



Media release

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The Honourable Anthony Lynham

Bowen Basin coal project progresses

Progress continues on the \$1 billion Olive Downs mine proposal near Moranbah, as the Bowen Basin's existing coal mines await the return of rail transport post-Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

In Moranbah today to talk to local businesses about the potential impact of ex-TC Debbie, State Development Minister Dr Anthony Lynham said the rigorous environmental assessment process was underway for Pembroke Resources proposed coking coal mine.

Member for Mirani Jim Pearce said the best news for local communities was that Pembroke Resources would encourage workers to live in local towns like Nebo and Dysart.

When the open cut mine is up and running, it could maintain up to 960 operational jobs. It would operate for more than 30 years and produce up to 14 million tonnes per year.

"The resources sector is fundamental to jobs and business opportunities, particularly in our regional communities, and rigorous environmental processes are important to keeping this vital industry sustainable," Dr Lynham said

"The draft terms of reference for the environmental impact assessment are now available for public comment.

"This is the first step in a rigorous process for this mine proposal that could create more than 500 construction jobs a year over two years.

"The Coordinator-General will consider all comments and release the final terms of reference for the environmental impact statement which the proponent will then be required to fully address."

The proposed mine would be midway between Moranbah and Dysart and includes an 18 kilometre rail spur to the Norwich Park Branch railway, a water pipeline connecting to the Eungella pipeline network, an electricity transmission line and access roads.

The proposed mine is a coordinated project, which means the independent Coordinator-General efficiently coordinates the environmental assessment process across State and Federal agencies.

The draft terms of reference are available online and in local libraries. Submissions are open until 12 May 2017.

For more information visit statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/olivedowns

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