

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Section 42

Public notice of draft terms of reference for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Proposed Grosvenor Coal Mine Project

The proponent for the Grosvenor Project is Anglo Coal (Grosvenor) Pty Ltd. The project would involve developing a greenfield underground coal mine producing up to 7 million tonnes a year (Mt/y) of run-of-mine (ROM) coal, which would be processed to produce approximately 5 Mt/y of coking coal for export.

The project site, as detailed on the application for Mining Lease (ML) 70378, is located within the northern region of the Bowen Basin, approximately 190 kilometres south-west of Mackay. The town of Moranbah is immediately to the south of the proposed mining lease, while the north-western boundary adjoins the Moranbah North mining lease. It is expected to operate for approximately 30 years.

The Grosvenor mine surface facilities would be located along the western side of ML70378, parallel to Goonyella Road and north of the existing Blair Athol rail line. Coal would be mined by the longwall method. A new overland conveyor would transport coal to the existing coal handling and preparation plant (CHPP) on the adjacent Moranbah North Mine, where it would be crushed, sized and washed. New ROM and product coal stockpiles would be required at the CHPP. Tailings and coarse rejects from the CHPP would be deposited in an enlarged co-disposal area at the Moranbah North Mine. Product coal from the Grosvenor Mine would be transported by rail from the existing Moranbah North Mine rail load-out facilities to the Abbot Point 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, which may require permanent relocation. The environmental impact statement (EIS) would assess any consequential changes to operations at Moranbah North and options for relocating the rail line.

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).

In accordance with section 41 of the EP Act, Anglo Coal (Grosvenor) Pty Ltd has prepared and submitted a draft terms of reference (ToR) for carrying out an EIS for the proposal to the Department of Environment and Resource Management's (DERM) chief executive.

A **copy of the draft ToR** may be viewed at:

Department of Environment and Resource Management
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Department of Environment and Resource Management
99 Hospital Road
EMERALD QLD 4720

Moranbah Library
Town Square
MORANBAH QLD 4744

Anglo Coal (Grosvenor) Pty Ltd
Level 11, 201 Charlotte Street
BRISBANE QLD 4001

This public notice, the draft ToR and an initial advice statement describing the project are also available on DERM's website: www.derm.qld.gov.au or copies can be obtained from Hansen Bailey on (07) 3226 0900.

Written submissions

DERM's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft ToR, within the **comment period starting on Monday 19 April 2010 and closing on Wednesday 9 June 2010**. Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Attention: The EIS Co-ordinator (Grosvenor Project)
GPO Box 2454
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.

When the draft EIS is complete, public submissions will be invited. For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Co-ordinator on 1300 130 372.