

Environmental Impact Statement



Community consultation has been ongoing to inform the community of the EIS process and its progress, and to gain an understanding of the community's points of view.

The purpose of the EIS is to identify potential environmental impacts and propose actions to eliminate or mitigate them.

It should also identify any adverse social, cultural or economic impacts and seek to address them.

Northeast Business Park Pty Ltd has appointed environmental specialist Cardno to undertake the EIS.

Relevant Legislation

The Queensland Government has declared Northeast Business Park a significant project that will require an Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

The scope of the technical studies for the EIS will be based on the finalised Terms of Reference. The proposed Northeast Business Park has also been declared a 'controlled action' under the *Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 [EPBC Act]*. This legislation triggers a statutory review process by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage [DEH].

The State EIS process, accredited under a bilateral agreement, will address matters on behalf of both the Queensland and Australian governments.

The scope of the technical studies for the Environmental Impact Statement are based on the Terms of Reference released in December 2006. The Environmental Impact investigations are currently underway, including ongoing community consultation to inform the Environmental Impact Statement. This will culminate in an Environmental Impact Statement that will be released for public comment.

For further information about the Northeast Business Park EIS process, managed by the Coordinator-General, please visit:

www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/major_projects/business_park.shtm