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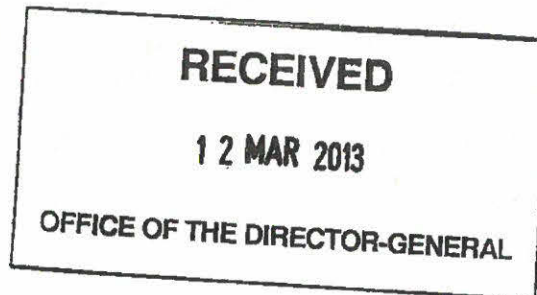


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3. Send your completed submission to one of the following:

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Post: The Coordinator-General  
c/- Project Manager, Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project  
Land Acquisition and Delivery Division  
Office of the Coordinator-General  
PO Box 15517  
City East QLD 4002

Fax: +61 7 3224 2978

Submissions will be treated as public documents. A copy of your submission (including your name and address) will be provided to Waratah Coal for comment.

#### **More Information**

If you would like more information or have special communication needs, please contact the Project Manager on (07) 3405 5448.

Yours sincerely

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**Barry Broe**  
**Coordinator-General**

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

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**From:** Doig, Barbara  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 March 2013 7:18 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Cc:** Irwin Malcolm  
**Subject:** Comments\_Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project.doc  
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Mick - FYI - Siobhan's provided the attached comments on the Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project IFR.  
If you are planning to comment, could you email them to Mal by cob today if possible so we can meet the departmental deadline of Tuesday? The template's in the email I sent you last Monday (copy attached).

Thanks  
Barb.

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**From:** Doig, Barbara  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 March 2013 7:13 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick; Krosch Neil; Bourne, Siobhan; Hoy Neil  
**Cc:** Irwin Malcolm  
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If you have any comments, could you use the attached template and send them to [malcolm.irwin@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:malcolm.irwin@dnrm.qld.gov.au) by **cob Thursday 28 March 2013** to allow us to meet the departmental deadline.

Kind regards

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**To:** CWVegetationApplication; CW Water Approvals Rockhampton; Ross, John; Jones, Mary-Anne; Cockayne, Bernie; Irwin Malcolm; Andrews, Joanna  
**Cc:** Hambleton, Alison; DACoordinationMackay; Alty, Lana; Coburn, Vicki; Meacle, Kristy; Barley, Rachel; Price, Samuel; Doig, Barbara; Hoy Neil; Cronin-Stacey, Celeste; Lill, Tony  
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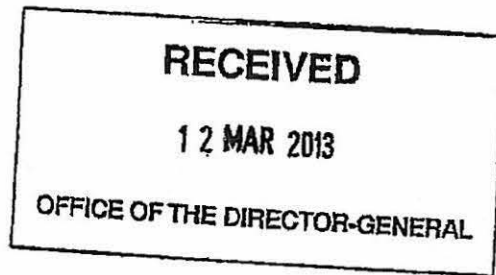


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**Project Approvals Check List**

**Pre-requisites for progressing to Grant of ML**

ML Number Project/Mine Name	Project Step/Specific Approval	Action Required by DNRM (Mines) = MAPO	Action required by Applicant	Action required by Other Party	Deadline/Timing as appropriate
	Compensation Agreements				
	Overlapping P&G tenure				
	Overlapping EPM/EPC tenure				
	Consent (if req'd) for constrained land, RAs				
	Restricted land consent				
	Reserve land consent				
	SCL assessment				
	Biodiversity Offsets				
	Initial Development Plan assessment				
	EIS/EM Plan/EA				
	Advertise ML and draft EA (CPN)				
	Objections				
	Land Court				
	Native Title				
	Cultural heritage clearance (CHMP)				
	Survey (if req'd)				

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## **Section 5.4 – Construction Approach On Shore Activities (Page-40)**

### Issue

This section states that *“the preferred option is to use the existing NQBPC quarries to provide the materials during the construction of the coal terminal.”* Estimated volumes of extractive materials required for the construction of the proposal should be provided in order to ensure that the supply available from these quarries can meet the expected demand for the project in addition to the usual demand from the local region.

### Recommendation

Text or a table should be included that outlines the type and expected volume of extractive material that will be required during the construction phase of the project including the material required for any temporary or permanent haul roads.

*Reviewing Officer – Siobhan Bourne, Senior Geologist (GSQ)*

## **Section 5.6 – Proposed Land Tenure Arrangements (Page-45)**

### Issue

This section discusses landholders within the proposed project footprint and the intention of the proponent to acquire the required land. However there is no mention in this section regarding the Exploration Permits the lie within the project footprint. Exploration Permit for Minerals (EPM) 25189 and Exploration Permit for Coal (EPC) 2500 lie within the southern section of the proposal footprint

### Recommendation

The holders of EPM 25189 and EPC 2500 should be considered stakeholders in the construction of the project and need to be consulted with to ensure there is minimal impact on any known or potential resources within the permit areas.

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**To:** Krosch Neil  
**Subject:** RE: Dot Points - Prem's visit Mackay

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**From:** Krosch Neil  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 July 2012 9:51 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** Dot Points - Prem's visit Mackay

### Abbot Point

An issue for the coal industry is future port capacity to handle the projected growth in coal exports from the Bowen and Galilee Basins. Some companies have expressed concern about the recent decision by the Government to curtail the T4 to T9 terminal expansion proposals which had been initiated through a tendering process managed by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBPC). The port infrastructure development to accommodate the T4 to T9 terminal developments, namely the Multi-Cargo Facility, will now not proceed, at least in the manner and timing previously conceived.

BHP Coal is the proponent of the T2 terminal expansion, and Adani is a proponent of an expansion to the existing T1 terminal (referred to as the T0 development). GVK-Hancock's T3 and BHP Coal's T2 developments are designed to be single company facilities, and Adani's expansion will most likely be designed to service its Carmichael project.

In this situation, it is very likely that the facilities for which approvals are currently being progressed at Abbot Point will not provide sufficient scope for all interested mining developments (new and expanded projects) to secure the ability to export their output.

### Dudgeon Point

There may be some ability for companies to obtain additional port capacity at the Dudgeon Point development, where NQBPC proposes to develop new coal export facilities for the export of up to 180 million tonnes per annum, within the Port of Hay Point. The new facilities are planned to comprise two separate coal terminals supported by new offshore wharves, a rail connection to the Goonyella rail system, an expansion of the existing tug harbour and supporting infrastructure. A substantial dredging program will also be required.

