

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 - Section 46

Final Terms of Reference for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rolleston Coal Expansion 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 Rolleston Coal Expansion Project (the project).

The proponent for the project is the Rolleston Coal Joint Venture whose joint venture partners comprise Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd (75 per cent), Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Ltd (12.5 per cent) and Itochu Coal Resources Australia RPW Pty Ltd (12.5 per cent).

The proponent seeks to expand the existing Rolleston Coal Mine (the mine) located in the Bowen Basin, Central Highlands Regional Council area in Central Queensland. The mine is situated 16 km west of Rolleston, approximately 270 km west of Gladstone and 120 km south-east of Emerald. The proposed expansion will encompass Mining Lease Application (MLA) 70415, MLA 70416 and a proposed Springwood MLA.

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

The final TOR is available on the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au> or by contacting the Rolleston Coal Expansion Project EIS Coordinator on 13 QGOV (13 74 68).