

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52

Public Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Foxleigh Plains Project

An EIS has been prepared on behalf of the Foxleigh Joint Venture for the Foxleigh Plains Project. The project is an extension of the existing Foxleigh open cut coal mine. It involves extension of open cut mining operations into the project site and will extend the life of Foxleigh Mine by approximately 15 years. The project will also enable an increase in production to approximately 4 million tonnes per year (Mt/y) of Run-of-Mine (RoM) coal, yielding approximately 3.2 Mt/y of high grade pulverised coal injection (PCI) coal for export.

The project site is located in the central region of the Bowen Basin, approximately 95 km north-east of Emerald and 5 km south-east of Middlemount. The project site adjoins the northern boundary of the existing Foxleigh Mine and comprises the mining lease applications (MLA) 70429, 70430 and 70431.

Coal is intended to be mined using the same open cut mining methods employed at Foxleigh Mine, utilising and expanding upon the existing Foxleigh Mine workforce and equipment fleet. The project will comprise two mining areas and will require establishment of mine infrastructure including haul and access roads, a mine industrial area, RoM coal stockpile areas and water management structures. RoM coal extracted from the project site will be transported via new and existing haul roads to the existing Foxleigh Mine Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) for washing and processing. Tailings generated from processing Foxleigh Plains coal at the CHPP will be pumped to the existing Foxleigh Mine in-pit tailings storage area. Coarse reject material will be stored within available mine voids at Foxleigh Mine. The Foxleigh Mine tailings and reject storage areas have sufficient capacity to store the additional life of mine reject material generated by the project. Product coal will be transported from the CHPP to the Foxleigh Mine train load out facility at German Creek Mine, via the existing privately owned haul road. The Foxleigh Mine train load out facility has sufficient capacity to load product coal from the expanded operations and no upgrading of this facility is required as part of the project. Product coal from the project will be transported by rail from the existing train load out facility to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal for export. No upgrade of the rail or port facilities will be required.

The EIS has been prepared to support key State and Commonwealth government approvals for the project, including an application for an amendment to the existing Foxleigh Mine Environmental Authority, mining leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

The project is a controlled action under the EPBC Act. The State's EIS process has been accredited for the assessment under Part 8 of the EPBC Act in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Queensland (2004). The controlling provisions are sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities).

A copy of the EIS may be viewed at the locations listed below:

- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Level 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Level 2, 209 Bolsover Street
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700
- Middlemount Library
Middlemount Shopping Mall
MIDDLEMOUNT QLD 4746
- Anglo American Metallurgical Coal Pty Ltd
Level 11, 201 Charlotte St
BRISBANE QLD 4000

An electronic copy of the EIS is available on Hansen Bailey's website www.hansenbailey.com.au. A CD copy of the EIS may be obtained by contacting Hansen Bailey on (07) 3226 0900 or admin@hansenbailey.com.au.

Written comments in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period.

The submission period commences Monday 4 June 2012 and concludes at close of business on Monday 16 July 2012. Please address written comments to:

The EIS Co-ordinator, Foxleigh Plains Project
Statewide Environmental Assessments
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001 email: eis@derm.qld.gov.au

The Chief Executive will accept all properly made submissions, and may accept written submissions even if they are not properly made. Please note that it is a statutory requirement that all submitted comments will be forwarded to the proponent so that they may consider them and provide a response to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

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; and
- 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 on 13 QGOV (13 7468).



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