Following a public expression of interest process, Adani Mining Pty Ltd and Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Management Pty Ltd (DBCTM) were selected by NQBPC as preferred proponents. DBCTM has set up a separate company, Dudgeon Point Project Management Pty Ltd to undertake the development of a proposed new terminal at Dudgeon Point.

The Dudgeon Point development proposal has been declared a "significant project" by the Coordinator-General and NQBPC is required to undertake a rigorous assessment of the proposal via an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act.



This existing coal export facilities within the Port of Hay Point, namely the Hay Point Terminal and the Dalrymple Bay Terminal, currently service the vast majority of coal mines in the central Bowen Basin and have been progressively expanded to a combined total capacity of 130 million tonnes per annum.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 21 March 2013 10:37 AM  
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**Cc:** Cook, Tiffany  
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Regards,

Alison

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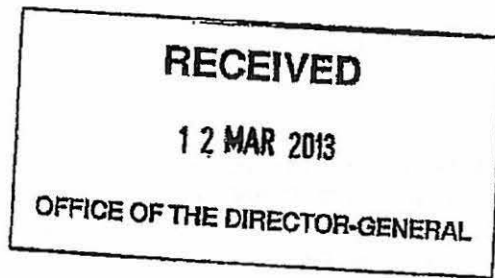
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### **Submissions close at 5pm on Friday, 5 April 2013.**

To make a submission:

1. Read the IFS application
  - See the application on CD (enclosed)
  - Download the application at [www.waratahcoal.com](http://www.waratahcoal.com)
2. Complete and sign your submission

**O'FLYNN Mick**


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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline [Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:20 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc  
**Attachments:** Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Mick please see comments attached - can you reword? If not let me know  
 thanks  
 Jacki

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**From:** Bazeley Courtney  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:14 AM  
**To:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Cc:** Gordon Ian (Mackay); Moor Darren; Bazeley Courtney; McIntyre Colleen; McDonald Rachael  
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Jacki

Please see comments from the Principal Advisor on the attached letter

The letter will be signed by the Director-General.

Due back to the OADG as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

**Courtney Bazeley**  
 Senior Project Officer  
 Office of the Assistant Director-General  
 Natural Resource Operations

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**To:** Bazeley Courtney  
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Courtney - here is the response for the T3 project. Please advise if you need it back through MECS.  
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Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
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**From:** Bazeley Courtney [Courtney.Bazeley@dnrm.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 2:08 PM  
**To:** Linklater, Helen  
**Cc:** Mcintyre Colleen; Bazeley Courtney; Birchley Michael; O'flynn Mick; Wirth Jacqueline  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point  
**Attachments:** Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc  
 HI Helen

Please find attached the response to the T3 development at Abbot Point – approved by the Assistant Director-General, Natural Resource Operations.

Many thanks,

**Courtney Bazeley**  
 Senior Project Officer  
 Office of the Assistant Director-General  
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**From:** Linklater Helen  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 July 2012 4:37 PM  
**To:** Ryan Sue; Mcnamara James; Kearnan Wally; Birchley Michael; Bell Stewart; Callaghan Kate  
**Cc:** Carter Helen; Fore3man Mark; Caesar Ken; Smith Roberts Megan; Samuels Renee; Hawkins Amanda; Lino Starsky; Mcintyre Colleen; Bazeley Courtney; Brown Denise; Hoey Kate; Taviuni Sue; Cosgrove Sue; Wise Grahame; Conaty Paula; Hunt Dan; Thompson Judith; ME ADG Personal Assistant; Smith Annette; Fullarton Karen; Reside Martin @ DEEDI; Cavanagh Peter; Song Anita; Archer Graham; Matthews, Helen; Executive Council Team; Grigg Ken; 'nichole.hutchinson@dnrm.qld.gov.au'; 'john.brad@dnrm.qld.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point

Good afternoon all

Please refer to the attached letter from Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL) - the preferred developer for the proposed Terminal 3 (T3) development at the Port of Abbot Point.

HICPL is seeking public comment/submissions on this project up to but no later than 30 July 2012.

As stated in the letter from HCIPL, preliminary documentation can be obtained from the project website at [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au).

If your work area has an interest or issues in this matter, please advise the CLLO area immediately (refer response protocols below).

Please let the CLLO area know if you believe your area should be leading this response.

If you do take lead status, you will be required to coordinate the DNR&M response with any other interested areas within the department.

**Please note that where the CLLO determines that a response to the requesting agency is required, but no area claims lead status, the CLLO may select the most appropriate area of the department to take the lead in preparing the response.**

#### RESPONSE PROTOCOLS AND DEADLINE

- All primary recipients of this email, or their delegates, are required to respond within two



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1. Nil response.
  2. Significant interest in the matter and the nomination of a primary briefing officer. This implies anticipated lead status for drafting a response and coordination with any other areas with lesser interests requiring input.
  3. A lesser interest in the matter and anticipated contribution to another area's primary response.
- A final coordinated response, approved by the relevant DDG (or equivalent) will be due to the CLLO Office by cob Wednesday, 25 July 2012.

Please contact me with any queries.

*Helen Linklater*  
Liaison Officer  
Ministerial and Executive Services  
**Department of Natural Resources and Mines**  
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Prepared by: Title:	J Wirth Manager	Approved by: Title:	Mike Birchley Assistant Director-General Natural Resource Operations
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**DAN HUNT**  
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**O'FLYNN Mick**

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**Sent:** Monday, 18 June 2012 10:00 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for Public Comment Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point  
**Attachments:** Annexure A Publication of preliminary documentation s95A.pdf; Annexure A.pdf; FINAL\_A4 Fact Sheet 150612 Rev2.pdf; Key Questions and Answers 3 insert.pdf; 120615 Offer to provide project briefing stakeholder letter Hon Andrew Cripps MP.pdf

**From:** Jayde Morris  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 June 2012 9:58 AM  
**To:** Helen Stehbens  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for Public Comment Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point

Hi Helen this is the email that was sent to Cripps on Friday.

