

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52 **Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** **Proposed Isaac Downs Project**

An EIS for the proposed Isaac Downs Project (the Project) has been prepared by Stanmore IP South Pty Ltd (the proponent), a wholly owned subsidiary of Stanmore Coal Limited (Stanmore). The Project is an open cut steel making (metallurgical) coal project, mining approximately 35 million tonnes over 16 years. The Project would be located approximately 145 kilometres south-west of Mackay and 10 kilometres south-east of Moranbah, Queensland, in the Bowen Basin coal field. The Project is located on mining lease application (MLA) 700046, MLA 700047 and MLA 700048, covering an area of 2,366 hectares. The Project comprises a single open cut mining pit, run of mine coal haul road, linear water and power infrastructure, access road, run of mine coal pad, flood levee and mine infrastructure area. The proponent will, subject to agreement, utilise existing infrastructure at the adjacent Isaac Plains Mine for coal processing, rejects management, coal raiiling, power supply and water management. Coal will be railed to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal. The Project would employ approximately 250 people during construction and about 300 people during the operations phase.

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)

Application was made by the proponent under section 70 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) for a voluntary EIS for the Isaac Downs Project. Under section 72 of the EP Act, it was determined that assessment of the Isaac Downs Project would be by EIS.

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

The Project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2019/8413) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 18 & 18A (listed threatened species and communities) and sections 24D & 24E (a water resource, in relation to a large coal mining development or coal seam gas development) of the EPBC Act. 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 Australian and Queensland governments for the purpose of the Australian Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

A copy of the EIS can be inspected at:

Department of Environment and Science
Floor 3, 400 George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

The EIS can also be viewed online at https://stanmorecoal.com.au/project/isaac_downs. Electronic copies can be ordered by phoning the proponent on (07) 32381000 or emailing info@stanmorecoal.com.au. Persons with special needs may ask for assistance in accessing the material by phoning or emailing the proponent using the above contact details. Written submissions in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period. The submission period commences on **9 March 2020** and concludes on **21 April 2020**.

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Science
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Isaac Downs Project)
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001
Level 9, 400 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000
Or by email to eis@des.qld.gov.au.

A properly made submission is one that:

- is written
- is signed by or for each person ("signatory") who made the submission
- states the name and address of each signatory
- is made to the chief executive
- is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

For further information regarding the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS coordinator Isaac Downs on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or email eis@des.qld.gov.au.

Privacy Statement

Please note it is a statutory requirement that all submissions (including names and addresses) will be provided to the proponent as required under section 56 of the EP Act, so that they may consider them and provide a response to the department. This consultation is a public process, and any submission you provide may be published (including online) and may be transmitted outside of Australia. You may wish to bear this in mind when providing your submission. Your information will not be disclosed by the department to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.