

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Public Notice
Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Section 42
Draft terms of reference for an environmental impact statement (EIS)-
Proposed Styx Coal Project

Styx Coal Pty Ltd and Fairway Coal Pty Ltd, both wholly owned subsidiaries of Mineralogy Pty Ltd, propose to develop a greenfield open-cut coal mine and associated project infrastructure which would involve the extraction of up to ten million tonnes per year of run-of-mine thermal and coking coal over a life of 20 to 25 years. The relevant mining tenures are mining lease application 80178. The EIS will consider a number of options for a new haul road and train load out facility to transport coal via existing North Coast Rail Line to ports. The proposed project would be located approximately 130 kilometres northwest of Rockhampton in the Styx Basin in Central Queensland.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) approved an application for Fairway Coal Pty Ltd to voluntarily prepare an EIS for the project under the EP Act.

The project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2016/7851) under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 12 and 15A (World Heritage properties), 15B and 15C (National Heritage places), 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities), 20 and 20A (listed migratory species), 24B and 24C (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park) and 24D and 24E (A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development). 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 Commonwealth and Queensland governments for the purposes of the Commonwealth Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

Fairway Coal Pty Ltd has prepared and submitted the draft terms of reference (TOR) for an EIS for the proposal to EHP.

The draft TOR may be viewed at:

- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Level 2, 209 Bolsover Street
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
99 Hospital Road
EMERALD QLD 4702
- St Lawrence Library
22 Railway Parade
ST LAWRENCE QLD 4707

Written comments

EHP's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft TOR, within the comment period from **10 April 2017 to close of business 8 June 2017**. Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Styx Coal Project)
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001
or by email to eis@ehp.qld.gov.au

When the EIS is released, public submissions will be invited. For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS coordinator on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or email eis@ehp.qld.gov.au.

Privacy statement

EHP is collecting the information provided in comments for consideration in the EIS process. All comments (including names and addresses) will be provided to the proponent as required under section 44 of the EP Act, so that they may consider them and provide a response to EHP. This consultation is a public process, and any comments 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 comments. Your information will not be disclosed by EHP to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.