Jayde

**From:** Helen Stehbens  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 June 2012 10:21 PM  
**To:** nrm@ministerial.qld.gov.au  
**Subject:** Invitation for Public Comment Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point

Dear Hon Andrew Cripps MP

Please find both a letter and fact sheet attached advising you on the public notification of the Preliminary Documentation for the Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point.

The Preliminary Documentation for the proposed T3 development will be available for public comment for a four week period from 18 June to 16 July 2012.

A hardcopy of the attached letter and factsheet will also be mailed to you.

Kind Regards,

**Helen Stehbens**  
 EGM – External Affairs



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**Publication of Information for Assessment on Preliminary Documentation  
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Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**

**Information to be published:**

- (a) Specified information included in the referral to the Minister of the proposal to take the action;
- (b) Specified information relating to the action that was given to the Minister after the referral but before the Minister made the assessment approach decision;
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- (d) An invitation for anyone to give the designated proponent, within the period specified in the direction, comments in writing relating to the information or the action.

If the material is more than 200 words, a notice may be published instead.

**Where to be published:**

- (a) at an appropriate location on the internet;
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The notice must be approved by the Secretary before it is published.



Mr Paul Mulder  
Managing Director – Coal  
Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 963  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
EPBC Ref: 2008/4468  
EPBC Contact: s.73 - Irrelevant Information

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**Direction to publish Preliminary Documentation –  
Abbot Point Coal Terminal 3, Port of Abbot Point, Queensland**

On 20 October 2008, we decided that your proposed coal terminal expansion project at the Port of Abbot Point, Queensland (EPBC 2008/4468), required assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). As you would be aware, the proposed action has been varied a number of times since then and a final, revised set of documentation was submitted to the department on 25 May 2012.

You are now required to publish the information you have provided on the proposed action (as outlined above) **within 20 business days of the date of this decision**. This allows for public consultation on the potential impacts of your project. The information must be available for comment for no less than **20 business days** and during this time any third parties can comment on the proposed action.

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The assessment process will commence as soon as we receive the public comments and your responses to them. A decision on whether the proposed action can be approved or not would generally be expected within 40 business days of that time, unless further information is required.

Details on the assessment process and the responsibilities of the proponent are set out in the enclosed fact sheet. Further information is available from the department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc>.

I have also written to the following parties to advise them of this decision:

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State authority

Mr Lindsay Delzoppo  
Queensland Department of Environment &  
Heritage Protection

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If you have any questions about the assessment process or this decision, please contact the EPBC project manager and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Sch 4 - Signatures

Adrienne Lea  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch

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# Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point

## About the Project

Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL), a wholly owned subsidiary within the GVK Group, has been nominated by North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQBP) as the preferred developer for a parcel of land referred to as "Terminal 3" (previously X110 Terminal and referred to below as "T3 Project").

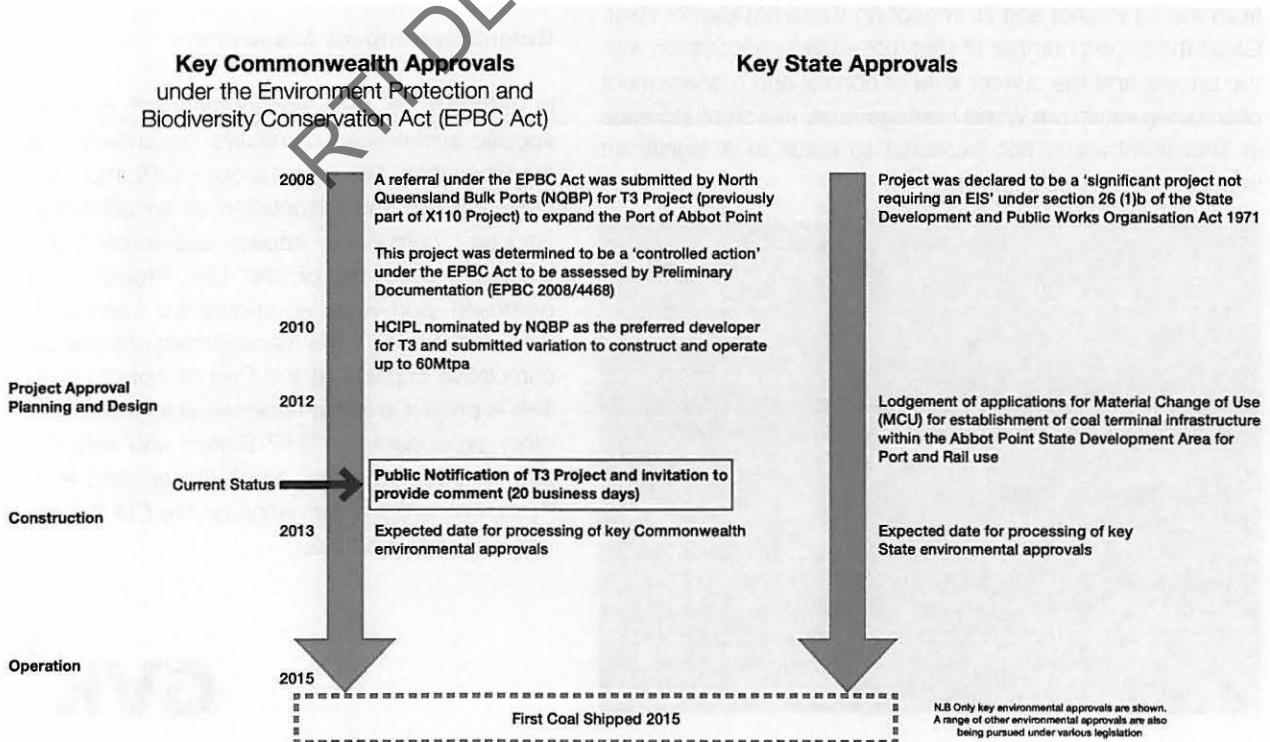
HCIPL proposes to develop the T3 Project to enable the export of up to 60 Mtpa of coal delivered by a standard gauge rail line from new mines in the Galilee Basin. The proposed development includes both onshore (coal stockpile catering for throughput of up to 60Mtpa) and offshore development (jetty and berth facilities) and associated in-loading and out-loading infrastructure. A map showing project infrastructure is provided on page 4. The Port of Abbot Point is HCIPL's preferred port because of its proximity to the Galilee Basin and Asian destinations. T3 is critical to the development of the Alpha Coal, Alpha West and Kevin's Corner Projects which are also being progressed by GVK Hancock through other companies in the GVK Group.

