



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NORTHERN SILICA PROJECT
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WHAT IS AN EIS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT)

An Environmental Impact Statement or EIS is a vital document for responsibly managing large-scale projects. Though the name has “environmental” in it, an EIS considers various impacts, including social, economic, cultural heritage, and more.

WHAT IS A TOR (TERMS OF REFERENCE)

The Terms of Reference is a document that serves as a formal guide for how the EIS will be carried out. It provides context for the EIS, explaining why it is being undertaken and clearly defines the goals and expected outcomes of the EIS. It sets the standards that the EIS studies must meet. The ToR is called a draft until after public submissions have been addressed and a final ToR issued.

HOW DO I MAKE A SUBMISSION

Throughout that process there are opportunities for the public to make submissions. Submissions (electronic or via post) can be sent to the Queensland Government about the Draft ToR and on the Draft EIS when it is released.



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TOR DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLICATION

Development of draft ToR

OCG develops draft ToR with input from Proponent

Public notification of draft ToR

OCG publishes draft ToR for public comment. Draft ToR comment period of at least 20 business days (submissions are made to OCG)

Finalisation of ToR

OCG reviews comments and prepares Final ToR. Proponent prepares draft EIS based on the Final ToR

DRAFT EIS

Submission of Draft EIS

Proponent submits draft EIS

Assessment of adequacy

OCG, with input from DCCEEW reviews draft EIS adequacy and decides if EIS can proceed.

Public notification of Draft EIS

OCG publishes Draft EIS notice and makes Draft EIS available for download and public comment

EIS submission period of 40 business days (submissions are made to OCG)

Response to submissions

OCG collates submissions and provides to Proponent to address. Proponent responds to submissions and prepares a Revised EIS for the OCG's consideration

Assessment of Revised EIS

OCG reviews the revised EIS and decides if further information or additional public notification is required

EIS EVALUATION REPORT

Preparation and release of EIS Evaluation Report & completion of EIS process

OCG and DCCEEW undertake assessment. OCG prepares and publishes the Coordinator General's Evaluation Report (CGER) including stated conditions of approval. DCCEEW issues EPBC Controlled Action Approval.