

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Section 42

Draft terms of reference for an environmental impact statement (EIS) Proposed Dingo West Coal Mine Project

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), in accordance with Section 43 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, is advertising the draft terms of reference (TOR) for carrying out an EIS for the Dingo Coal Mine Project (the project).

The proponent for the project is Dingo West Coal Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bandanna Energy Limited.

The proponent seeks to develop and operate a new open-cut coal mine in the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland. The project is situated approximately six kilometres west of Dingo and 120 kilometres east of Emerald and will encompass mining lease application (MLA) 80180, which has a size of 4649.7 hectares.

The project proposes mining an estimated coal resource of 91.1 million tonnes with a projected production of up to 1.4 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of run-of-mine (ROM) coal and approximately 1.0 mtpa of product coal over a 30 year period. The coal is expected to be pulverised coal injection (PCI) coal and high energy thermal coal and would be exported to international markets.

The project would consist of:

- site access and haul roads
- a rail loop and train loading facilities
- an enclosed conveyor located over the Capricorn Highway
- ROM and product coal stockpiles
- a coal handling and preparation plant
- a mine infrastructure area including administration buildings, storage areas and workshops
- a co-disposal area for rejects and tailings
- various sediment, raw water, mine water and tailings dams
- flood protection levees
- surface water management systems
- three open pits
- a package potable water treatment plant
- a sewage treatment plant
- an accommodation camp designed to house a maximum of 220 persons during construction and 120 during operation.

The preferred mining method would be blasting of overburden and interburden. Overburden, interburden and coal would be removed using a combination of shovels, excavators, frontend loaders and trucks. Overburden and interburden would initially be used for construction activities and backfilling of pits and would eventually be stored in an out-of-pit spoil dump. The project proposes the progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas following mining activities.

Anticipated environmental impacts of the project would include loss of vegetation and habitat, loss of good quality agricultural land suitable for grazing (class C2) and groundwater impacts through mine dewatering.

In accordance with section 41 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, Dingo West Coal Pty Ltd has prepared and submitted TOR for carrying out an EIS for the proposal to the DERM's chief executive.

A **copy of the draft TOR** may be viewed at:

Department of Environment and Resource Management
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 400

Dingo Public Library
Normanby Street
DINGO QLD 4702

Department of Environment and Resource Management
99 Hospital Road
EMERALD QLD 4720

Emerald Public Library
44 Borilla Street
EMERALD QLD 4720

This public notice, the draft TOR and an initial advice statement describing the project are also available on DERM's website <www.derm.qld.gov.au>, or by contacting the Dingo West Coal Mine Project EIS coordinator on 13 QGOV (13 74 68). Copies can also be obtained from Bandanna Energy Limited <www.bandannaenergy.com.au>, by email <info@bandannaenergy.com.au> or by calling (07) 3041 4400.

Written submissions

DERM's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft TOR from **Thursday 8 December 2011 until Wednesday 8 February 2012**. Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Dingo West Coal Mine Project)
GPO Box 2454, BRISBANE QLD 4001
Level 8, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

or by email to <eis@derm.qld.gov.au>.

Please note that it is a statutory requirement that all submitted comments will be forwarded to the proponent for consideration and their provision of a response DERM.

When the EIS is complete, further public submissions will be invited. For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS coordinator by calling 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or emailing <eis@derm.qld.gov.au>.