## GVK

In October 2011, one of India's leading infrastructure developers, the GVK Group, acquired majority ownership in mine, rail and port developments from Hancock Prospecting Group. GVK Group holds power and infrastructure interests and is committed to expanding its business in Australia. GVK's mission statement is:

*"GVK will develop a world class integrated coal business through the commitment of our people, collaboration with stakeholders and underpinned by safety, technical and cost leadership."*

## T3 Project Timing



## Environmental Studies

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- Loss of a small area of a threatened ecological community within the project footprint which has been considered as a part of the assessment, and which, when appropriately managed, is shown not to impact the ongoing survival of the ecological community
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To ensure the T3 Project does not unduly impact the environment, comprehensive environmental management plans have been developed for the construction and operational phases of the project. Habitat offsets are also proposed in relation to the direct loss of a small area of threatened ecological community which is required to be cleared to allow the T3 Project to proceed.

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Development of T3 at the Port of Abbot Point is key to development of the Alpha Coal, Alpha West and the Kevin's Corner Project.

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67 Herbert Street  
Bowen QLD 4805

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Brisbane QLD 4001

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## Project Information

For further information on the T3 Project please contact the project team on:

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8am – 5pm Monday to Friday

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Hon Andrew Cripps MP  
Minister for Natural Resources and Mines  
Queensland Government  
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**Invitation for Public Comment**  
**Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point**

Dear Hon Andrew Cripps MP

Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL), a wholly owned subsidiary within the GVK Group, is the preferred developer for the proposed Terminal 3 (T3) development (previously the X110 Terminal) at the Port of Abbot Point.

The Federal Government advised on 8 June 2012 letter attached in Annexure A advised that the preliminary documentation was deemed to be of a quality and standard that met the adequacy test. The preliminary documentation for the proposed T3 development will be available for public comment for a four week period from 18 June to 16 July 2012.

**Project background and benefits**

This project is a component of the GVK Hancock mine, rail and port projects. HCIPL proposes to develop the T3 Project to enable export of up to 60 Mtpa of coal delivered by a standard gauge rail line from new mines in the Galilee Basin. The Port of Abbot Point is HCIPL's preferred port because of its strategic location to the Galilee Basin and Asian export destinations. The proposed development includes both onshore and offshore development including jetty, wharf and coal stockyard facilities and associated in-loading and out-loading infrastructure.

The T3 Project will have significant direct economic benefits to the local Whitsunday/Bowen Region. It is expected to generate up to 650 jobs during construction and approximately 100 full-time jobs during operations. The wider benefits from the combined mine, rail and port projects will include creation of approximately 4,500 jobs through construction, and 1,800 during operations. In addition, it is expected that over \$1.5bn in taxes and royalties will be returned to State and Federal governments from the projects each year.

**Environmental assessment**

Thorough assessment of potential environmental impacts relevant to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) has been undertaken. This information is provided in the Preliminary Documentation.

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HCIPL is committed to maintaining strict environmental standards for the Port of Abbot Point, while also addressing legislative requirements and the expectations of the community for the management of the Great Barrier Reef.

### **Project Briefings**

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with project information and details on how to submit comment on the T3 Preliminary Documentation. An information sheet including project map is attached for your information.

We would be delighted to provide you the opportunity for a more detailed project briefing and further information on the T3 development at the Port of Abbot Point.

In the meantime the Preliminary Documentation can be obtained from the project website at [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au) or by calling the dedicated enquiries hotline 1300 279 766.

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Yours sincerely

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Helen Stehbens  
General Executive Manager – External Affairs

**O'FLYNN Mick**

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**From:** Krosch Neil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 August 2012 1:23 PM  
**To:** Wirth, Jacqueline  
**Cc:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: MC11150  
**Attachments:** MC11150 INCOMING.pdf; Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission FINAL.doc; NRM Min to GVK Hancock re T3 Prelim Doc 28.8.12.doc

Jacki

This email relates to your telephone conversation just now with Mick O'Flynn.

I believe you were the responsible Manager and contact point nominated in a recent letter from the Acting DG to Mr Grant Keenan of GVK Hancock in relation to the Preliminary Documentation for the Terminal 3 development at Abbot Point (letter attached). GVK Hancock (through Helen Stehbens) also forwarded an email and attachments to the Minister about this matter and a reply is due on Friday. I have drafted a reply (attached) and seek your input, as it is proposed to again nominate you as the Departmental contact.

Thanks

Neil

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**From:** Austin, Rhylie  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 August 2012 4:30 PM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick; Krosch Neil  
**Cc:** Carmichael David  
**Subject:** MC11150

Good Afternoon,

Just letting you know that this response is due this Friday 31 August.

It was just sent through with the incoming, so if you could have a response to this office by then, would be muchly appreciated.

Regards,

Rhylie Austin  
Project Officer

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# NATURAL RESOURCES and MINES Ministerial Correspondence Action Sheet

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DATE RECEIVED MINISTER'S OFFICE: 18-6-2012.

**Response Letter**

- For reply under Minister's signature
- For reply under the Assistant Minister's signature
- For reply under Chief of Staff's signature
- For reply under the Senior Policy Advisor's signature

**Referral Letter**

- Minister's signature
- Chief of Staff's signature

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Request / FYI

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Necessary action – Dept to determine required action (Briefing Note/Reply etc)

Dept to contact author

**MINISTER'S OFFICE COMMENTS**

*Copies to office State Development* ✓ spoke to Andrew & confirmed the State Dev. do not need a copy.

