

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52 Public Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Grosvenor Project

An EIS has been prepared on behalf of Anglo Coal (Grosvenor) Pty Ltd for the Grosvenor Project. The project involves the development of a greenfield underground coal mine producing up to 7 million tonnes per year (Mt/y) of run-of-mine (ROM) coal, processed to produce approximately 5 Mt/y of high grade coking coal for export.

The project site, as detailed on the application for mining lease application (MLA) 70378, is located within the northern region of the Bowen Basin, approximately 150 km south-west of Mackay. Moranbah is immediately to the south of the proposed mining lease and the north-western boundary adjoins the existing Moranbah North Mine. The Grosvenor Project is expected to operate for approximately 30 years.

Coal is intended to be mined by the longwall method. Surface facilities are to be located along the western side of MLA 70378 parallel to Goonyella Road and north of the existing Blair Athol rail line. A new overland conveyor is intended to transport coal from the Grosvenor site to the existing coal handling and preparation plant (CHPP) on the adjacent Moranbah North Mine where it would be washed. New ROM and product coal stockpiles are required at the CHPP. Tailings and coarse rejects from the CHPP are proposed to be deposited in an expanded co-disposal area at the Moranbah North Mine. Product coal from the Grosvenor Mine is to be transported by rail from the existing Moranbah North Mine rail load-out facilities to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal for export. No upgrade of the rail or port facilities would be required.

It is expected that mining would result in the subsidence of overlying surface areas, including land currently accommodating a section of the Blair Athol rail line, and a section of the rail line may need to be permanently relocated. The EIS assesses any consequential changes to operations at the Moranbah North Mine and options for relocating the rail.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

The project is a controlled action under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (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 Resource Management
Level 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Department of Environment and Resource Management
99 Hospital Road
EMERALD QLD 4720
- Moranbah Town Library
Grosvenor Complex, Bachelor Parade
MORANBAH QLD 4356
- 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 14 February 2011 and concludes at close of business on Friday 25 March 2011.

Please address written comments to:

The EIS Co-ordinator, Grosvenor Project
Environment and Natural Resource Regulation Division
Department of Environment and Resource Management
GPO Box 2454
Level 8, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4001

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 DERM.

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
- 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 74 68) or <eis@derm.qld.gov.au>.