

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52

Public notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Proposed Millennium Expansion Project

The proponent for the Millennium Expansion Project (MEP) is Millennium Coal Pty Limited (MCPL)—an owned subsidiary of Peabody Energy Australia Pty Limited. The project is located in the Bowen Basin 22 kilometres (km) east of Moranbah and 16 km south-west of Coppabella within the Isaac Regional Council area. The MEP proposal is located within Mining Lease (ML) 70313, ML Application 70401 and Mineral Development Licence 136.

The proponent seeks to extend its current open-cut hard coking coal mining operation and increase the existing run of mine (ROM) coal extraction rate from 1.9 million tonnes per year (Mt/y) to 5.5 Mt/y, to produce up to 3.6 Mt/y of product coal for export. This estimated increase would extend the current mine life for a further 17 years from when the environmental approvals would be granted.

The MEP proposes to continue the existing open-cut truck and excavator terrace mining methods, though the use of electric shovels and/or a dragline which may be considered at a later stage in the life of the mine. Water would be sourced from the Burdekin Dam via the Burdekin Pipeline and water collected on-site from the West Dam catchment. Coal would be crushed, sized and washed on-site through the existing coal handling and processing plant on ML 70312. The size of current ROM and product stockpile areas would be increased to meet the additional throughput. Product coal would be railed to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal for export to international markets. The MEP may require an upgrade to the current high-voltage power supply if electrically powered mining equipment is introduced. Accommodation facilities would be provided for construction and operational contractors and personnel at the MAC Coppabella Accommodation Camp. Additional staff may be housed at the MAC Moranbah Accommodation Village. Mine personnel would also have the opportunity to relocate to Moranbah.

The proponent applied for, and has been granted, approval to prepare a voluntary environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project.

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 (2009). The controlling provisions are Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities).

A copy of **the EIS can be inspected** at the following locations:

Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)
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 4419

Nebo Library
Reynolds Street
Nebo Qld 4742

Peabody Energy Australia Pty Limited
Level 13, BOQ Centre
259 Queens Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

An electronic copy can be obtained from Peabody Energy Australia Pty Limited's website <www.peabodyenergy.com.au> or purchased on CD at a cost (per copy) of \$10.00 by contacting Millennium Coal Pty Limited on:

- phone: (07) 3225 5500
- email: <millenniumexpansionproject@peabodyenergy.com>
- mail (postage paid): Millennium Expansion Project EIS, Millennium Coal Pty Limited, GPO Box 164, Brisbane, Qld, 4001.

Written comments in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period. **The submission period starts 20 December 2010 and ends at close of business 21 February 2011.** Please address written comments to:

The EIS Coordinator—Millennium Expansion Project
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Environment and Natural Resource Regulation Division
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane Qld 4001

The chief executive will accept all properly made submissions and may accept written submissions even if they are not properly made. 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.
- Please note that it is a statutory requirement that all submissions be forwarded to the proponent so that they may consider them and provide a response to DERM.

For further information regarding the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Coordinator on 13 74 68 (13 QGOV).