*Relates to coastal plan.*

*NO ACTION*

*Action will be undertaken on receipt of or following documents by MPO*



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## Matthew Jackson

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**From:** Helen Stehbens <Helen.Stehbens@hancockcoal.com.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 June 2012 9:09 PM  
**To:** Natural Resources  
**Subject:** Invitation for Public Comment Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point  
**Attachments:** Annexure A Publication of preliminary documentation s95A.pdf; Annexure A.pdf; FINAL\_A4 Fact Sheet 150612 Rev2.pdf; Key Questions and Answers 3 insert.pdf; 120615 Offer to provide project briefing stakeholder letter Hon Andrew Cripps MP.pdf

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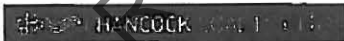
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Kind Regards,

**Helen Stehbens**  
EGM – External Affairs



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**Publication of Information for Assessment on Preliminary Documentation  
under Section 95A of the  
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**

**Information to be published:**

- (a) Specified information included in the referral to the Minister of the proposal to take the action;
- (b) Specified information relating to the action that was given to the Minister after the referral but before the Minister made the assessment approach decision;
- (c) Specified information relating to the action that was received in response to the Minister's request under subsection (2);
- (d) An invitation for anyone to give the designated proponent, within the period specified in the direction, comments in writing relating to the information or the action.

If the material is more than 200 words, a notice may be published instead.

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The designated proponent must:

- (a) give 2 copies of the material to:
  - (i) at least 1 local authority, or at least 1 local or regional library, for the area where the action is likely to have a significant impact on a matter protected by a provision of Part 3 of the Act;
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  - (iii) the department.
- (b) ask the authority or library to display the material publicly.

The published material or notice must invite public comments and state:

- (a) the provision of the Act that requires the material to be published;
- (b) the identification number for the action, allocated by the Department;
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Mr Paul Mulder  
Managing Director – Coal  
Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 963  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
EPBC Ref: 2008/4468  
EPBC Contact:

s.73 - Irrelevant Information

Dear Mulder

**Direction to publish Preliminary Documentation –  
Abbot Point Coal Terminal 3, Port of Abbot Point, Queensland**

On 20 October 2008, we decided that your proposed coal terminal expansion project at the Port of Abbot Point, Queensland (EPBC 2008/4468), required assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). As you would be aware, the proposed action has been varied a number of times since then and a final, revised set of documentation was submitted to the department on 25 May 2012.

You are now required to publish the information you have provided on the proposed action (as outlined above) **within 20 business days of the date of this decision**. This allows for public consultation on the potential impacts of your project. The information must be available for comment for no less than **20 business days** and during this time any third parties can comment on the proposed action.

Public comments will come directly to you so that you have an opportunity to address any issues raised. You are then required to provide us with:

- a copy of all public comments received (if any);
- a summary of each of the comments (if any) and how you have addressed each of them, and
- a revised version of your documentation with any changes or additions needed to take account of the public comments (if any); or
- if no public comments are received, a written statement to that effect.

Once you have provided us with this information, you will then need to publish the summary of comments and your responses, together with the original documentation including any changes or additions made in response to the public comments (or a notice) **within 10 business days**.

Detailed directions on what information you need to publish and where to publish are attached to this letter.

The assessment process will commence as soon as we receive the public comments and your responses to them. A decision on whether the proposed action can be approved or not would generally be expected within 40 business days of that time, unless further information is required.

Details on the assessment process and the responsibilities of the proponent are set out in the enclosed fact sheet. Further information is available from the department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc>.

I have also written to the following parties to advise them of this decision:

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**State authority**

**Mr Lindsay Delzoppo  
Queensland Department of Environment &  
Heritage Protection**

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If you have any questions about the assessment process or this decision, please contact the EPBC project manager and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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**Adrienne Lea  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch**

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**Invitation for Public Comment  
Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point**

Dear Hon Andrew Cripps MP

Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL), a wholly owned subsidiary within the GVK Group, is the preferred developer for the proposed Terminal 3 (T3) development (previously the X110 Terminal) at the Port of Abbot Point.

The Federal Government advised on 8 June 2012 letter attached in Annexure A advised that the preliminary documentation was deemed to be of a quality and standard that met the adequacy test. The preliminary documentation for the proposed T3 development will be available for public comment for a four week period from 18 June to 16 July 2012.

**Project background and benefits**

This project is a component of the GVK Hancock mine, rail and port projects. HCIPL proposes to develop the T3 Project to enable export of up to 60 Mtpa of coal delivered by a standard gauge rail line from new mines in the Galilee Basin. The Port of Abbot Point is HCIPL's preferred port because of its strategic location to the Galilee Basin and Asian export destinations. The proposed development includes both onshore and offshore development including jetty, wharf and coal stockyard facilities and associated in-loading and out-loading infrastructure.

The T3 Project will have significant direct economic benefits to the local Whitsunday/Bowen Region. It is expected to generate up to 650 jobs during construction and approximately 100 full-time jobs during operations. The wider benefits from the combined mine, rail and port projects will include creation of approximately 4,500 jobs through construction, and 1,800 during operations. In addition, it is expected that over \$1.5bn in taxes and royalties will be returned to State and Federal governments from the projects each year.

**Environmental assessment**

Thorough assessment of potential environmental impacts relevant to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) has been undertaken. This information is provided in the Preliminary Documentation.

The controlling provisions under the EPBC Act for the T3 Project are:

- World Heritage Properties (sections 12 and 15A)
- National Heritage Places (sections 15B and 15C)
- Listed Threatened Species and Threatened Ecological Communities (sections 18 and 18A)
- Listed Migratory Species (sections 20 and 20A)
- Commonwealth Marine Area (sections 23 and 24A).



Comprehensive environmental management plans will be developed for both construction and operational phases of the project. In addition to the assessment of project-specific matters documented in the Preliminary Documentation, HCIPL has also committed to the completion of a voluntary cumulative impact assessment. This is being undertaken together with other proponents – BHP Billiton and Adani and the Port Authority, North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation.

HCIPL is committed to maintaining strict environmental standards for the Port of Abbot Point, while also addressing legislative requirements and the expectations of the community for the management of the Great Barrier Reef.

### **Project Briefings**

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with project information and details on how to submit comment on the T3 Preliminary Documentation. An information sheet including project map is attached for your information.

We would be delighted to provide you the opportunity for a more detailed project briefing and further information on the T3 development at the Port of Abbot Point.

In the meantime the Preliminary Documentation can be obtained from the project website at [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au) or by calling the dedicated enquiries hotline 1300 279 766.

