

Public Notice  
*Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52*  
Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
Proposed Bauxite Hills Project

An EIS for the proposed Bauxite Hills Project (the Project) has been prepared by Aldoga Minerals Pty Ltd's (Aldoga), a wholly owned subsidiary of Metro Mining Limited. The Project would be located on the western coastline of Cape York, Queensland, approximately 35 kilometres (km) northeast of Mapoon. The Project, on mining lease applications (MLA) MLA20676, MLA20689, MLA20688, MLA100047, MLA100048 and MLA100051, would include an open cut operation, haul roads, barge loading facility, transshipping and would produce and transport up to 5 million tonnes per annum of ore over 12 years. Bauxite would be transported by barge via the Skardon River to the transshipment site, approximately 12 km offshore, and loaded into ocean going vessels and shipped to customers. The construction of the mine is due to commence early in 2017 and the first shipment of bauxite is planned for late 2017. It estimated that 75 employees will be required during construction and 254 during peak operations.

***Environment Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)***

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) accepted Aldoga's application for an environmental authority for bauxite mining on 17 August 2015. On 2 September 2015 EHP decided that an EIS would be required to properly assess the application.

***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)***

On 18 September 2015, the Department of the Environment determined the proposed project to be a controlled action (EPBC 2015/7538) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities), and sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species), and sections 23 and 24A (Commonwealth marine areas). 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 purposes 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 & Heritage Protection  
Floor 3, 400 George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Weipa Town Council Library Service  
Hibberd Library  
WEIPA QLD 4874
- Department of Environment & Heritage Protection  
5b Sheridan Street  
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Electronic copies of the EIS are available online via the project website [Metro Mining Limited - Bauxite Hills Project](#). The EIS can be provided on request by telephoning (07)3009 8000 or emailing [info@metromining.com.au](mailto:info@metromining.com.au). Please note that a charge may apply for the cost of reproducing copies of the EIS. Further information can be obtained from Metro Mining - contact details above.

Written submissions in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period. The submission period commences on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and ends on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. Submissions should be addressed to:

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

**A properly made submission is one that:**

- is written
- is signed by or for each person ('signatory') who has made a 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.

**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. Your information will not be disclosed by EHP to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.