



APPENDIX A1-A EIS DISPLAY CONSULTATION REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report details the process, activities and outcomes of the consultation conducted during the public comment period for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project (the Project). The EIS was released for public comment on 23 April 2012.

SunWater commenced project investigations in late 2007 with consultation occurring during the Project's draft Terms of Reference (DTOR) phase between September and October 2008. This consultation informed stakeholders about the EIS process and the Project in general.

The Project's Terms of Reference (ToR) were released in February 2009 and the Project was subsequently put on hold in February 2009 to address environmental considerations relating to the Boggomoss snail. The Project recommenced in early 2010. Details on consultation undertaken prior to public release of the EIS are outlined in Chapter 1 – Appendix 1C of the EIS.

2. ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

Consultation for the Project has involved a comprehensive program focused on effective and timely information dissemination and engagement with interested and affected stakeholders.

The formal public comment period for the EIS ran for six weeks from Monday, 23 April to Tuesday, 5 June 2012. A range of communication and consultation activities were undertaken focused on informing the community and stakeholders about the Project and collecting feedback.

An overview of the activities is provided in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Engagement and consultation activities overview

Consultation activity	Description	Target audience
Project information hotline, email and reply paid address	A 1800 freecall number, email address and reply paid address were established and used throughout the project duration. Contact details were promoted on all project materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Existing and potential future customers ■ Research groups ■ Non-government organisations ■ Landowners ■ Broader community
SunWater website updates	Dedicated pages on the existing SunWater website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elected representatives ■ Recreational groups ■ Industry groups ■ Existing customers ■ Future customers ■ Research groups ■ Non-government organisations ■ Landowners ■ Traditional Owners ■ Broader community
Project newsletter	A project newsletter was produced and distributed to key stakeholders prior to and during the public display period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Local government ■ Elected representatives ■ Recreational groups ■ Industry groups ■ Non-government organisations ■ Traditional Owners ■ Landowners
Public displays	Eight static public displays were erected in libraries and council buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Broader community ■ Landowners
Information sessions	Five information sessions were held over three days in the local areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Non-government organisations ■ Landowners ■ Broader community
Letters	A series of letters was prepared and distributed to stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Landowners ■ Broader community ■ Community Liaison Group members
Posters/fact sheets	A suite of posters and fact sheets was created and used at public information sessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Directly and indirectly affected landowners ■ Non-government organisations ■ Traditional Owners ■ Landowners ■ Broader community
Media releases	A media release was distributed to key local media at the start of the formal public comment period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Media ■ All stakeholders

Consultation activity	Description	Target audience
Advertisements	Press advertising was placed in key local publications at the start of the formal public comment period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recreational groups ■ Industry groups ■ Existing customers ■ Research groups ■ Non-government organisations ■ Landowners ■ Broader community
Community Liaison Group (CLG)	A CLG was established early in the Project to provide a forum for local interest group representatives to identify and discuss issues associated with the EIS and provide feedback to SunWater. One CLG meeting was held in Taroom during the public consultation period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Landowners ■ Businesses ■ Environment, community and local government representatives
Stakeholder meetings	A series of meetings were conducted with key community stakeholders as well as key agency/industry stakeholders impacted by the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interested and affected landowners ■ Government agencies and elected representatives

The following sections provide further detail on these consultation activities.

2.1. Project enquiry channels

A freecall number (1800 158 651), reply paid mail service (Reply Paid 15536 City East Brisbane QLD 4002) and project email address (nathandam@sunwater.com.au) were available to allow stakeholders to contact the stakeholder engagement team.

All queries and responses were recorded in the stakeholder management database, Consultation Manager. Responses to frequently asked questions were prepared for the Project Team to refer to when answering the Project information hotline.

The Project database recorded a total of 41 incoming 1800 freecall enquiries, two reply paid letters and 17 incoming email enquiries during the display period.

2.2. Website

Current news and other relevant information regarding the Project and the formal EIS submission process were made available on the SunWater website (www.sunwater.com.au).

Site visitors were able to access:

- the current Project outline and timetable;
- EIS;
- Terms of Reference;
- overview of the community consultation program;
- frequently asked questions (FAQs);
- newsletters;

- Community Liaison Group (CLG) minutes; and
- contact details for the Project.

The website content has been updated on an ongoing basis throughout the Project to ensure current Project information was available online.

2.3. Project newsletters

The April 2012 newsletter (Appendix A) was developed and distributed to more than 660 stakeholders in the project database. It was also available on the project website and at the information days. Previous editions of the newsletter were distributed in September 2008, July 2009 and May 2010.

Table 2-2 provides an overview of the most recent newsletter.

Table 2-2 Newsletter overview

Newsletter	General topics covered	Issue date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Current project status ■ Project background ■ EIS process ■ Project fast facts ■ Snapshot of EIS outcomes ■ Snapshot of EIS mitigation measures ■ Details on how to view the EIS ■ Details on information sessions ■ Details on how to comment on the EIS ■ Background on SunWater ■ Project timeframe ■ Contact details 	April 2012

2.4. Public displays

To support the consultation process, static (unstaffed) public displays were established in libraries and Council offices at relevant locations.

The static displays were operational between Monday, 23 April and Tuesday, 5 June 2012 at the following locations:

- Queensland State Library, South Bank, Brisbane;
- Dalby-Wambo Library, 1 Stuart Street, Dalby;
- Western Downs Regional Council, 30 Marble Street, Dalby;
- Chinchilla Library, 68-86 Heeney Street, Chinchilla;
- Miles Library, Corner Dawson and Murilla Streets, Miles;
- Wandoan Library, 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan;
- Taroom Library, Yaldwyn Street, Taroom; and
- Theodore Library, The Boulevard, Theodore.

The aim of the public displays was to provide information on the Project EIS. A hardcopy of the EIS was available at each of these locations with the exception of the Western Downs Regional Council.

2.5. Information sessions

Five staffed information sessions were held over three days between Thursday, 17 May 2012 and Saturday, 19 May 2012. A summary of key issues raised at these sessions is outlined in Section 3.

The information sessions provided stakeholders with more detailed information about the Project and details on how to submit formal EIS submissions. Members of the Project Team staffed the information sessions to answer stakeholder queries and discuss concerns about the Project. Each session was between two and three hours long.

The following materials were available at each session:

- a hardcopy of the EIS;
- CD copies of the EIS;
- copies of the Project newsletter;
- posters and fact sheets about the Project and how to make a submission;
- a laptop using GIS programs to show landholders how the Project impacted on their property; and
- an A1 map of the dam and pipeline location.

The information sessions were held at the following venues:

- Myall Youth and Community Network Centre, corner Drayton and Nicholson Streets, Dalby;
 - Thursday, 17 May 2012, 2pm – 4pm;
- Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club, 61 Heeney Street, Chinchilla;
 - Friday, 18 May 2012, 9am – 11am;
- Wandoan Cultural Centre, 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan;
 - Friday, 18 May 2012, 2pm – 4pm;
- The Leichardt Hotel, 23 Dawson Street, Taroom;
 - Saturday, 19 May 2012, 9am – 12noon;
- Theodore Hotel Motel, 27 The Boulevard, Theodore;
 - Saturday, 19 May 2012, 2pm – 5pm.

A total of 69 people attended the five information sessions:

- Dalby – 11 attendees;
- Chinchilla – 11 attendees;
- Wandoan – 11 attendees;
- Taroom – 25 attendees; and

- Theodore – 11 attendees.

Attendees included local government elected representatives, landowners, community group representatives, interested community members and local print media.

2.6. Letters

The following letters (Appendix B) were sent out to community and agency/industry stakeholders:

- invitations to public displays and information sessions;
- invitations to the CLG meeting; and
- update on the EIS sent to CLG members.

2.7. Fact sheets and posters

A suite of fact sheets and posters was developed for the information sessions (Appendix C).