Hard copies are also available for viewing at:

- Whitsunday Regional Council Library, 67 Herbert Street Bowen QLD 4805
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, John Gorton Building King Edward Terrace Parkes ACT 2600
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, 22-30 Wood Street Mackay QLD 4740

Comments should be provided in writing to:

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Community Engagement Manager  
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For further information please visit the Project website [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au), phone the Project hotline 1300 279 766 or email [mail@hancockcoal.com.au](mailto:mail@hancockcoal.com.au)

Yours sincerely

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Helen Stehbens  
General Executive Manager – External Affairs



# Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point

## About the Project

Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL), a wholly owned subsidiary within the GVK Group, has been nominated by North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQB) as the preferred developer for a parcel of land referred to as "Terminal 3" (previously X110 Terminal and referred to below as "T3 Project").

HCIPL proposes to develop the T3 Project to enable the export of up to 60 Mtpa of coal delivered by a standard gauge rail line from new mines in the Galilee Basin. The proposed development includes both onshore (coal stockpile catering for throughput of up to 60Mtpa) and offshore development (jetty and berth facilities) and associated in-loading and out-loading infrastructure. A map showing project infrastructure is provided on page 4. The Port of Abbot Point is HCIPL's preferred port because of its proximity to the Galilee Basin and Asian destinations. T3 is critical to the development of the Alpha Coal, Alpha West and Kevin's Corner Projects which are also being progressed by GVK Hancock through other companies in the GVK Group.

## GVK

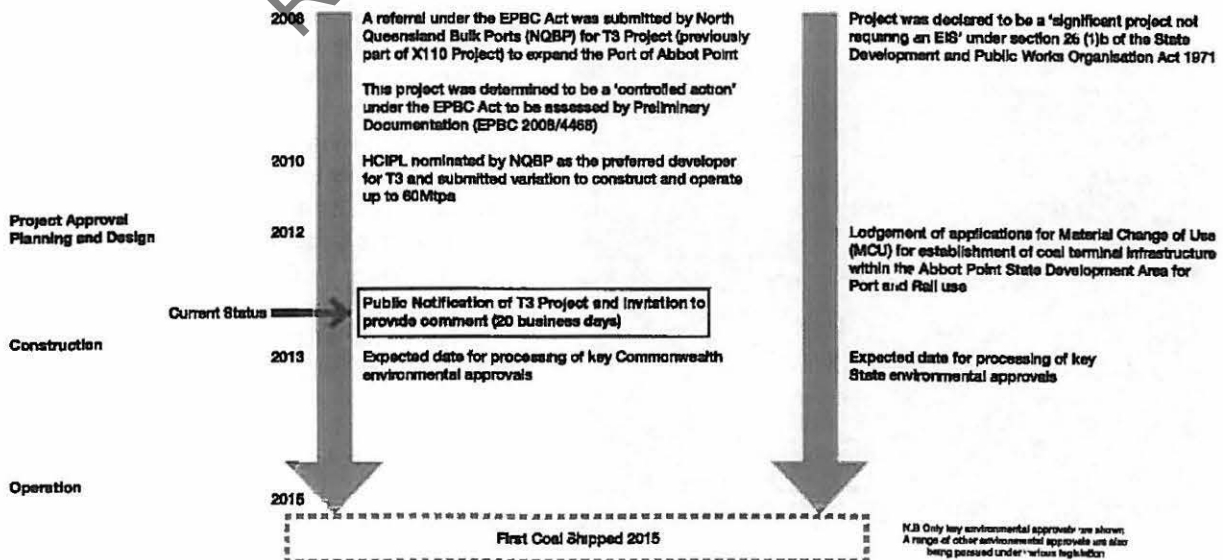
In October 2011, one of India's leading infrastructure developers, the GVK Group, acquired majority ownership in mine, rail and port developments from Hancock Prospecting Group. GVK Group holds power and infrastructure interests and is committed to expanding its business in Australia. GVK's mission statement is:

*"GVK will develop a world class integrated coal business through the commitment of our people, collaboration with stakeholders and underpinned by safety, technical and cost leadership."*

## T3 Project Timing

### Key Commonwealth Approvals under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act)

### Key State Approvals



## Environmental Studies

The T3 development is a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The controlling provisions under the EPBC Act for the T3 Project are:

- World Heritage Properties (sections 12 and 15A)
- National Heritage Places (sections 15B and 15C)
- Listed Threatened Species and Threatened Ecological Communities (sections 18 and 18A)
- Listed Migratory Species (sections 20 and 20A)
- Commonwealth Marine Area (sections 23 and 24A).

The assessment examines a number of potential areas of impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) including:

- Increases in light, noise and air pollution on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area which are shown not to have a significant impact on the Reef's world heritage values
- Increases in light, noise and air pollution on marine and terrestrial habitats adjacent to the T3 Project area which provide habitat for a number of threatened and migratory species under the EPBC Act
- Loss of a small area of a threatened ecological community within the project footprint which has been considered as a part of the assessment, and which, when appropriately managed, is shown not to impact the ongoing survival of the ecological community
- The direct loss of a number of marginal habitat areas for listed species which are shown not to significantly impact the survival of these species.

The report also assesses the impacts of increased shipping from the T3 Project and its impact on the Great Barrier Reef. Given the limited number of ship movements associated with the project and the current level of control and management of shipping within the World Heritage Area, this small increase in ship numbers is not expected to result in a significant impact to the World Heritage Area.



## Environmental Management

To ensure the T3 Project does not unduly impact the environment, comprehensive environmental management plans have been developed for the construction and operational phases of the project. Habitat offsets are also proposed in relation to the direct loss of a small area of threatened ecological community which is required to be cleared to allow the T3 Project to proceed.

The assessment concludes that, when conducted in accordance with the design and management controls presented in the Preliminary Documentation report, the T3 project will not result in significant impacts to MNES.

## Benefits

Development of T3 at the Port of Abbot Point is key to development of the Alpha Coal, Alpha West and the Kevin's Corner Project.

The T3 Project will have significant direct economic benefits to the Whitsunday/Bowen Region. It is expected to generate up to 650 jobs during construction and approximately 100 full-time jobs during operations. This project is a component of the combined GVK Hancock mine, rail and port projects. It is expected that over \$1.5bn in taxes and royalties will be returned to State and Federal governments from these projects each year.

