

# Have your say on an Environmental impact statement

## Environmental impact statement process

Queensland's Coordinator-General has the power to declare a project a 'coordinated project for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required' under Part 4, section 26(a) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act).

The declaration triggers the requirement for a project proponent to prepare an EIS and submit it to the Coordinator-General. The purpose of an EIS is to examine and address the project's potential direct and indirect environmental, social and economic impacts.

Once the Coordinator-General decides the EIS is acceptable, it is released for public and state government advisory agency consultation for a six-week period.

## Why am I being consulted?

The public and government advisory agencies are invited to make a submission on the EIS, including the project's potential environmental impacts and the effectiveness of measures the proponent proposes to manage those impacts.

## Where are consultations advertised?

A list of open public consultations is available at <http://haveyoursay.dsdip.qld.gov.au>

A public notice also appears in state and local newspapers at the start of the consultation process.

## How do I make a submission?

Visit <http://haveyoursay.dsdip.qld.gov.au> or read the public notice for details about how to make a submission and the consultation closing date. You can make a submission using one of the following methods:

- **Online**—visit <http://haveyoursay.dsdip.qld.gov.au>
- **Email, post or fax**—refer to the public notice or the above website for details.

If you are sending your submission by email, post or fax, you may either complete and send the attached submission form or provide a written submission that meets the requirements set out on the next page.

## Submission checklist

When making a submission:

- clearly state the matter(s) of concern or interest and list points to help with clarity
- reference the relevant section(s) of the EIS
- provide factual information relied upon and its source
- describe the measure you consider would be appropriate to improve the proposal
- provide sketches or diagrams if they assist to clarify your submission
- ensure your submission is legible.

**Note:** Under section 157O of the SDPWO Act, it is an offence to give the Coordinator-General a document that contains information known to be false or misleading.

## ‘Properly made’ submissions

Under the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General is not obliged to consider a submission that is not ‘properly made’. Also, to ensure you have appeal rights under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, your submission must be ‘properly made’.

For a submission to be ‘properly made’, it must:

- be made to the Coordinator-General in writing
- be received on or before the last day of the submission period
- be signed by each person who makes the submission (or submitted online)
- state the name and address of each person who makes the submission

- state the grounds of the submission and facts and circumstances relied on.

## What happens next?

After consultation closes, the Coordinator-General evaluates the EIS, submissions on the EIS and any additional information provided by the project proponent. The Coordinator-General then writes an evaluation report, either approving or refusing the project.

## Privacy

The Coordinator-General is authorised to collect personal information under sections 24 and 29 of the SDPWO Act. Your personal information will be used for the purpose of considering your submission, completing the EIS process and the performance of functions under the Act and other legislation relevant to the proposed project.

Your personal information will be disclosed to the project proponent and other government agencies involved in the proposed project, and is also subject to disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*. Your personal information will not otherwise be disclosed, unless disclosure is authorised or required by law, or is permitted under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

## More information

If you have a question about a particular consultation, please contact the relevant EIS project manager (see the public notice or the website for contact details).

General information about the Coordinator-General’s EIS evaluation process is available at [www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/cg](http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/cg)

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