (a) the proponent prepares a draft EIS/IAR to the satisfaction of the Coordinator-General
 - (b) subject to approval by the Coordinator-General, the proponent publicly notifies the draft EIS/IAR
 - (c) advisory agencies and the general public review the draft EIS/IAR
 - (d) if the Coordinator-General requests, in writing, a revised draft EIS/IAR to address matters raised in submissions, the proponent must provide the requested information within the specified timeframe
 - (e) once the Coordinator-General is satisfied that the EIS/IAR is final, a report evaluating the EIS/IAR will be prepared.
- 2. The proponent must pay all applicable fees, as set out in the latest version of the *Overview of fees for Coordinated projects*—available from **www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/cg**
- 3. It is the proponent's responsibility to consider when to refer a project to the Australian Government Department of the Environment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (Cwlth). Information on that process is available from: www.environment.gov.au
- 4. The proponent should note that a Coordinator-General's coordinated project declaration is **not**:
 - (a) an indication of a commitment to or support for the project, either by the Coordinator-General or the Queensland Government
 - (b) in any way a pre-emptive approval of the project
 - (c) an exemption from comprehensive assessment or environmental standards
 - (d) an exemption from the requirement to obtain all necessary approvals under relevant Queensland legislation and to otherwise comply with relevant planning and environmental laws and planning instruments.
- 5. The proponent should avoid using the word 'status' and avoid referring to the project as being 'a state significant project' or 'a project of state significance' as these statements may give the impression the state government is supporting the project.
- 6. The proponent should ensure public statements (including website updates) in relation to the timing and status of the EIS/IAR process are consistent with those of the Coordinator-General.
- 7. In addition to the fees payable in relation to the EIS/IAR process, costs incurred in preparing the EIS/IAR and providing information to the Coordinator-General and the public are entirely the proponent's responsibility.
- 8. All risk associated with preparing and funding the EIS/IAR is the responsibility of the proponent.
- The proponent acknowledges that public EIS/IAR information will be published on the Coordinator-General's website and that information will remain publicly accessible after the conclusion of the EIS/IAR process.



- 10. Under section 27A of the Act, a coordinated project declaration will lapse if the Coordinator-General has not accepted a draft EIS as the final EIS within 18 months of finalisation of the terms of reference for the EIS—unless the Coordinator-General advises the proponent, in writing, that the EIS may be provided later.
- 11.Under section 27B of the Act, a coordinated project declaration will lapse if the Coordinator-General has not accepted a draft IAR as a final IAR within 18 months of the project declaration—unless the Coordinator-General advises the proponent, in writing, that the IAR may be provided later.
- 12. Neither the Coordinator-General nor the State has any obligation whatsoever to ensure the proponent meets its obligations under the Act in relation to the EIS/IAR process and the lapsing of a coordinated project declaration.
- 13. Once the Coordinator-General approves a draft EIS/IAR (under section 33(1) or 34H(2) of the Act) or a final EIS/IAR (under section 34(a)(1)(b) or 34I(1)(b) of the Act), neither the proponent or its consultants may amend the approved documentation unless the Coordinator-General provides permission in writing.
- 14.Under section 35A(1)(a) of the Act, the Coordinator-General's report evaluating the EIS/IAR for the project will lapse three years after the report is publicly notified unless the remaining provisions of section 35A of the Act relevantly apply.
- 15. Under section 157O of the Act, a person must not, in relation to the performance of the Coordinator-General's functions, give the Coordinator-General a document containing information the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

I acknowledge and declare that:

- (a) I have been made aware of the above information relating to the proponent's request for the Coordinator-General to consider declaring the proposed project to be a 'coordinated project' under section 26 of the SDPWO Act, and
- (b) I am a director, executive officer or representative duly authorised to make the acknowledgments contained in this document on behalf of the proponent.

Printed name of authorised representative	
Position	
Proponent company/organisation	
Name of project	
Signature	
Date	