

# 8 LAND USE

## 8.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides land use related information for the Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in response to various submissions on the EIS, including contaminated land, native title, stock routes and property valuations. The information presented builds on the EIS, Volume 1, Chapter 8 Land Use and should be read in conjunction with the EIS chapter.

## 8.2 METHODOLOGY OF ASSESSMENT

## 8.3 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

### 8.3.3 CONTAMINATED LAND

As highlighted in Volume 1, Chapter 8 Land Use, section 8.3.4 and Technical Report TR8 Limited Stage 1 Environmental Site Assessment, section 3.5, a range of potentially contaminating activities have occurred, or currently occur, on lands associated with the MLA areas, surrounding land areas, and the proposed gas supply pipeline corridor area. These potentially contaminating activities include burial of waste, pesticide usage, storage of petroleum and presence of a stock dip or cattle race. These are commonly occurring activities on agricultural properties, and as such a number of properties within the Project area are potentially contaminated, as listed in Table 2-1 of the technical report TR 8-1-V1.5. A site inspection and soil sampling program has been recommended in the technical report TR 8-1-V1.5 to confirm the potential extent of the contamination issues identified.

## 8.4 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

## 8.5 POTENTIAL IMPACTS

### 8.5.1 TENURE

#### Property tenures

As discussed in Chapter 1 Introduction, section 1.2.1 of this Supplementary EIS, the WJV proposes to revise the boundary of MLA 50229. If the MLA boundaries are amended by the Mining Registrar, the allotments contained in Table 8-1 will no longer be within the MLA areas.

Table 8-1: Allotments proposed to be removed from the MLA areas with the MLA 50229 boundary amendment

Number	Lot details	Current tenure
1	Lot: 29 Plan: FT467	Freehold
2	Lot: 30 Plan: FT468	Freehold
3	Lot: 38 Plan: CP899702	Leasehold
4	Lot: 44 Plan: FT507	Leasehold
5	Lot: 43 Plan: FT506	Leasehold

### 8.5.2 NATIVE TITLE

Further to information previously supplied in the EIS Volume 1, Chapter 8 Land Use, section 8.5.2, the State advertised the 'right to negotiate' (RTN) notice on 11 March for MLAs 50229 and 50231, initiating the RTN process.

The WJV has continued along this process through contacting the State and Native Title parties to engage in 'good faith' negotiations with a view to reaching agreement pursuant to which the mining leases may be granted.

## 8.6 MITIGATION MEASURES

### 8.6.6 STOCK ROUTES

Under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2000* (LP Act), the integrity of stock route networks (SRN) must be maintained by the Project.

As described in the EIS, the WJV will ensure that the closure and realignment of stock route components for the Project will have no significant net loss on the overall operational integrity of the SRN local to the Project area.

Stock routes associated with both the Jackson Wandoan Road and the Bundi Road will be re-established with these road relocations following consultation with Western Downs Regional Council, Department of Transport and Main Roads, and DERM. Relocated stock routes will be at least the same width as the stock routes being replaced, being 'like for like', and will be safe for travelling stock and drovers and the travelling public. Camping and water reserves will either be preserved or replaced with equivalent facilities.

Fire control, weed management, biodiversity and vegetation management for the re-established stock route will be, as for current stock routes in the district, the responsibility of the Western Downs Regional Council and relevant State Government departments.

Vegetation (biodiversity) mapping of the stock routes within the MLA areas was undertaken as part of the terrestrial ecology assessment conducted in the EIS Volume 1, Chapter 17A Terrestrial Ecology. Figures 17A-2-V1.3 and 17A-4-V1.3 from Chapter 17A Terrestrial Ecology, and the corresponding Supplementary EIS figures, show that the stock route following Jackson Wandoan Road generally consists of non remnant vegetation, and generally does not contain vegetation of classified under the biodiversity planning assessment or a State wildlife corridor, apart from where Woleebee Creek crosses the stock route.

## 8.7 RESIDUAL IMPACTS

## 8.8 REFERENCES