These fact sheets and posters provided information about:

- project description;
- project location;
- the environmental impact assessment process and timeline;
- the consultation process and 'how to have a say';
- hydrology;
- flora and fauna;
- the community; and
- Matters of National Environmental Significance.

Project information posters were placed around the venues and arranged to capture the attention of attendees as they entered the venue to facilitate maximum exposure to the information. The fact sheets replicated the poster content, enabling people to take a copy with them for later reference.

2.8. Media release

A media release was issued on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 to the following radio and print media outlets (Appendix D):

- Warwick Daily News;
- Central Telegraph (Biloela);
- Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, out to Emerald);
- The Dalby Herald;
- Chinchilla News;
- ABC Southern Queensland; and

- 4GR Toowoomba.

The media release invited local community members to attend the upcoming information sessions. The details of each information session were included and provided Project contact details.

2.9. Advertisements

The Coordinator-General drafted and placed a black and white advertisement (Appendix E) notifying stakeholders of the commencement of the formal public comment period and how to make a formal submission in the following newspapers:

- *The Australian* – 21 April 2012;
- *The Courier-Mail* – 21 April 2012;
- *Rockhampton Bulletin* – 21 April 2012.;
- *Dalby Herald* – 24 April 2012;
- *Chinchilla News* – 26 April 2012; and
- *Central Telegraph* – 27 April 2012.

A black and white advertisement providing a project overview, details on how to view the EIS, times, dates and locations of the information sessions and contact details for more information was placed in the following newspapers by SunWater (Appendix F):

- *Central Telegraph* – 11 May 2012;
- *The Courier-Mail* – 12 May 2012;
- *Rockhampton Bulletin* – 12 May 2012;
- *Toowoomba Chronicle* – 12 May 2012;
- *Dalby Herald* – 15 May 2012; and
- *Chinchilla News* – 19 May 2012.

2.10. Community Liaison Group

A Community Liaison Group (CLG) was formed at the commencement of the Project in September 2008. The CLG provided a forum to identify and discuss issues associated with the Project and provide feedback to SunWater.

The CLG comprised representatives from key stakeholder and interest groups in the local area including landowner, business, environment, community and local government representatives.

In total, six CLG meetings have been held since 2008, with details about the first five meetings outlined in Chapter 1 – Appendix 1C of the EIS. One CLG meeting (meeting #6) was held during the EIS formal comment period. Meeting minutes (Appendix G) have been made publicly available on the SunWater website.

Table 2-3 outlines the date of the CLG meeting and issues discussed at the meeting.

Table 2-3 CLG meetings overview

Meeting	Issues discussed
Meeting #6 21 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A summary of issues discussed at the information sessions ■ Cumulative impacts ■ Liability of landholders in relation to the pipeline ■ Offsets ■ Pipeline alignment

2.11. Stakeholder meetings

A series of stakeholder meetings was conducted prior to release of the EIS and they are outlined in Chapter 1 – Appendix 1C of the EIS. During the public comment period, SunWater held meetings with the following groups:

- Queensland Conservation Council;
- Wildlife Preservation Society QLD; and
- Agency briefings in Brisbane and Rockhampton, which were attended by:
 - Department of Transport and Main Roads;
 - Queensland Police Service;
 - Department of Housing and Public Works;
 - Department of Natural Resources and Mines;
 - Department of Communities;
 - Queensland Health;
 - Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs; and
 - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3. KEY ISSUES

The primary objective of consultation activities during the EIS public comment period was to facilitate stakeholder feedback. This section summarises the key issues arising from all forms of consultation.

A database was utilised to manage and categorise issues raised.

The 10 most common issues raised by stakeholders are:

- 1) Public consultation process;
- 2) Water resources;
- 3) Location;
- 4) Land access and use;
- 5) Relationship to other projects;
- 6) Construction;
- 7) Option to purchase;
- 8) Business opportunity;
- 9) Environmental Management Plans (EMPs); and
- 10) Operation.

Figure 3-1 identifies the frequency of the top 10 issues as recorded in the project database.

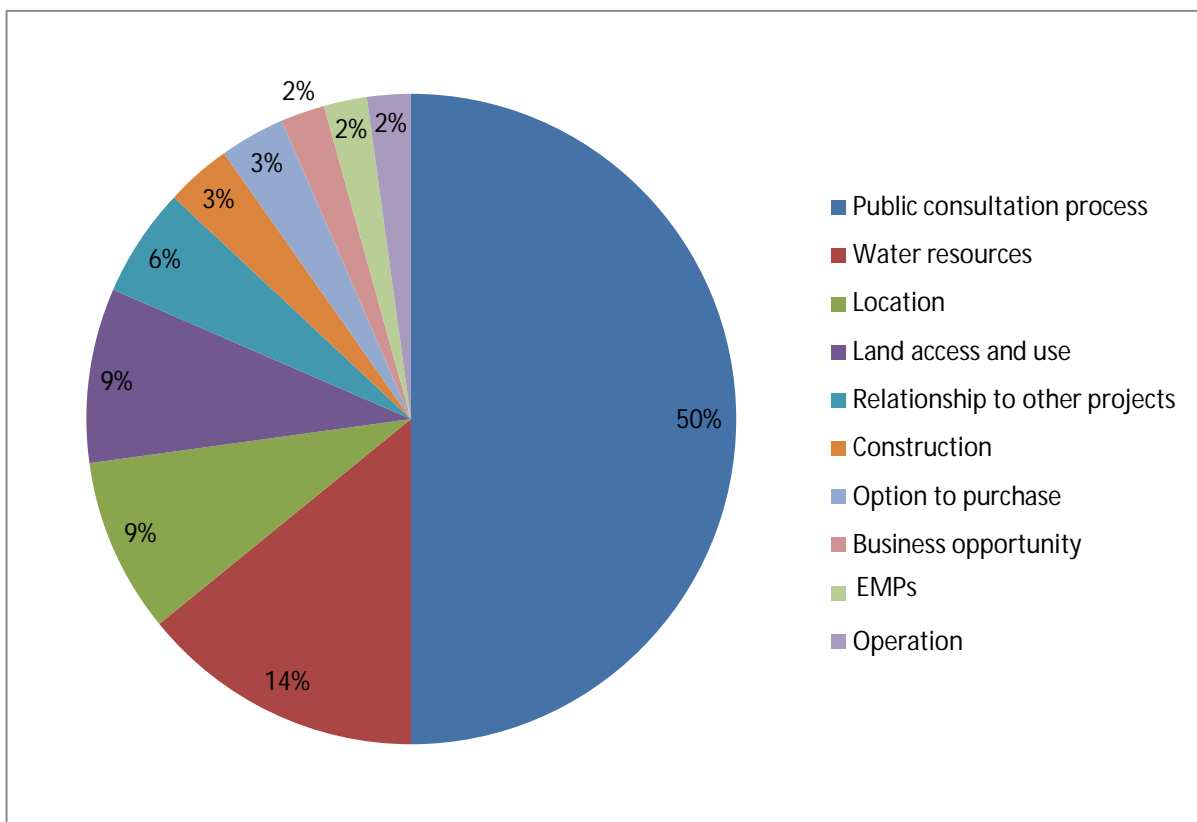


Figure 3-1 Frequency of Top 10 Issues

Table 3-1 provides an overview of all issues raised by stakeholders and recorded in the project database.