## Cumulative Impact Assessment

In addition to the management of project-specific environmental matters documented in the Preliminary Documentation, HCIPL has also committed to the completion of an additional voluntary cumulative impact assessment. An expected outcome of the CIA Project is a proposed port-wide environmental framework that will provide for the management of potential cumulative impacts at the Port of Abbot Point. This project is being undertaken together with other proponents – BHP Billiton and Adani – and the Port Operator, North Queensland Bulk Ports. For further information on the CIA Project visit [www.nqbp.com.au](http://www.nqbp.com.au)



## How to Comment

The Preliminary Documentation will be available for public comment for a four-week period from 18 June to 16 July 2012. Interested persons and organisations are invited to comment in writing on the Preliminary Documentation by 16 July 2012.

The Preliminary Documentation can be obtained from the Hancock Coal website at [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au) or through calling the dedicated enquiries hotline 1300 279 766.

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## Project Information

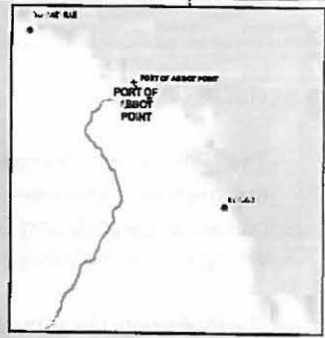
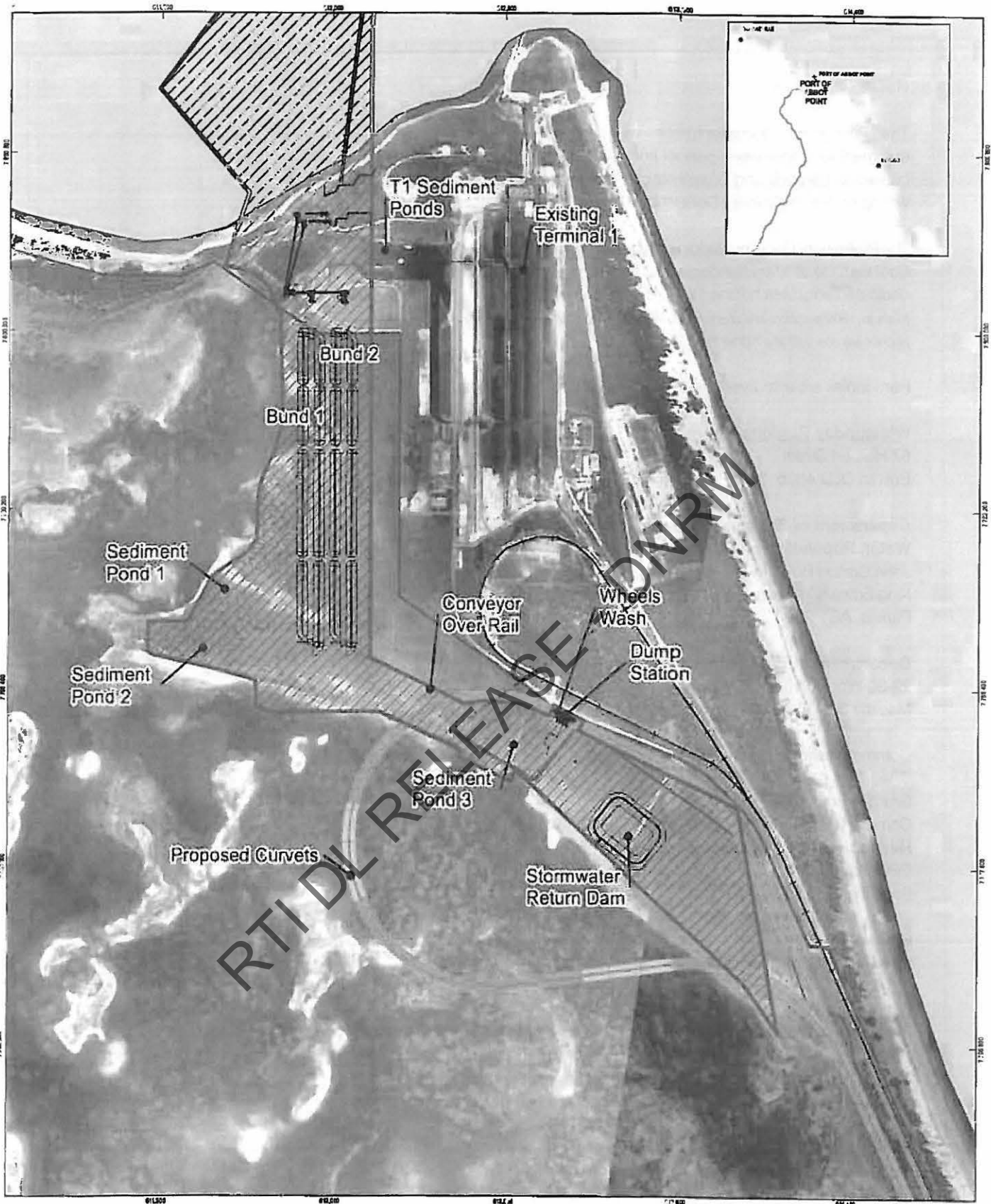
For further information on the T3 Project please contact the project team on:

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**Email:** [mail@hancockcoal.com.au](mailto:mail@hancockcoal.com.au)

**Web:** [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au)

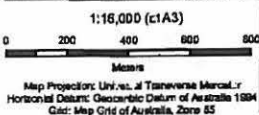




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- Town
- Proposed Terminal 3 Infrastructure
- Proposed Hancock Alpha Rail Alignment
- State Road
- Rail Line
- User Access Routes
- Proposed Alignment
- Proposed Curvets
- T3 Project Area

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Abbot Point Coal Terminal 3

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Mr Grant Keenan  
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Dear Mr Keenan

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2012 inviting comment on the Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point as part of the Commonwealth's consultation process under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for the assessment of this facility.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) offers the following general comments on the Preliminary Documentation, given that DNRM does not have an approval role in this process.

The Preliminary Documentation appears to be a comprehensive document which addresses the positive benefits of the T3 terminal and the role it will play in facilitating the development of the Galilee Basin's coal resources, as well as the potential impacts on the coastal and near shore marine environments.

The development of the T3 terminal, including the coal dump stations, coal stockpile areas, overhead conveyor, and two berth trestle loader, will make an important contribution to the expansion of the Abbot Point coal export facility and its ongoing development as one of Queensland's premier coal export ports. The facility will also build on Abbot Point's natural attributes as an open water port and provide an alternative port for export of coal from the Bowen Basin.

