Annexure F Correspondence from Coordinator-General dated 5 June 2015



Office of the Coordinator-General

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Constitutional and Administrative Law Crown Law 50 Ann Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear

I refer to your request made on 4 June 2015 in relation to the review of the EIS process for the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 project, seeking a letter identifying all documents in relation to my consideration of the additional information to the environmental impact statement (AEIS) submissions.

The AEIS submissions are material that I consider as part of my evaluation of the EIS. You may appreciate that, generally, EIS documents are large and complex documents and they quite often generate a large number of submissions. As a result, my evaluation of the EIS occurs over a long period of time and culminates in the preparation of a Coordinator-General's Report on the EIS.

During my time in office, I have held weekly meetings with project managers across the office of the Coordinator-General. At those meetings, the project managers update me on project progress. We discuss any issues arising and decide how to proceed. Throughout the EIS process for the New Acland Stage 3 project, specific updates were generally provided to me weekly by the project manager from Coordinated Project Delivery (CPD).

The analysis of AEIS submissions occurred from late September 2014 to December 2014. During that time, the project manager provided updates to me about matters such as key submission themes and the consideration of submissions in the drafting of the project's Coordinator-General's Report. The following identifies the particular documents provided to Crown Law:

- CPD processed the 614 AEIS submissions into a database (record number 11-0697, provided to Crown Law on 1 May 2015) (copy attached). CPD analysed each submission and documented issues raised. Statistics were also produced on matters including topics raised and frequency of how often they were mentioned.
- Record 12-0027, previously provided to Crown Law on 1 May 2015 (copy attached), confirms a meeting was held on 3 December 2014 between me and officers from CPD to discuss the submissions received on the AEIS. To assist my consideration of the AEIS submissions, CPD provided me with statistical analysis of submissions by topic and frequency of mention (see record 12-0027).
- Following analysis of the AEIS submissions, CPD's EIS project manager and social impacts project manager requested further information from the proponent about matters raised in AEIS submissions from members of the public and agencies. Examples of one such request from CPD is attached (record number 11-0745), provided to Crown Law on 15 May 2015.
- Responses to CPD's information requests made during October to December 2014 were compiled by the proponent into the document 'Information Clarification to the AEIS'. This document is available online at www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/newacland. It was provided to me as attachment 2 of the briefing note for the decision on the Coordinator-General's Report on the EIS for the New Acland Stage 3 project (copy provided to Crown Law on 1 May 2015 as record number 12-0670 (attachment 2) and 12-0668 (briefing note for decision). The document includes responses to AEIS submission questions.

Should your require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Coordinator-General

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