Table 3-1 Key issues recorded in project database

Issue category	Issues covered by category	Number of times issue category recorded
Public consultation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Requests for copies of the EIS on DVD ■ Queries about the cost of a hardcopy of the EIS ■ Requests for session times, dates and venues of public information sessions ■ Concerns about the pipeline location not being up for debate 	46
Water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Access to water from pipeline ■ Allocation for irrigators ■ Impacts to allocations ■ Water harvesting locations/production ■ If SunWater will restrict activities in the flood margin easement, or upstream of dam (feedlots, cultivation etc.) ■ Additional duration of flooding on upstream properties (particularly pastures) ■ Location adjacent to railway with respect to flooding (erosion concerns) ■ Councillors seeking water for townships ■ Irrigators questioning access to water 	13
Land access and use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Impacts to property ■ Requests for maps to show impacts of project to property ■ Loss of best arable land ■ Timing of when impacted properties will be purchased ■ Access to easements once pipeline installed ■ Land use ■ Requests for maps to show pipeline in relation to property 	11
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alignment of pipeline ■ Presence of pipeline on properties ■ Alignment of pipeline affecting existing infrastructure on property 	8
Relationship to other projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coordinated approach to projects in region required ■ Need for Coordinator-General to communicate cumulative impacts from projects across region 	5
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Construction dates and timeframes ■ Construction camp impact on residents (behaviour, traffic) ■ Construction camp benefits to local community (goods and services) 	3
Option to purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Affected landholder wants to sell property to SunWater ■ Questioning timing of when impacted properties will be purchased 	3
Business opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Requests for construction details to provide business support ■ Offers to provide a service during construction ■ Issues regarding potential employment 	2
Environmental Management Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Media enquiry about the Boggomoss snail 	2
Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Operation of dam 	2
Positive feedback – EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Positive feedback about information supplied during the public consultation phase relating to a stakeholder's property ■ Support for the Project from the region 	1
Nature conservation – EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vegetation offsets – all projects competing for same land 	1
Matters of National Environmental Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Media request about the Boggomoss snail trials 	1
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Request for information relating to length of pipeline, steel used and wall thickness of pipeline 	1

Issue category	Issues covered by category	Number of times issue category recorded
Hazard and risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Access to easements once pipeline installed 	1

4. FORMAL SUBMISSIONS

The Coordinator-General's office received a total of 58 formal submissions from stakeholders. Part A of the AEIS summarises the formal submissions received and the issues raised. Part B of the AEIS addresses the issues raised.

5. CONCLUSION

More than 130 Project-stakeholder interactions were conducted throughout the formal EIS public comment period. The various public consultation activities were aimed at involving as many interested and affected stakeholders as possible.

The key issues identified related to:

- lack of regional coordination of EIS’;
- concern regarding exact pipeline alignment on affected landholders’ properties;
- requests for access to water from the pipeline;
- transfer of water out of the Dawson Catchment;
- timing of when impacted properties will be purchased;
- vegetation offsets – many projects competing for same land; and
- potential impacts on downstream irrigators.

Stakeholders were classified based on their proximity to the Project site and statutory identification as either an Affected Person (primary stakeholder) or an Interested Person (secondary stakeholder). Stakeholders with an interest in regional issues such as local businesses were also engaged as well as government representatives.

With regard to meeting the requirements set out in Section 1.9 and Section 12.3 of the ToR, consultation for the Project has:

- provided opportunities for community involvement and education;
- enabled people with a disability, families and carers to participate through a range of appropriate communication modes;
- identified broad issues of concern to local and regional communities and interest groups and addressed issues from project planning through to commissioning and project operations; and
- documented detailed results of the consultation process.



APPENDIX A NEWSLETTER

Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project was submitted to the Office of the Coordinator-General for review on 23rd January 2012.

The EIS has been released for public review and comment from 23rd April to 5th June 2012. If any member of the public wishes to provide a formal EIS submission on the Project, they can do so through the Coordinator-General's office by the due date.

Following the consultation period the Coordinator-General will:

- consider all properly made submissions to determine if additional information about the EIS or the Project is required
- prepare an assessment report on the EIS
- make recommendations to the assessment manager regarding the approval (or rejection) of the Project
- provide a list of approval conditions should the Project be approved.

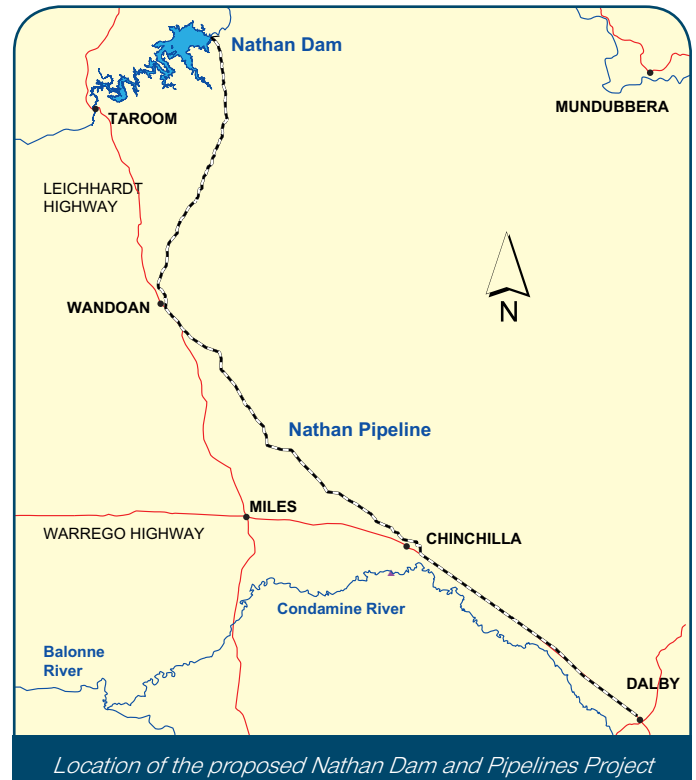
The submission of an EIS does not necessarily mean the Project will be approved. The Project also requires assessment and approval by the Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project is a major initiative aimed at providing long-term water security to the Surat Basin and Dawson-Callide region. The proposed dam is located on the Dawson River approximately 75 km downstream of Taroom along the river, some 11 km downstream of Glebe Weir and 8 km upstream of Nathan Gorge. The dam will have a capacity of up to 888,312 megalitres (ML) and full supply level of 183.5 metres Australian height datum (mAHD).

Water from the dam will be distributed via a trunk pipeline to primarily service coal mines and power stations (and associated urban communities) in the Surat Basin, extending to Dalby. Water will also be released downstream to towns along the Dawson River, to new mining customers in the Southern Bowen Basin, and to existing irrigation customers in the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme. Water may also be reserved within the storage as required to meet critical urban supply needs in the lower Fitzroy.

The Nathan Dam pipeline will be buried along most of the route and largely follow existing easements south then southeast over a distance of approximately 260 km from the Nathan Dam to Dalby.



The *Central Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy*, which presented the preferred options for water supply for the region, identified the Nathan Dam as the best option for meeting short to medium-term water needs within the Dawson-Callide and Upper Dawson sub-regions that cannot be met by trading or efficiency measures.

Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project EIS released

The EIS for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project has been released for public comment and government agency review from 23rd April to 5th June 2012. Formal EIS submissions on the Project can be made with the Coordinator-General's office (see Page 4). The due date for submissions is 12th June 2012.

PROJECT FAST FACTS

- The dam will have a capacity of up to 888,312 ML and an inundation area of approximately 13,508 ha (with an additional 316 ha of islands created) from a catchment area of 23,185 km².
- Water from the dam will be transported via a trunk pipeline from the dam to Nathan Road, along Nathan Road to Wandoan, southeast from Wandoan across private property to Chinchilla, then along the Warrego Highway to Dalby.
- The majority of new customers are located to the south of the dam and will be supplied through a pipeline. New customers located north of the dam site will be supplied from Nathan Dam via the downstream weirs.
- The upper and lower Dawson sub-scheme will be merged to form a single water supply scheme – the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme.
- The project will provide short-term employment, training and procurement opportunities for local communities and businesses, including employment prospects for workers over 20-30 months during construction, peaking at about 390 workers.

