



**Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project  
Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement**

**Volume 4, Appendix C2 – Project (Mine) Approval Applications**

## **1.1 Project (Mine) Approval Applications**

Adani applied for a Mining Lease under the MR Act over areas under exploration for coal, namely EPC 1690 and the eastern and northern portions of EPC 1080.

## **1.2 Environmental Authority for Mining Activities**

Under section 426 of the EP Act, a person must not carry out an environmentally relevant activity (ERA) unless the person holds, or is acting under, an EA for the activity. Section 18 of the EP Act definition of an ERA includes "(b) a resource activity as defined under section 107". Section 107 defines a resources activity as "an activity that involves – (c) a mining activity". Section 110 (What is a mining activity) defines a mining activity as "(a) an activity that is an authorised activity for a mining tenement" under the MR Act.

An EA application was made in July 2013 for a single EA over the areas EPC 1690 and the eastern and northern portions of EPC 1080. The EA application lodged was a "site specific" application, under section 124 of the EP Act, as the proposed ERAs were "ineligible ERAs". "Ineligible ERAs" are defined under section 112 as "an environmentally relevant activity-.... (c) that is carried out as a part of a coordinated project." A "coordinated project" is defined in the EP Act, schedule 4 as "a project declared under the [SDPWO Act], section 26 to be a coordinated project", such as the Project.

Section 125 of the EP Act describes the information required to be submitted with an application for an EA for the Project (Mine).