

## Public Notice

### *Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52*

### **Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

### **Proposed Ensham Life of Mine Extension Project**

An EIS for the proposed Ensham Life of Mine Extension Project (the proposed project, hereafter referred to as 'the Project') has been prepared on behalf of the Ensham Joint Venture Partners: Bligh Coal Limited (ACN 010186393), Idemitsu Australia Resources Pty Limited (ACN 010236272), and Bowen Investment (Australia) Pty Limited (ACN 002806831) who are the proponents of the Project. The Project would be located in the western part of the central Bowen Basin approximately 200 kilometres west of Rockhampton and 35 kilometres east of Emerald. The proponents propose to develop the Project to extend the operating life of the existing underground bord and pillar operations at the Ensham Mine by up to nine years to approximately 2037, with underground decommissioning/rehabilitation expected to be completed by 2039. The Project covers an area of approximately 2,737 hectares in an area identified in the EIS as the Project Site commencing from within Mining Lease (ML) 7459, ML 70326, ML 70365 and ML 70366 to an area west of ML 70365 within part of Mineral Development Licence 217 (MLA 700061).

The Project would continue to produce thermal coal at current planned production rates of approximately 4.5 million tonnes per annum of run of mine coal. As the Project is a continuation of the existing underground bord and pillar mine operations, existing underground and surface infrastructure located on the existing approved MLs will be utilised and no material surface construction activities are required for the Project.

#### ***Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)***

Application was made by the proponents under section 70 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (EP Act) for a voluntary assessment by EIS for the Ensham Life of Mine Extension Project. Under section 72 of the EP Act, it was determined that assessment of the Ensham Life of Mine Project would be by EIS.

***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth) The Project was determined to be a controlled action*** (EPBC 2020/8669) 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.

The EIS can be viewed online at <https://www.idemitsu.com.au/mining/projects/ensham-life-of-mine-extension-project/>. Electronic copies can be obtained by downloading documents from the Project website. Any enquiries about the EIS documents can be made to by emailing [enquiries@idemitsu.com.au](mailto:enquiries@idemitsu.com.au) or by phoning Idemitsu on 1800 290 620. Persons with special needs may also ask for assistance in accessing the material by phoning or emailing Idemitsu 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 27 April 2021 and concludes on 8 June 2021.

#### **Submissions should be addressed to:**

The Chief Executive  
Department of Environment and Science  
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Ensham Life of Mine Extension Project)  
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001  
Level 9, 400 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000  
Or by email to [eis@des.qld.gov.au](mailto: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 Ensham Life of Mine Extension Project on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or email [eis@des.qld.gov.au](mailto: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 proponents 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.