WHAT IS AN EIS?

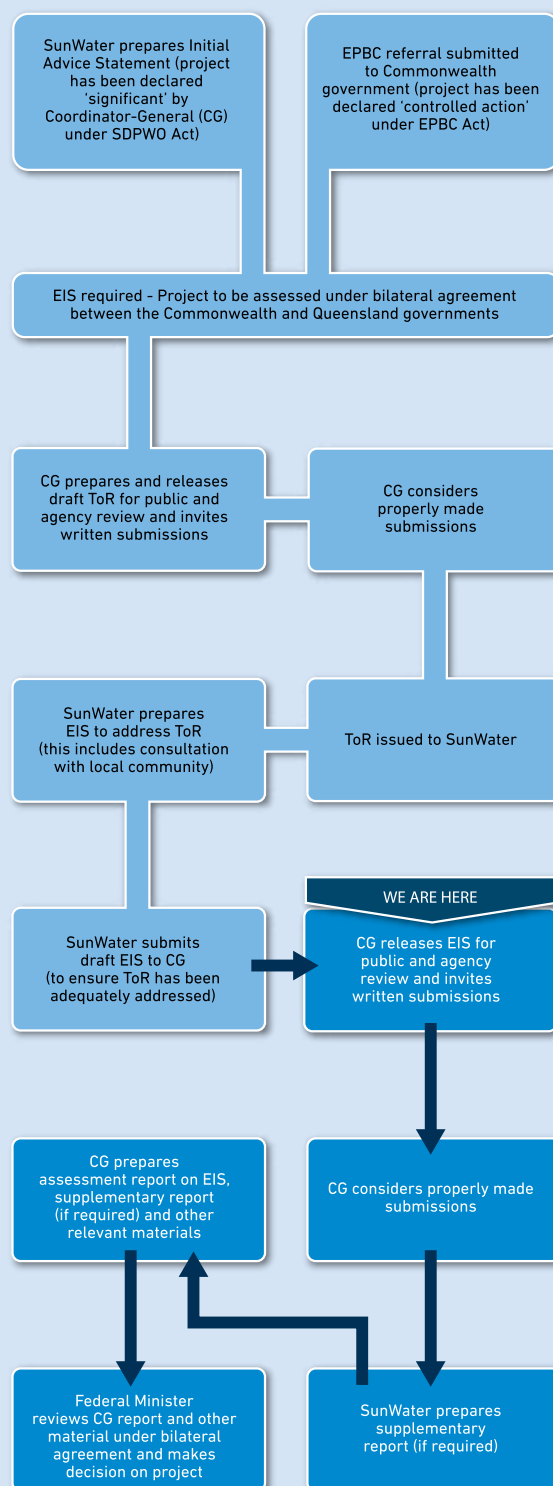
An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assesses the potential adverse and beneficial environmental, economic and social impacts of a project. The EIS must address the Project's Terms of Reference (ToR) as provided to SunWater by the Coordinator-General. The ToR included the following subject areas, all of which are included in the EIS:

- Climate and natural disasters
- Topography and geomorphology
- Landscape character and visual amenity
- Geology and soils
- Land use and infrastructure
- Land contamination
- Sensitive environmental areas
- Terrestrial flora and fauna
- Aquatic flora and fauna
- Surface water and groundwater
- Air quality
- Greenhouse gas
- Noise and vibration
- Waste
- Transport
- Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural heritage
- Social environment
- Economic environment
- Hazard and risk
- Cumulative impacts
- Matters of national environmental significance (MNES).

Draft environmental management plans are included in the EIS that establish practical measures and processes to ensure that potential adverse impacts are properly managed throughout the construction and ongoing operation of the project.

For all potential significant adverse impacts, the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project EIS includes mitigation measures to reduce these impacts to acceptable levels.

EIS PROCESS



SNAPSHOT OF EIS OUTCOMES

- Some areas of vegetation will be affected by the dam construction footprint, water storage area and pipeline construction footprint.
- Although aquatic flora may be affected during the construction and filling periods, the dam is expected to sustain diverse communities of aquatic flora once again when construction is complete.
- Some initial loss of the fauna habitat on the land surrounding the project area is expected.
- Some areas of fauna will be affected within the dam construction footprint and water storage area, however the diversity of aquatic fauna is unlikely to decrease.
- There will be no direct disturbance to habitat within or near the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area or the Shoalwater and Corio Bays Wetlands.
- Three threatened ecological communities, two listed threatened fauna species and four listed migratory species are known to exist in the Project area.

SNAPSHOT OF EIS MITIGATION MEASURES

- Wherever possible and practical, SunWater will endeavour to:
 - reduce the visual impact of the pipeline for landowners
 - reduce the need for any easements over privately owned property
 - reduce the need for any additional vegetation clearing
 - minimise the overall environmental footprint of new infrastructure
 - minimise the potential for the spread and introduction of weeds by complying with SunWater's weed management strategies as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plans for the dam and pipeline
 - reduce construction time by building within existing easements, where possible
 - where co-location is not possible, SunWater will consult with impacted landholders to identify and agree on alternative solutions.
- Any potential impacts to threatened species and ecological communities will be minimised by offset measures including:
 - realigning the final pipeline route to further avoid areas of concern if possible
 - implementing an offset strategy to compensate for the loss of remnant vegetation and habitat
 - protecting and rehabilitating extensive tracts of habitat around the dam area.
- Any initial loss of flora will be restored by substantial replanting of the vegetation area around the dam boundaries to recreate the river's edge.
- Effects on flora and fauna will be minimised by:
 - not clearing vegetation within 1.5 m below full supply level in riparian zones
 - implementing a vegetation clearing and fauna relocation strategy to help fauna to move to adjacent suitable habitats
 - providing a fishway and turtle passage as part of the dam
 - implementing a package of vegetation offset measures as part of the dam.

- Effects on 'endangered and of concern' regional ecosystems and threatened ecological communities will be minimised by:
 - reducing the clearing width along the pipeline route from 30 m to 15 m where topography and access allow
 - rehabilitating the construction easement back to the original ecosystems post construction
 - implementing Environmental Management Plans for erosion and sediment control, dam operations and rehabilitation of both temporary and permanent creek crossings
 - avoiding, or at minimum, traversing the edges of protected vegetation in the new road alignments
 - implementing a vegetation offset strategy to compensate for the loss of remnant vegetation and habitat.

HOW TO VIEW THE EIS

The EIS documents can be viewed online at www.sunwater.com.au/future-developments/nathan-dam and hard copies are on display at the following locations:

- Queensland State Library, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane
- Dalby-Wambo Library, 1 Stuart Street, Dalby
- Chinchilla Library, 68-86 Heeney Street, Chinchilla
- Wandoan Library, 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan
- Taroom Library, 24 Yaldwyn Street, Taroom
- Theodore Library, The Boulevard, Theodore
- Miles Library, Dogwood Crossing at Miles Cnr Dawson and Murilla Streets, Miles.

A CD-ROM containing the EIS is available free of charge and a hard copy is available for purchase by contacting SunWater on freecall 1800 158 651.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Four information sessions will be held to provide an overview of the EIS and give stakeholders the opportunity to speak directly to members of the project team at the below locations:

Dalby	Myall Youth & Community Network Centre - Cnr Drayton and Nicholson Streets, Dalby	Thursday, 17 May 2012	2 - 4 pm
Chinchilla	Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club - 61 Heeney St, Chinchilla	Friday, 18 May 2012	9 - 11 am
Wandoan	Wandoan Cultural Centre - 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan	Friday, 18 May 2012	2 - 4 pm
Taroom	The Leichardt Hotel - 23 Dawson Street, Taroom	Saturday, 19 May 2012	9 - 12 noon
Theodore	Theodore Hotel Motel - 27 The Boulevard, Theodore	Saturday, 19 May 2012	2 - 5 pm

HOW TO COMMENT ON THE EIS

All submissions on the EIS must be in writing and received by the Coordinator-General by 5th June 2012. Guidelines and a template for making EIS submissions are available at www.projects.industry.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning on 13 25 23 (or +61 7 3404 6999 for overseas callers).

