

# Department of Environment and Science

## Public Notice

### ***Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Section 42***

## **Draft terms of reference for an environmental impact statement (EIS) – Proposed Aurukun Bauxite Project**

GLENCORE BAUXITE RESOURCES PTY LIMITED (Glencore) proposes to develop the Aurukun Bauxite Project. The proposed project would be located 23km north-east of Aurukun and 35km south of Weipa in western Cape York. The project site is approximately 27,000 hectares covered by mineral development lease 2001 held by the proponent and overlapping part of mining lease 7024 held by RTA Weipa Pty Ltd.

The project would involve the development of a new open-cut bauxite mine and associated infrastructure. Up to 15 million tonnes a year of run-of-mine bauxite ore would be mined to produce approximately 8 million dry tonnes per annum of product bauxite. The mine life would be approximately 22 years. Product bauxite would be transported by road train to a coastal loading facility 15km to the west of the mine and transhipped to bulk carriers 18km offshore. Maps of the proposed project and location are available in the Initial Advice Statement on the Queensland Government website at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au) (search for Aurukun EIS).

On 26 June 2018 Glencore submitted a voluntary EIS application, which was approved by the department on 21 February 2020.

The project is a controlled action (EPBC/2020/8624) 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), sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species) and sections 23 and 24A (a commonwealth marine area) of the EPBC Act. The EIS process will assess the potential impacts of the project on the controlling provisions as an accredited assessment process under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

Glencore submitted the draft terms of reference (TOR) for an EIS for the proposal to the Department of Environment and Science (the department) on 19 June 2020.

The **draft TOR**, this public notice and a description of the project is available online on the Queensland Government's website at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au) (search for Aurukun EIS), by contacting Hansen Bailey on 07 3226 0900, or emailing [admin@hansenbailey.com.au](mailto:admin@hansenbailey.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 6 July 2020 to close of business on 17 August 2020. Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive  
Department of Environment and Science  
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Proposed Aurukun Bauxite Project)  
GPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Written comments can also be emailed to [eis@des.qld.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:eis@des.qld.gov.au).



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