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Dear Mr Etemadi

Pre-application meeting record – Saraji East Mining Lease Project (SEMLP)

This pre-application record provides a summary of relevant matters discussed at the pre-application meeting with Queensland Treasury (QT). This record is provided in good faith and provides initial advice regarding likely issues relevant to the proposed project.

If the proposal is changed from what was discussed at the pre-application meeting, you may wish to seek further or amended advice from QT.

Pre-application meeting details

Meeting date:	21 October 2020
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morag Elliott (ME) - QT• Haidar Etemadi (HE) - Aecom• Chris Adamson (CA) - Aecom• Brett Garner (GB) – BHP• Andrew Isaac (AI) - Andy Isaac Consulting Surveyor• Sue-Ellen Dear (SD) – Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME)• Adam Gilmour (AG) - DNRME

Site details

Real property description:	Lot 101 on SP310393
Area of regional interest:	Strategic Cropping Area (SCA)
Local government area:	Isaac Regional Council
Regional plan:	Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Regional Plan

Details of proposal

Resource activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mining and other
Description of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overhead 66 kV powerline associated with the Saraji East single-seam underground mine project

Supporting information

Plan / Report title	Author	Version	Date
Figure 1: SCL Trigger Map	GTenvironmental	Version 2	02/09/2019
Figure 2: Map Units	GTenvironmental	Version 4	30/08/2020
Figure 3: Strategic Cropping Land	GTenvironmental	Version 4	30/08/2020

Pre-application record

Item	Advice
Overview of proposal	
1.	<p>(a) Project overview including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) 66kV powerline(ii) 30m wide easement corridor(iii) 100 - 200m easement to the west(iv) No feasible option to go around the strategic cropping area (SCA)(v) verified strategic cropping land (SCL) and non-verified SCL(vi) proposed disturbance area of 12 -15 ha of verified SCL(vii) whole site owned is by BMA. <p>(b) An application for a regional interests development approval (RIDA) will be lodged during the EIS process.</p> <p>(c) Engagement with DNRME during the EIS process.</p> <p>(d) Additional soils work has been done following feedback from DNRME.</p>
Permanent impacts and restoration plan	
2.	<p>(a) If no permanent impact is anticipated, this must be clearly demonstrated with an associated restoration plan.</p> <p>(b) All the relevant data of the site must be obtained prior to the impact occurring in order to form a baseline of the quality of the SCL.</p> <p>(c) The restoration plan does not have a time frame of when it ceases but remains in effect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) whilst the impact is occurring(ii) until the site has been rehabilitated to its pre-impact condition(iii) measurable performance indicators of completion are met.

	<p>(d) Guidance on what to include and consider, including in a restoration plan, is provided in the statutory guidelines at https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/planning/regional-planning-interests-act/rpi-act-forms-and-guidelines including:</p> <p>(i) RPI Act Statutory Guideline 03/14 Carrying out activities in the strategic cropping area</p> <p>(ii) RPI Act Statutory Guideline 08/14 How to demonstrate that land in the strategic cropping area does not meet the criteria for strategic cropping land</p> <p>(iii) RPI Act Statutory Guideline 09/14 How to determine of an activity has a permanent impact on strategic cropping land.</p>
Mitigation	
3.	<p>(a) Only required to pay or enter into a mitigation arrangement if there is a permanent impact on SCL which is within the 2% allowable permanent impact limits.</p> <p>(b) s50 of the RPI Act includes that mitigation is to be in place before carrying out the activity.</p>
Mapping	
4.	<p>(a) Unless verified non-SCL, the 2% referred to in the prescribed solution for required outcome 2 refers to currently mapped SCL.</p> <p>(b) Areas of disturbance in both the 'Verified SCL' and the 'Non-SCL Area' shown in Figure 3 Strategic Cropping Land are to be included in the RIDA application.</p> <p>(c) The application is to include impacts of the corridor on mapped SCL, and clearly delineate non-SCL and SCL.</p> <p>(d) If assessed and agreed as part of the RIDA application process, verified non-SCL can then be removed from the mapping.</p> <p><i>Note: There is no additional fees for DNRME to remove land from the SCL trigger map, if the land is confirmed as non-compliant SCL during the assessment of the application for a RIDA. However, only land that is applied for is assessed, and/or removed. If extra land is to be assessed (e.g. beyond the infrastructure corridor):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an application is to be lodged with DNRME. The application fee is equivalent to the prescribed fee in the RPI Regulation • the application for a RIDA could include a request for the assessment of this additional land, with the application fee to reflect this additional area.
General advice	
5.	<p>(a) It is requested that detailed shapefiles be provided with the application for the RIDA, identifying the footprint of disturbance and associated impacts to mapped SCL, soil polygons and site locations for all check sites, analysed sites and profile sites. It is also useful to include the LiDAR DEM with the application.</p> <p><i>Note: While not discussed at the pre-application meeting, high resolution copies of the soil profile (not pdfs where the resolution is reduced) has recently been useful for other applications. This enables more reliable confirmation of soil attributes such as colour, horizons and structure.</i></p> <p>(b) To support the assertion that there will be no permanent impact, the application is to include as much information as possible, including exact location, photographs, engineering drawings, as well as a restoration plan.</p> <p>(c) Although it is not mandatory to notify applications in the SCA, the chief executive has the discretion to require notification. It has been general practice to require notification. An application can include a request for notification not to be required, which will be considered executive (Refer to RPI Statutory Guideline 06/14 Notification requirements under the RPI Act at https://dsdmipprd.blob.core.windows.net/general/rpi-guideline-06-14-notification-requirements-under-rpi.pdf)</p>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(d) Timeframes – approx. 50d, or 65 bd if public notification is required. This excludes any extensions and the time the applicant takes to provide a response to a requirement notice, if one is issued.(e) The disturbance area is taken to be the whole easement area. |
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If you require any further information, please contact me on 3452 7653 or morag.elliott@dsmip.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Minutes of Meeting