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE MADE BY:

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The Coordinator-General

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Submissions must state the grounds for the submission and the facts and circumstances relied upon to support the grounds. Submissions must be signed by each person who made the submission and include their name and address. Submissions will be treated as public documents and copies will be provided to SunWater.

ABOUT SUNWATER

SunWater, a Queensland Government Owned Corporation, is the proponent for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project. For more than 80 years, SunWater has specialised in the investigation, design, construction, management and operation of water infrastructure. SunWater owns and operates more than \$7 billion worth of bulk water storages and distribution infrastructure throughout regional Queensland and provides bulk water supplies to rural, urban and industrial customers.

PROJECT TIMEFRAMES

EIS completed and approved for public consultation by the Coordinator-General	Early 2012
Supplementary EIS report completed (if required)	Late 2012
Coordinator-General's report completed	Late 2012
Federal Minister's decision	Early 2013
Final Business Case completed	Mid 2013

IF THE PROJECT IS APPROVED AND THE PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY IS REQUIRED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE:

Detailed design and procurement completed	2013
Construction commences	2014
Construction completed	2016*

* Timing dependent on foundation customer commitment

IF THE PROJECT IS APPROVED AND THE PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY ISN'T REQUIRED UNTIL THE LONGER TERM:

Detailed design and procurement completed	Early 2015
Construction commences	Early 2017
Construction completed	Mid 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact the Project team by:

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APPENDIX B LETTERS

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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SunWater believes the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project is the best long-term water supply solution for the Surat Basin and the Dawson-Callide sub-region. The demand for water by industrial users in the Surat Basin provides a strong driver for the project to move ahead. SunWater is committed to delivering the Project to secure water for the Surat Basin and the Dawson and Callide regions. The outcomes of the Environmental Impact Statement process and SunWater's business case will determine the project's viability.

PROJECT HISTORY

The construction of a dam on the Dawson River at Nathan Dam has a long history, having been proposed several times since 1922. In 2006 the Queensland Government released its CQRWSS, which identified Nathan Dam as the preferred short to medium-term water supply solution in Queensland's Dawson-Callide sub-region. As a result, in 2007 the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project was initiated and in July 2007 SunWater was appointed as the proponent to develop a business case for the Project.

ABOUT SUNWATER

SunWater, a Queensland Government Owned Corporation, is the proponent for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project. For more than 80 years, SunWater has specialised in the investigation, design, construction, management and operation of water infrastructure. SunWater owns and operates more than \$7 billion worth of water storage and distribution infrastructure throughout regional Queensland and provides bulk water supplies to rural, urban and industrial customers.



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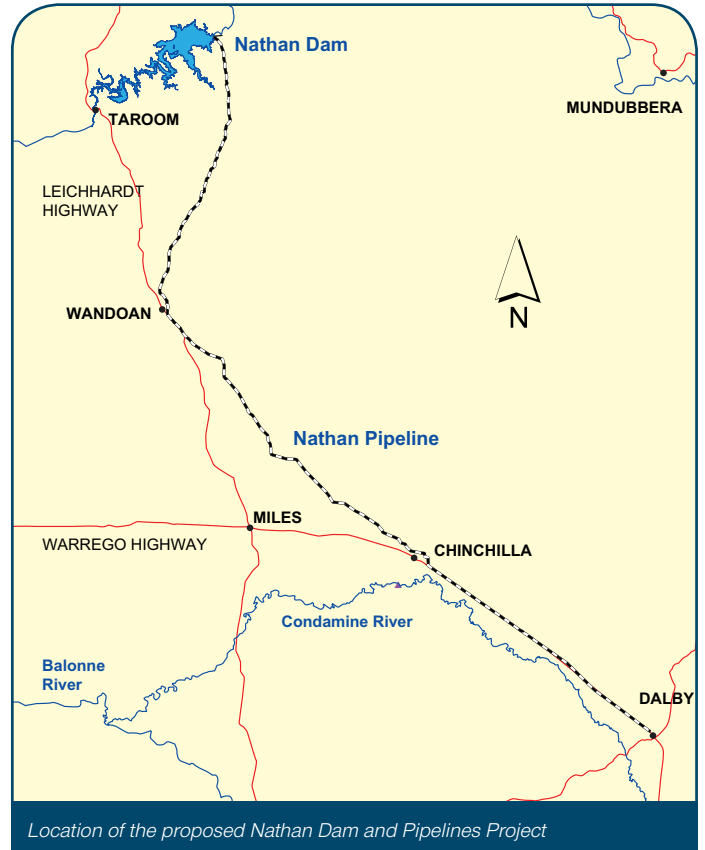
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PIPELINE ALIGNMENT MITIGATION MEASURES

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The pipeline will primarily be buried and after construction, any affected areas will be rehabilitated so that cropping and grazing will be able to continue as normal over the pipeline easement.

The pipeline alignment has been chosen to maximise where possible co-location opportunities with other linear infrastructure (e.g. road corridors) to minimise impacts on landholders and the use of GQAL.



Location of the proposed Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project

INFRASTRUCTURE MITIGATION MEASURES AND SUNWATER RESPONSIBILITIES

Wherever possible and practical, SunWater will endeavour to:

- reduce the visual impact of the pipeline for directly impacted landowners
- reduce the need for any easements over privately owned property
- reduce the need for any additional vegetation clearing
- minimise the overall environmental footprint of new infrastructure
- minimise the potential for the spread and introduction of weeds by developing a weed management plan for the construction and operation of the project
- reduce construction time by building within existing easements.

Where co-location is not possible, SunWater will consult with impacted landholders to identify and agree on alternative solutions.

Ensuring the cooperation and approval from any affected communities is a major part of SunWater's community consultation program.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND TIMELINE

The Environmental Impact Assessment ensures all potential positive and negative impacts associated with a project are identified and addressed and is a requirement of the Commonwealth and State Governments for this Project. The document produced is the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project has been released for public and government agency review between 23rd April to 5th June 2012. The community are invited to comment on the EIS. At the end of the consultation period the Coordinator-General will:

- consider all properly made submissions to determine if additional information about the EIS or the Project is required
- prepare an assessment report on the EIS
- make recommendations to the assessment manager (under IDAS) regarding the approval (or rejection) of the Project and provide a list of approval conditions should the Project be approved. Note, the submission of an EIS does not necessarily mean the Project will be approved.

The referral submitted to the former Australian Government Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (now Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities), resulted in the Project being declared a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*. This means the Australian Government Minister is also required to review the Coordinator-General's report (and any other relevant material) and make a decision on whether to approve the project and if so, what further conditions may apply.

SunWater has engaged Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) to manage the technical studies and community consultation components of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

CURRENT PROJECT TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED TIMEFRAME
Approvals	
Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) released for public consultation	13 September 2008 (complete)
Draft ToR public submission period closed	17 October 2008 (closed)
Final ToR released	13 February 2008
EIS completed and approved for public consultation by the Coordinator-General	Early 2012
Supplementary EIS report completed (if required)	Late 2012
Coordinator-General's report completed	Late 2012
Federal Minister's decision	Early 2013
Final Business Case completed	Mid 2013

IF THE PROJECT IS APPROVED AND THE PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY IS REQUIRED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED TIMEFRAME
Detailed design and procurement completed	2013
Construction commences	2014
Construction completed	2016

IF THE PROJECT IS APPROVED AND THE PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY ISN'T REQUIRED UNTIL THE LONGER TERM

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED TIMEFRAME
Detailed design and procurement completed	Early 2015
Construction commences	Early 2017
Construction completed	Mid 2019

For more information about the Environmental Impact Assessment or EIS visit:
www.deedi.qld.gov.au/cg/nathan-dam-and-pipelines.html
 and enter a search for 'Environmental Impact Assessment' or call 13 25 23 (or +61 7 3404 6999 for overseas callers).

