

1. Introduction

This Supplementary Report has been prepared in response to the submissions received to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hinze Dam Stage 3 (HDS3) project during the notification period extending from Tuesday 12th June to Tuesday 10th July. The EIS was prepared in accordance with terms of reference (TOR) issued by the Coordinator-General under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act). A number of submissions were received and these are summarised in **Appendix A. Section 3** of this Supplementary Report responds to the issues raised in those submissions.

Following this process, the Coordinator-General will prepare a report evaluating the EIS. In that evaluation report, the Coordinator-General may:

- evaluate the environmental effects of the project and any other related matters;
- state conditions for later IDAS approvals required for the project;
- make recommendations for other approvals required for the project; and
- impose conditions for the undertaking of the project, where there is no other mechanism for conditions to be imposed (“imposed conditions”).

In setting imposed conditions, the Coordinator-General may:

- state when the imposed conditions take effect; and
- nominate an entity that is to have jurisdiction for the condition (“the nominated entity”).

1.1 Purpose of Supplementary Report

The Supplementary Report has a number of purposes:

- providing comments and clarification of the project description in the EIS (**Section 3**);
- summarising the submissions and providing technical responses to the issues raised in the submissions;
- providing conclusions with regards the key issues raised in the submissions; and
- providing recommendations to the Coordinator-General in relation to the Hinze Dam Stage 3 project.

1.2 Consultation on EIS

Community consultation undertaken during the public exhibition period for the EIS aimed to:

- notify the community that the EIS has been lodged for assessment by the Coordinator-General and call for written submissions on the EIS by community members.
- satisfy the statutory requirements of the SDPWO Act in relation to the exhibition of the EIS and invitation for written submissions;
- provide information to stakeholders and community members to enable their review of the EIS and project reference design; and
- obtain input from Gold Coast City Council, Queensland Government and Federal agencies on the EIS.

A range of communication and consultation activities were undertaken with community members and stakeholders to assist their review of the EIS. These included:

- public display of the EIS and project reference design at 12 locations including libraries and ward offices;
- one community information session and four staffed library displays;
- six Community Advisory Committee meetings;
- agency briefings to Local Council, Queensland and Federal Government agencies;

- updating the EIS website and providing information through responses to the project information line, letters and emails;
- distribution of project updates to approximately 250,000 Gold Coast City Council rate payers;
- distribution of project update to 5,500 business owners, property owners and other registered stakeholders;
- nine public notices in local newspapers promoting the EIS comment period;
- publication of the EIS on the project website, freely available CD copies and hardcopies of the EIS available for purchase;
- recreation and other stakeholder updates;
- newsletters to Gold Coast City Councillors
- one neighbourhood briefing;
- project posters and handouts;
- on-site Community Liaison officer at Hinze Dam during EIS consultation period; and
- 1800 call centre number and dedicated email hds3@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.