

## 1. SUBMISSIONS

The Coordinator-General has requested Arrow Energy to provide responses which address issues raised in public and other submissions received for the Arrow LNG Plant Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

This chapter presents information about the public exhibition period and the process for lodgement of submissions on the EIS, and statistics on the number and variety of submissions received during this period. It also details the structure of Part B of the Supplementary Report to the EIS (SREIS).

### 1.1 Environmental Impact Statement Public Exhibition Period

The Arrow LNG Plant EIS was placed on public exhibition from the 16 April 2012 to 28 May 2012, providing the public and government agencies the opportunity to view and comment on the EIS to the Coordinator-General in the form of submissions. Details of the consultations and communications carried out by Arrow Energy during this public exhibition period, and the locations and means by which the EIS could be viewed by the public are included in the Part A of the SREIS, Chapter 2, Consultation and Communication Update.

It is a statutory requirement that all submissions received by the Coordinator-General are forwarded to the proponent for consideration and provision of a response. A properly made submission is one that:

- Is written and signed by, or for, each person (signatory) who made the submission.
- States the name and address for each signatory.
- Is made to the Coordinator-General.
- Is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

Section 34 of the State Development and Public Works Act 1971 (SDPWO Act) states requirements for making submissions on an EIS:

- (1) During the submission period, any person may make a submission to the Coordinator-General about the EIS.
- (2) The Coordinator-General must accept properly made submissions.
- (3) However, the Coordinator-General may accept a written submission even if the submission is not a properly made submission.
- (4) If the Coordinator-General has accepted a submission, the person who made the submission may, by written notice given to the Coordinator-General—
  - (a) during the submission period—amend the submission; or
  - (b) at any time before a decision about the EIS is made—withdraw the submission.

## 1.2 Submissions Received

A total of 31 submissions, from 30 submitters were received by the Coordinator-General. These 30 submitters were made up of individuals, private organisations, government agencies and councils. Table 1.1 provides a breakdown of the number of submissions in each of these categories.

**Table 1.1 Categories of Submitters**

<b>Submitter Category</b>	<b>Number of Submissions</b>
Individuals	5
Private organisations	7
Regional councils	2 <sup>1</sup>
Queensland Government departments	10
Commonwealth Government departments	1
Other government agencies and organisations	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

<sup>1</sup> Gladstone Regional Council provided a preliminary and a final submission.

The SREIS does not disclose the names or information of individuals who made submissions and these submitters are therefore referred to as 'individual submitter' throughout this report.

A full submissions register is provided in Part B, Chapter 2.

## 1.3 Structure of Part B

Part B comprises four chapters containing the following information:

- Chapter 1 (this chapter) provides a general introduction to the EIS public exhibition period and submissions received as a result of this process.
- Chapter 2 discusses the methodology for categorising submissions received along with a submissions register with corresponding submission and issue numbers, and explains the process for formulating responses to issues.
- Chapter 3 contains the issue register which comprises the issues raised in submissions, and Arrow Energy's response to each issue where issues are noted, referenced in the EIS or referenced within parts A or B of this report.
- Chapter 4 provides detailed responses to issues which require additional explanation, information, and/or advice from specialists not included in the issue register or elsewhere in the SREIS.