For further details about the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project or to view the EIS visit the SunWater website:
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 or free-call 1800 158 651.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT – HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

SunWater is committed to engaging with local communities throughout the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) consultation process and will be distributing information regarding the development of the Project on an ongoing basis.

NATHAN DAM AND PIPELINES PROJECT EIS RELEASED

The EIS for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project has been released for public and government agency review over the period 23rd April to 5th June 2012. The Coordinator-General is now formally inviting written submissions from the public during the EIS public consultation period.

The EIS consultation period is an opportunity for members of the local community, agencies and other interested parties to learn more about the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project and share their views on the proposed project and EIS. Public comment and involvement plays a vital role to ensure all possible implications are considered and relevant mitigation strategies are put in place.

The Coordinator-General will consider all properly made submissions to determine if additional information about the EIS or the Project is required. A properly made submission is one that:

- is made in writing to the Coordinator-General
- is received on or before the last day of the period of time allowed for submissions
- is signed by each person who made the submission
- states the name and address of each person who made the submission
- states the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

The Coordinator-General may also accept and consider submissions that do not follow the guidelines for a properly made submission or that are received after the submission period. However, these submissions do not have appeal rights under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

Submissions will be treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT

There are several ways to find out more about the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project and the EIS process. SunWater welcomes feedback at any time throughout the Project.

- Visit www.sunwater.com.au/future-developments/nathan-dam to download a copy of the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project EIS or call 1800 158 651
- Read the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project newsletter, which can be found on the SunWater website and also at a library display. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive the newsletter directly, simply call or email SunWater, see below for details
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HOW TO CONTACT SUNWATER:

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Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project

HYDROLOGY

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CUSTOMER WATER SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY

Demand assessment for the construction of the new dam has identified sufficient demand to justify the Project.

The bulk of this new water will be supplied to mining clients, however some water is reserved for urban use. The majority of new clients are located to the south of the dam and will be supplied through a pipeline. New clients located north of the dam site will be supplied from Nathan Dam via the downstream weirs.

After a preliminary assessment of the area in 2010 by SunWater, it was evident that uniting the upper and lower Dawson sub-schemes (the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme) into a single water supply scheme, together with the addition of Nathan Dam, would be of benefit to the surrounding areas in regards to the supply and distribution of water.

New water products that will be supplied by the dam are currently intended to be a high priority supply.

WATER DEMAND MODELLING OUTCOMES

Modelling was undertaken to assess the supply of water demands, with priority given to the Dawson catchment.

The yield to be allocated was optimised against downstream Environmental Flow Objectives, Water Allocation Security Objectives and management strategies, resulting in a total additional high priority available yield of 66,011 ML per annum (ML/a), distributed as follows:

- 47,700 ML/a supplied via pipeline, direct from Nathan Dam
- 750 ML/a supplied from Gylanda Weir
- 400 ML/a supplied from Theodore Weir
- 7,092 ML/a supplied from Moura Weir
- 2,269 ML/a supplied from Neville Hewitt Weir
- 7,800 ML/a extracted at Duaringa (from the Boolburra Waterhole) and supplied from Neville Hewitt Weir.

The modelled demand distribution described above is not necessarily the potential maximum yield, but is dependent upon the location and volume of the clients downstream of the dam, the capacity of the pipeline, the target reliability for medium and high priority users, and the adopted environmental release strategy.

As the project progresses the demand distribution described may change, depending on the final location of new clients and their demand for water.

The management strategy developed for the yield modelling scenario is to supply high priority customers at 100% reliability, while the existing medium priority customers are supplied at 88% reliability.

DAWSON VALLEY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

The EIS strategy for the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme (DVWSS) includes:

- new high priority water products supplied by Nathan Dam
- existing medium priority water products currently supplied by Glebe Weir will be supplied by Nathan Dam
- other existing medium and high priority water products in the DVWSS will be supplied as per their current arrangements
- environmental releases:
 - seasonal base flow releases from Theodore, Moura and Neville Hewitt Weirs and Nathan Dam
 - first post winter flow releases from Gylanda, Theodore, Moura, and Neville Hewitt Weirs and Nathan Dam
 - maintenance of low flows directly downstream of Nathan Dam
 - fishway operations in place at Nathan Dam
 - turtle passageways in place at Nathan Dam.

The operational strategy will be refined as the Project progresses and design and management strategies are finalised.

WATER SUPPLY MITIGATION MEASURES

This new infrastructure will impact some of the water harvesters downstream of the dam and compensation will be provided to existing users who are negatively impacted by the project, through a range of measures such as financial reimbursement or provision of an alternative water product.

These strategies will be considered in more detail following a revision of the new water resource plan which was approved in December 2011.



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FLORA AND FAUNA

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FLORA AND FAUNA EIS OUTCOMES

A comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment conducted by SunWater has concluded that any effects on the flora and fauna located in the project area will be managed effectively.

It has been recognised that the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project will result in some loss of the fauna habitat on the land within the project area, as well as impact on the environment between the land and river areas.

To compensate for this loss, SunWater has developed measures to balance any impact this project will have on the environment including substantial replanting of the vegetation area around the dam boundaries to recreate the river's edge.

PROBABLE NATHAN DAM IMPACTS ON FLORA

Some areas of vegetation will be impacted by the dam construction footprint, water storage area and pipeline construction corridor.

Although aquatic flora may be impacted during the construction and filling periods, the dam is expected to once again sustain diverse communities of aquatic flora when completed.



FLORA MITIGATION MEASURES

Any effects on 'endangered and of concern' regional ecosystems and threatened ecological communities will be minimised by:

- rehabilitating the construction easement back to the original ecosystems post construction
- minimising the clearing width along the pipeline route from 30 m to 15 m where topography and access allow
- implementing Environmental Management Plans for erosion and sediment control, dam operations, and rehabilitation of both temporary and permanent creek crossings
- avoiding, or at minimum traversing, the edges of protected vegetation in the new road alignments
- implementing a vegetation offset strategy to compensate for the loss of vegetation and habitat.

PROBABLE NATHAN DAM IMPACTS ON FAUNA

Some areas of fauna habitat will be affected within the dam construction footprint and water storage area.

Studies have shown that the diversity of aquatic fauna is unlikely to decrease.

FAUNA MITIGATION MEASURES

Any impact on fauna will be minimised by:

- not clearing vegetation within 1.5 m below full supply level in riparian zones
- implementing a vegetation clearing and fauna relocation strategy to help fauna to move to adjacent suitable habitats
- providing a fishway and turtle passage as part of the dam
- implementing a package of vegetation offset measures.



SunWater will endeavour to ensure that any project impacts are minimised and that compensation is fair and equitable.

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MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

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The Federal Government has deemed the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project a “controlled action” under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*, due to its potential impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance.

The Environmental Impact Assessment has considered the following areas:

- World Heritage properties and Natural Heritage places (the Great Barrier Reef)
- Wetlands of international importance (Shoalwater and Corio bay Wetlands)
- Listed threatened species and ecological communities
- Listed migratory species.

The project will cause no direct disturbance to habitat within or near the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area or the Shoalwater and Corio Bays Wetlands.

POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THREATENED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

Three threatened ecological communities were identified within the dam and pipeline footprint.

