

## Public Notice

### *Environmental Protection Act 1994* – Section 46

### Final Terms of Reference for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Drake Coal Project

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), in accordance with Section 46 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, has **finalised the terms of reference** (TOR) for carrying out an environmental impact statement for the Drake Coal Project. The proponent for the project is Drake Coal Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of QCoal Pty Ltd. The project site (within Exploration Permit for Coal (EPC) 586) would be located within the Bowen Basin, approximately 150 km north-west of Mackay and 17 km south of Collinsville, in the Whitsunday Regional Council area, central Queensland. The open-cut mine would use conventional truck and excavator methods to produce up to 10 million tonnes of run of mine coal per year for up to 25 years with the possibility of extension based on the results of ongoing exploration.

The final TOR is available on the DERM website <[www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au)> or by contacting the Drake Coal Project EIS Coordinator on 13 74 68 (13 QGOV).

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