

## Public Notice

### ***Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Sections 51 & 52***

#### **Public notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Proposed Cannington Life Extension Project**

An EIS for the proposed Cannington Life Extension Project has been prepared by BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd (BHP Billiton Cannington). The lead, zinc and silver mine is situated on the Trepell Special Lease, approximately 140 km south of Cloncurry. The project will be undertaken within the boundaries of the current mining lease (ML 90059) and the mining lease for water extraction (ML 90060).

The proposed project involves progressively converting part of the current underground mining operation to an open cut mining operation. This would result in an extended mining life of up to four years, to 2023. Processing throughput will increase from 3.4 million tonnes a year (Mt/y) to approximately 4 Mt/y with an average annual concentrate production of 415 000 tonnes.

Additional changes to the current operation would include increased water and power usage, relocation of some surface infrastructure facilities, a waste rock dump, an open pit void, expanded tailings storage facility, and the diversion of an adjacent watercourse. No changes are proposed or required at the Yurbi railhead loading facility, which will adequately support the project. It is anticipated that the Cannington Townsville port facility has adequate capacity, and that there will be no change to port infrastructure.

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

- Customer Referral Centre  
Department of Environment and Resource Management  
Level 3, 400 George Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Mt Isa Office  
Department of Environment and Resource Management  
Corner Camooweal and Mary Streets, MT ISA QLD 4825
- Cloncurry Municipal Library  
Corner Scarr and King Streets  
CLONCURRY QLD 4824
- BHP Billiton (Cannington)  
Level 6, Northtown Building, 280 Flinders Street Mall  
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

An electronic copy of the EIS can be obtained from the BHP Billiton Cannington website at <[www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/ourBusinesses/baseMetals/cannington.jsp](http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/ourBusinesses/baseMetals/cannington.jsp)>.

A printed copy or CD can be obtained by contacting Mr Mark Daniell, BHP Billiton Cannington on telephone (07) 4722 5837 or 1800 025 377, or by mail at PO Box 5874, Townsville QLD 4810.

This public notice, the final terms of reference and an initial advice statement describing the project are available on the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) web site <[www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au)>.

#### **Written comments**

DERM's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft EIS starting on **Monday 12 July 2010 and concluding at close of business on Monday 23 August 2010**.

Please address written comments to:

The EIS Co-ordinator, Cannington Life Extension Project  
Environment and Natural Resource Regulation Division  
Department of Environment and Resource Management  
GPO Box 2454  
Level 7, 400 George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

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.

For further information regarding the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Co-ordinator on 1300 130 372.