SPECIES IDENTIFIED	MITIGATION MEASURE
Natural grasslands of the Queensland Central Highlands and the northern Fitzroy Basin	Natural grasslands were recorded along the pipeline route. Offset measures for the natural grassland in the pipeline route mean significant impacts are unlikely.
Semi-evergreen vine thickets (SEVT) of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions	The pipeline has been aligned to avoid impacts on the SEVT.
Brigalow (Acacia harpophylla dominant and co-dominant)	Brigalow occurs within the footprint of the dam, pipeline and associated infrastructure. Impacts will be mitigated where possible and offset measures that provide the best environmental outcome will be adopted.

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MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THREATENED FAUNA SPECIES

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, (EPBC Act) two listed threatened fauna species have been found during field surveys.

The Squatter Pigeon (southern) (*Geophaps scripta scripta*) and Boggomoss Snail (*Adclarkia dawsonensis*) are located within the project footprint.

SPECIES IDENTIFIED	MITIGATION MEASURE
Squatter Pigeon (Southern) (<i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>)	The Squatter Pigeon (Southern) (<i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>) was recorded from habitats within the dam footprint and it is also likely to occur along the pipeline route. The project will not have a significant impact on the population of Squatter Pigeon and any loss of habitat will be compensated as part of the rehabilitation and offset strategy.
Boggomoss Snail (<i>Adclarkia dawsonensis</i>)	The dam area will inundate 0.75 ha of known habitat for the Boggomoss Snail at Mt Rose Station, resulting in the loss of one sub-population (350 individuals). This represents a 1.2% reduction in population size and a 1.9% loss of known habitat. A translocation plan will be implemented to collect and relocate as many snails as possible from the Mt Rose site to suitable sites outside the impact area. Existing threats to the Boggomoss Snail will be managed at these translocation sites, including weed and pest control, fire management and management of stocking rates. The proposed dam will reduce flooding events in the Dawson River, which is likely to enhance the survival of snail populations living on the river bank.
Fitzroy River Turtle	While there are no confirmed records of the Fitzroy River Turtle within or above the water storage area, the species is known to occur downstream of Nathan Gorge and therefore it has been assumed to be present within the dam footprint. A range of habitat management measures and a dedicated turtle passage to allow movement past the dam will be included in the project. As a result, it is unlikely there will be a significant impact on the species.

POTENTIAL IMPACT TO MIGRATORY SPECIES

Four listed Migratory species are known to exist within the project area.

SPECIES IDENTIFIED	MITIGATION MEASURE
White-bellied Sea-eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	Some impacts of the Project are regarded as potentially positive and it is anticipated that there will be a negligible negative impact on these migratory species that are listed in the EPBC Act.
White throated Needletail (<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>)	
Cattle Egret (<i>Ardea ibis</i>)	
Rainbow Bee-eater (<i>Merops ornatus</i>)	

OFFSET MEASURES

SunWater will implement a strategy to offset any potential impacts to threatened species and ecological communities.

These strategies will ensure that the project is unlikely to have a negative impact on the ecological communities or other threatened species.

Some of the offset measures in regards to potential impacts include:

- Realigning the final pipeline route to further avoid areas of concern if possible
- Implementing an offset strategy to compensate for the loss of remnant vegetation and habitat – such as restoring and protecting discharge spring wetlands outside the project area
- Protecting and rehabilitating extensive tracts of habitat around the dam area.



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THE COMMUNITY

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BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Benefits of the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project include:

- long-term, reliable water supply solution for customers in the Surat Coal Basin and the Dawson-Callide sub-region of Central Queensland
- employment, training and procurement opportunities for local communities and businesses in the short term, including employment prospects for workers over 20-30 months during construction, peaking at about 390 workers
- development of recreational facilities for the surrounding communities, in consultation with the local council.

SunWater prides itself as being an organisation with strong and transparent ties to the communities in which it operates.

Community consultation is an important aspect of the Project investigation phase and every person's opinion is important.



Recreational areas will be developed in consultation with the local council around the dam area

WEED MANAGEMENT

As part of day to day operations, SunWater staff are trained in weed identification and adhere to weed management procedures designed to manage pest plants within its Water Supply Schemes.

For major project related activities, SunWater adheres to weed management procedures and develops site specific weed management strategies which are included in the Construction Environmental Management Plans.

SunWater continues to work closely with landholders to address any weed management issues that may occur and where appropriate, SunWater undertakes wash down of vehicles and machinery before entering and leaving the project sites to ensure weeds are not transported onto properties.

WATER ACCESS AND PRE-EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assesses any potential impacts of the dam on downstream irrigators.

The Nathan Dam will replace the Glebe Weir in the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme.

Landowners' existing water entitlements will be maintained and all objectives for water allocation security will be met. However, some water harvesting entitlements may be affected by the dam.

SunWater will work with impacted irrigators with water harvesting entitlements to agree on appropriate compensation measures.

SunWater will consider the provision of water for stock use instead of monetary compensation to landowners who will have the pipeline permanently located on their land.

Once the project investigation phase is completed, affected landowners will be contacted by SunWater directly to discuss a mutual agreement that benefits both parties.



SunWater will endeavour to ensure that any Project impacts are minimised and that compensation is fair and equitable.

TREATED COAL-SEAM GAS WATER

The treatment and storage of coal seam gas water does not form part of the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project EIS.

The Nathan Dam Pipeline is primarily being constructed to transport water from Nathan Dam to customers in the Surat Coal Basin.

For further detail about the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project, visit the SunWater website:
www.sunwater.com.au/future-developments/nathan-dam or
free-call 1800 158 651.



APPENDIX D MEDIA RELEASE

Media release



SunWater Limited
www.sunwater.com.au

Tuesday, 24 April 2012

Public comment sought for Nathan Dam and Pipelines development

Residents in Theodore, Dalby, Wandoan and Taroom are invited to learn more about the proposed Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project as the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been released for public comment.

SunWater, who is the proponent for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project, will be running a number of information sessions in May to provide the local communities with the opportunity to learn more about the project.

SunWater General Manager Infrastructure Development, Mark Browne said SunWater was committed to delivering the project to provide a secure water supply for the region.

“Over the last few months SunWater has been finalising the environmental, social and economic studies relating to the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project,” Mr Browne said.

“The communities within the Dawson-Callide region will be the ones to benefit from this long term water supply solution and SunWater is looking forward to receiving their valuable input.”

SunWater prides itself on ensuring that open and transparent community relationships are developed and maintained throughout the lifetime of the project.

Mr Browne said this consultation period was an opportunity for interested members of the local community to learn more about the project and share their views.

“By holding a series of public information session and displays during the EIS comment period, SunWater will be able to take on board comments and suggestions in regards to the project,” he said.

The Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project will be of significant interest to the surrounding communities and SunWater urges everyone to learn as much as they can about this new development.

Those unable to attend an information session can visit one of the library displays located in Dalby, Chinchilla, Wandoan, Taroom, Theodore, Miles and the State Library of Queensland.

For further details about the project, the EIS, public display locations and the approval process contact SunWater on 1800 158 651 or visit www.sunwater.com.au/future-developments/nathan-dam.

For details on the EIS process and how to make a submission visit <http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au/cg/nathan-dam-and-pipelines.html> and enter a search for ‘Environmental Impact Assessment’ or phone the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation on 13 25 23.

The EIS consultation period for the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project ends on 5 June 2012.

Media release



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Information sessions will be conducted at the following locations:

Dalby	Myall Youth and Community Network Centre – Cnr Drayton and Nicholson Streets, Dalby	Thu 17 May 2012	2 – 4 pm
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APPENDIX E COORDINATOR-GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project, Central Queensland Environmental impact statement

Queensland's Coordinator-General invites you to have your say on the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project.

SunWater Limited proposes to construct an 888,000-megalitre dam in the vicinity of Nathan Gorge on the Dawson River, 35 kilometres north-east of Taroom. The dam's annual yield would be 66,000 ML.

You are invited to make a submission on the EIS, including the project's potential environmental effects and/or the effectiveness of measures proposed to manage the project's impacts.

