

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Section 42**Draft terms of reference for an environmental impact statement
Proposed Isaac Downs Project**

STANMORE IP SOUTH PTY LTD (IP South), a wholly owned subsidiary of STANMORE COAL LIMITED (Stanmore) proposes to develop the Isaac Downs Project within an area of approximately 2,366 hectares covered by EPC 755, EPC 728, MDL 137 and EPC 548. The proposed project area 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 an open cut metallurgical (steel making) coal project mining a total of approximately 35 million tonnes over 16 years. 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.

IP South will, subject to agreement with STANMORE IP COAL PTY LTD (a separate subsidiary of Stanmore), utilise existing approved infrastructure at the adjacent Isaac Plains Mine for coal processing, rejects management, coal railing, power supply and water management.

Construction of the mine is proposed to commence in early 2021, with mining operations commencing mid-2021. The proposed project would employ approximately 250 people during construction and approximately 300 people during the operations phase.

On 6 March 2019 IP South submitted an application for a voluntary environmental impact statement (EIS), which was approved by the Department of Environment and Science (DES) on 5 April 2019.

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 Commonwealth and Queensland governments for the purposes of the Commonwealth Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

IP South has submitted the draft terms of reference (TOR) for an EIS for the proposal to DES on 3 June 2019.

The draft TOR may be viewed at:

- Department of Environment and Science
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Dudley Denny City Library (Mackay Regional Council Library)
134 Victoria Street
MACKAY QLD 4740
- Moranbah Library
Grosvenor Complex Batchelor Parade, Town Square
MORANBAH QLD 4744

This public notice, the draft TOR and a description of the project is on the DES website at www.des.qld.gov.au, by contacting the proponent on 07 3238 1000, or emailing info@stanmorecoal.com.au

Written comments

The department's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft TOR, within the comment period from 1 July 2019 to 5pm 9 August 2019. Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Science
Attention: The EIS Coordinator – (Isaac Downs Project)
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

or in person at Level 3, 400 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000,

or by email to eis@des.qld.gov.au

Privacy Statement

The department 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 the department. 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 the department to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.

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@des.qld.gov.au