Saraji East Mining Lease Project

Subject	RIDA Pre-application Discussions	Page	1
Venue	Online - Teams	Time	10 am to 11 am
Participants	Morag Elliot (QT) Adam Gilmour (DNRME) Sue-ellen Dear (DNRME) Brett Garner (BHP) Chris Adamson (AECOM) Haidar Etemadi (AECOM)		
Apologies	Andrew Isaac (Andy Isaac Consulting Surveyor)		
File/Ref No.		Date	21-Oct-2020
Distribution	As above		

No	Item	Action
1.	Opening Introductions and agenda outline	-
2.	Project background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context and description of the Project briefly summarised by Brett. • Further soil investigations have been undertaken since the last meeting pre-application meetings held in 2018 and 2019. • Proposed disturbance corridor to be 30 m in width, with approximately 12 to 15 ha of disturbance to SCL based on brief calculations. • Proposed disturbance corridor is only required for the purpose of a single powerline. 	-
3.	Addressing the agenda questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation measures will be imposed where permanent impacts are less than 2% of the SCL trigger map in a subject property. • A restoration plan is required where impacts are planned to be restored to baseline conditions, even supposing the proposed activity is planned for several years (the guidelines do not specify the number of years) • Sue-ellen noted no previous application with a restoration plan has been assessed thus far, therefore there are no current restoration plan examples. • Morag noted she will check previous applications for examples of restoration plans. • Sue-ellen noted that this application will be the first application that is for infrastructure in SCL. 	-

No	Item	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department noted that lodgement of restoration plans are rare. • Where mitigation measures are applicable, the timing of payment will be prior to undertaking the impact (as per section 50 of the RPI Act) • Prescribed solution for required outcome 2 in the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 states the area of SCL that is permanently impacted must be no more than 2% of the SCL on the property – This refers to the verified SCL areas. Where the areas are not assessed the calculations are to be taken as per the Trigger Map. • Public notification requirements are looked at through case by case scenarios. Notification requirements depend on the relevant location of the development and whether public notification has been previously undertaken for a project where SCL concerns have been adequately addressed. • The RIDA application can reason why a public notification is not necessary and this will be considered through the assessment process. • Application fee for SCA less than 30 ha is \$6745.00 as per the RPI Regulation 2014. • Subsequent to the assessment of the RIDA application and the State’s agreement on the SCL investigation outcomes, SCL trigger mapping will be changed as per the application and assessment. The mapping change will only occur for the assessed areas. • Where the applicant would like to remove the ‘unverified SCL’ areas from the SCL trigger map located outside the proposed disturbance area, the RIDA application must also apply and be purposed for this. Therefore, the RIDA application may be made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove non verified SCL area from the SCL trigger map, and - Assess the impacts of the activity within the proposed corridor • An application made for a larger extent (i.e. impacts within the proposed corridor AND request to remove non-verified SCL areas from the SCL trigger map) will change the nature of the assessment application and increase the application fee accordingly. • Statutory timeframe for RIDA applications is 60 business days, subject to notice requirements and extensions. • Detail plans supporting the application should have as much details as possible. Engineering/detail design plans are not as necessary for the RIDA applications, however may be required as part of the restoration plan to detail the impacts and restoration tactics. 	