The Coordinator-General has declared this project a 'significant project', under section 26 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (Qld) (SDPWO Act).

The Australian Government Minister for the Environment has determined that the project may have a significant impact upon matters of national environmental significance, and will require approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth) before it can proceed. The minister will rely on the outcomes of the Coordinator-General's impact assessment process, including any public submissions, in making a decision.

Comments close at 5pm on Tuesday 5 June 2012.

How to make a submission:

1. Read the EIS

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2. **Read the fact sheet on making a submission, then complete the submission form.** Both are available at <http://projects.industry.qld.gov.au> or at the above locations.

3. Send your completed submission form to one of the following:

Email: NathanDam@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

Post: The Coordinator-General

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NATHAN DAM AND PIPELINES PROJECT – PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

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Environmental Impact Statement

Members of the public are encouraged to review and make a formal submission to the Coordinator General by Tuesday 5 June 2012.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

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INFORMATION SESSIONS

To provide the local community with the opportunity to learn more about the Project, the Environmental Impact Assessment and the EIS, SunWater is holding information sessions on:

- **Thursday, 17 May 2012 - between 2pm and 4pm**
Myall Youth & Community Network Centre, corner Drayton and Nicholson Streets Dalby, QLD 4405
- **Friday, 18 May 2012 – between 9am and 11am**
Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club, 61 Heeney Street, Chinchilla QLD 4413
- **Friday, 18 May 2012 – between 2pm and 4pm**
Wandoan Cultural Centre, 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan QLD 4419
- **Saturday, 19 May 2012 – between 9am and 12 noon**
The Leichardt Hotel, 23 Dawson Street, Taroom QLD 4420
- **Saturday, 19 May 2012 – between 2pm and 5pm**
Theodore Hotel Motel, 27 The Boulevard, Theodore QLD 4719

READ THE EIS

- Download the EIS at <http://www.sunwater.com.au>, or order a free copy on DVD or purchase a printed copy by calling 1800 158 651, or view the EIS until 5 June 2012 at:
 - Chinchilla Library, 68-86 Heeney Street, Chinchilla
 - Miles Library, corner Dawson and Murilla Streets, Miles
 - State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane
 - Taroom Library, 24 Yaldwyn Street, Taroom
 - Theodore Library, The Boulevard, Theodore
 - Wandoan Library, 6 Henderson Road, Wandoan
 - Western Downs Regional Library, 1 Stuart Street, Dalby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- You can call:** Free call 1800 158 651
- Send an email to:** nathandam@sunwater.com.au
- Visit:** www.sunwater.com.au
- Write to:** Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project Manager,
SunWater, Reply Paid 15536, City East Brisbane QLD 4002



APPENDIX G COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MINUTES

**Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project EIS
Community Liaison Group
Minutes of meeting**



Meeting number: 6
Date: Thursday, 21 May 2012
Time: 10am

Present	Vaughn Becker (Banana Council) Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre) Adam Clarke (WPS) Rob Hutchinson (DVWS) Charisse Edwards (Dawson Catchment) Kirrily Addison (SunWater) Michelle Watson (SKM) Stephen Hegedus (Replaces Max Henderson WDRC) Michael McCabe (Replaces Ian Herbert CCC) Sam Jerrand (Taroom Lions) Mark & Kathy Liddle (Landholders) Lee Benson (SunWater) Sam Watt (SKM) Andrea Beard (D Catchment Assoc)
Apologies	Jeanie Conachan (FBA) Warren Phelps (Taroom Lions) Barbara Smith (TDDA) should have been sent to Doug Adam Nigel Pariat (QCC) Sam Rathbone (Landholders)

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome/ introductions	<p>A SunWater representative welcomed attendants and apologised for the delay between meetings which was due to further information being required by the Coordinator-General/SEWPAC.</p> <p>The SunWater representative set out the agenda for meeting.</p>
Summary of EIS	<p>Dam Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CLG member queried what will happen to any timber that dies within the dam and the impact on rural/agricultural land lost. A SunWater rep stated that there would be no impact on a regional scale. - A CLG member queried cattle numbers in the Taroom area. He believed there were more cattle in the Taroom area 25 years ago than in the Northern Territory. A SunWater rep compared this to regions within Queensland and recent cattle numbers. - A CLG member said he hoped the dam wall would stay up as the area is high pressure. He also asked about Platypus. - A CLG member questioned the conditions of landholders for land use upstream of the dam.
Issues summary (from consultation)	<p>The group discussed the various issues raised by the public at the public information days in each region (Dalby, Chinchilla, Wandoan).</p> <p>Dalby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pipeline ■ Access to water ■ Large amount of infrastructure on property ■ Existing rail acts as flood level - erosion at location of proposed pipeline ■ Fossil finds <p>Chinchilla:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pipeline on properties, other infrastructure ■ Access agreements ■ Does EMP get implemented by contractor? ■ CRD – draft EMP conditioned ■ Change process – formal process via approval authorities. ■ EIS process – some people thought the EIS was the final part but were informed it is the starting point for negotiations with individuals <p>Wandoan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pipeline alignment
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A CLG member queried the Woleebee Creek project. - A CLG member queried having a dam further upstream and asked why this was not possible. A SunWater rep said

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	<p>SunWater had looked at these sites previously, but there was no yield.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CLG member queried the Nathan Gorge location. Another SunWater rep said the gorge causes flooding and water can't get away during flooding. - A CLG member stated it was an insult to the district – irrigators were over-allocated from the Murray-Darling and as a result, Dawson water was now being sent there to compensate. He said the split of water to Dalby/Dawson was 44:22 (p14 – 24). - A member queried who will use multi-level offtake. They also queried if there would be an operational strategy that will try to mimic natural flow regime. - A member raised the point that when water levels went down stock gets stuck. - A member asked if offshore watering points would be fenced with gates every 500m. <p>During question time, A SunWater rep said there was a commitment from SunWater that the pipeline would be constructed in reasonable time with a clear schedule (tied into contractor's contracts).</p> <p>The SunWater rep said there was tension between Banana Shire Council and Western Downs Regional Council about the taking of water. The rep said the Banana Shire Council Mayor is going to put to Council to get the Coordinator-General to Taroom, plus all proponents to deal with cumulative impacts.</p> <p>The SunWater rep said in terms of a camp – no location had been chosen as yet but two positions had been identified. The rep stated it was SunWater's preference that the council suggest the best location for the camp.</p> <p>The SunWater rep raised the issue of ground water and addressed concerns the dam would cut ground water flow downstream and reiterated that this would not be the case.</p> <p>The SunWater rep said with regards to transport – some roads will need widening / upgrades.</p> <p>All CLG members were asked if they would like the CLG to continue to operate. They all agreed, that yes, they would like the meetings to continue. It was agreed the next meeting would be held at the time of the Supplementary EIS.</p> <p>Offsets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ On acquired property? ■ Prefer this or abut remnant or abut NP. ■ Sufficient offsets available but not landholder discussions. ■ Will they be done before construction? Want to see set in stone. ■ Usually have 12 months from start of construction to having the offsets legally secured.

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	<p>Lots of area of muddy, scrubby regrowth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Compensation as part of initial negotiations ■ If on SunWater land, SunWater to manage (FSL) ■ If on SunWater easement, agreement who manages? <p>- A CLG member queried if there would be consideration for displaced residents - in rural production when competing with mines, dams, offsets.</p> <p>- Impact of water capture by mines, impaction yield.</p> <p>- Cumulative Impacts → Traffic, SIMPs required to consider.</p> <p>Liability of landholders (Pipeline)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Landholder agreement, land access. ■ Liability ■ Indemnity ■ Notice <p style="margin-left: 150px;">} On both sides</p>

Next meeting: TBC closer to time of Supplementary EIS.



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