

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Section 46

Final terms of reference for an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Newlands Coal Extension 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 Newlands Coal Extension Project (the project).

The proponent now has the opportunity to prepare an EIS based on the final TOR.

The project would involve the extension of operations of the existing Newlands coal mine and associated infrastructure.

The proponent for the project is Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd on behalf of an unincorporated joint venture of Xstrata Coal Queensland, Itochu Coal Resources Australia, ICRA NCA and Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Ltd. The project site is located in the northern Bowen Basin near Glenden, approximately 140 km west of Mackay.

The final TOR is available for download on DERM's website **www.derm.qld.gov.au** or by contacting the Newlands Coal Extension Project EIS coordinator on 13 QGOV (13 74 68).