



Have your say

Northern Pipeline Inter-connector—stage 2 project

Environmental impact statement

The Coordinator-General invites you to have your say on the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Northern Pipeline Inter-connector—stage 2.

The proponent, the Southern Regional Water Pipeline Company Pty Ltd trading as LinkWater Projects, a Queensland Government owned corporation, proposes to construct the Northern Pipeline Inter-connector (NPI)—stage 2, which forms part of the South East Queensland Water Grid.

The NPI will be developed in two stages. Stage 2 is approximately 48 km of pipeline and associated facilities. It will extend from the existing Noosa water treatment plant near Cooroy to the termination point for NPI stage 1 near the Landers Shute water treatment plant at Eudlo. The project footprint is approximately 148 ha and comprises a 30 m wide pipeline corridor, three pump stations and one balance tank.

The NPI is a measure of the Water Amendment Regulation (No.6) 2006 which, pending environmental assessment and approval, is to be completed by 31 December 2011. The completed NPI will supply up to 65 mega litres per day of treated potable water from the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane. The project will connect existing partly utilised water entitlements (up to 18 mega litres per day) to the South East Queensland Water Grid and assist in reducing the reliance on water drawn from the Baroon Pocket dam into the pipeline.

On 13 September 2007 the Coordinator-General approved the declaration of the project as a 'significant project' for which an EIS is required in accordance with Part 4 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (Qld). The EIS process is being coordinated by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning on behalf of the Coordinator-General.

On 24 October 2007 the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts determined the project to be a 'controlled action' due to its potential impacts on matters of national environmental significance. The controlling provisions are:

- listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)
- listed migratory species (sections 20 and 20A).

As a result the project will require assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). The Coordinator-General has not approved the EIS but has determined that the EIS is substantially in accordance with the terms of reference and can be released for public and advisory agency comment.

Availability of the EIS

The EIS can be viewed online at www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects or www.linkwater.com.au and is available for review (subject to the opening hours) from Monday 19 January 2009 to Monday 9 March 2009 at the following display locations:

Beerwah Library Peachester Road, Beerwah	Caloundra Library Omrah Avenue, Caloundra
Coolum Beach Library Park Street, Coolum	Kawana Library Nanyima Street, Buddina
Kenilworth Library Elizabeth Street, Kenilworth	Maleny Library 5 Coral Street, Maleny
Maroochydore Library 44 Sixth Avenue, Cotton Tree	Nambour Library Cnr Currie and Bury Streets, Nambour
Noosa Library Wallace Park, Wallace Drive, Noosaville	Office of the Member for Nicklin Shop 3, 51 Currie Street, Nambour
State Library of Queensland Cultural Centre, Stanley Place South Brisbane	Queensland Parliament Library Parliament House Alice Street, Brisbane
National Library of Australia Canberra ACT	Department of Tourism Regional Development and Industry Level 2, 12 Innovation Park Way Birtinya QLD

A CD-ROM containing the EIS is available free of charge from LinkWater Projects' Alliance Partner (Northern Network Alliance). Please contact the Northern Network Alliance on freecall 1800 243 998 for further information.

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You are invited to have your say on the EIS. All submissions must be received by **5 pm Monday 9 March 2009** and sent to:

The Coordinator-General
Attention: EIS Project Manager—NPI Stage 2 project
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All submissions must be made in writing and addressed to the Coordinator-General. Submissions must state the grounds of 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 provided to LinkWater Projects. People or groups with special communication needs who wish to comment on the EIS should contact the EIS Project Manager on (07) 3224 2171 to make alternative arrangements.