The T3 terminal will have a number of positive benefits from a global perspective. T3 is an integral component of the Alpha and Kevin's Corner projects which will, if deemed environmentally acceptable, and if they ultimately progress to construction, open up a new coal basin in Queensland. Should the project, as described proceed, it has the potential to cement new partnerships with our Asian trading partners and raise Queensland's profile in Asia as a desirable investment destination. The T3 terminal will also provide a vital link in the chain of supply of coal to Asia and ultimately India, contributing to economic advancement of India and other Asian customers.

On a State and regional basis, the terminal will facilitate the realisation of export royalties and taxes and contribute to the generation of an anticipated 3000 operational jobs that the integrated Alpha and Kevin's Corner projects are estimated to deliver.

The DNRM will review and provide advice to the appropriate assessment manager on any development application within the Abbot Point State Development Area or Abbot Point Strategic Port Land by Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd should referral to this agency be triggered by the approval process.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact Ms Jacki Wirth, Manager, Central Region on 4999 6975 or by email [Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

**DAN HUNT**  
**Acting Director-General**  
**Natural Resources and Mines**

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

**From:** Helen Stehbens [Helen.Stehbens@hancockcoal.com.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 May 2012 8:35 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: Media (Abbot Point/Palmer)

I think the phrase is, we live in interesting times!

**Ninemsn news - 22 May****Abbot Point not changed for Palmer: Newman**

Queensland Premier Campbell Newman says his government has not scaled back a major coal port expansion to benefit mining magnate Clive Palmer.

The state government announced a downsizing of the Abbot Point coal terminal expansion, near Bowen, saying it was the best way for the project to proceed.

But environmental group Greenpeace questioned the decision on Tuesday, highlighting Mr Palmer's donations to the Liberal National Party (LNP).

"Scrapping the (project) looks suspiciously like a move to facilitate Clive Palmer's development plans at Abbot Point," Greenpeace spokesman John Hepburn said.

"Unsurprisingly, one of the likely winners out of Mr Newman's decision is his friend and financial supporter, Clive Palmer."

But Mr Newman said the claims were "absolute nonsense".

"I totally reject that," he told reporters in the Cape York town of Coen.

"I have never talked to Mr Palmer about his projects, certainly not while I've been premier."

Mr Palmer's company Waratah Coal put out a brief statement, saying the government's decision would allow port infrastructure to be developed "in a more practical and efficient manner".

The company said it would continue to pursue plans to build a stand-alone jetty at Abbot Point, and it had sought a declaration of significant project status for the proposal.

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Member for Burdekin Rosemary Menkens said it was an exciting time for the region with the Deputy Premier and this LNP government clearly backing Abbot Point and the people of North Queensland.

“Projects like these have the potential to create thousands of jobs and provide billions of dollars in export revenue and royalties which will flow on to our towns.”

**[ENDS] 10 April 2013**

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

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**From:** Rees, Marcus  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 May 2013 10:08 AM  
**To:** Speirs, Brendan  
**Cc:** Ditchfield, Bernadette; O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: Queensland Ports Strategy - Background text  
**Attachments:** Significance of the Queensland Ports.doc

Hi Brendan

Background words from one of our case managers on Ports and Resources.

Sorry for the delay in getting these back to you.

Cheers

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**From:** O'flynn Mick  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 May 2013 2:24 PM  
**To:** Rees, Marcus  
**Cc:** Grundy Jim  
**Subject:** RE: Queensland Ports Strategy - Background text

Hi marcus

See how this fits. Probably didn't need the stuff on Ag etc but they can cut that out if necessary.

Cheers  
Mick

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**From:** Rees, Marcus  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 May 2013 5:30 PM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** RE: Queensland Ports Strategy - Background text

Yeah – that would be great Mick. Thanks!

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**From:** O'flynn Mick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 May 2013 9:36 AM  
**To:** Rees, Marcus

**Subject:** RE: Queensland Ports Strategy - Background text

Hi Marcus

Nothing on the shelf but can write something easily.

Would tomorrow afternoon or thursday be OK.

Cheers

Mick

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**From:** Rees, Marcus  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 May 2013 5:52 PM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: Queensland Ports Strategy - Background text

Hi Mick

Please see the request below. Do you guys have any standard/previously approved words that we could forward on that highlights how ports support the resources sector etc?

Happy to discuss.

Cheers

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**From:** Speirs, Brendan  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 May 2013 2:09 PM  
**To:** Rees, Marcus  
**Subject:** Queensland Ports Strategy - Background text

Hi Marcus,

As discussed, I am currently drafting some background text for the Queensland Ports Strategy. As part of the background, we are hoping to include a paragraph or two on each of Queensland's four pillars, and how ports contribute to each pillar.

For the resources section, I was hoping that you might have some text available that we could build upon. This would just be something along the lines of outlining how resources contribute to the Qld economy (perhaps the contribution they make to GSP?) and how ports support the sector (e.g. X% of Qld's resources are exported by ship through a port).

Anything that you can provide this week would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Brendan

Brendan Speirs

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## Significance of the Queensland's Strategic Ports

Queensland's ports play a vital role in Queensland's economy as the gateway for the majority of Queensland's \$52.9 billion in exports. Their planned expansion and improved functionality is essential for the ongoing growth of the Queensland economy.

Coal, petroleum and minerals currently comprise in excess of 60 percent of Queensland's exports by value (Queensland Treasury and Trade), and a much greater proportion by volume.

Queensland's exports are currently dominated by coal ( 164.7 million tonnes coal in 2011 -2012 ) shipped through coal terminals from Queensland's four export ports at the Port of Abbot Point, the Port of Mackay (Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay), Port of Gladstone (RG Tanner and Barney Point) and the Port of Brisbane. In addition large volumes of metallic and non-metallic minerals (other than coal) and some petroleum are shipped from Queensland's ports, primarily from the Port of Townsville and Gladstone, but also from other ports including the Karumba and Cape Flattery.

Resource related exports are set to rise dramatically with the first exports of LNG still on track to commence in 2014 from the QCLNG plant located at Curtis Island in the Port of Gladstone. Other LNG projects are set to follow. Notwithstanding the current downturn in the coal industry, coal exports are expected to rise from all the Queensland coal ports in the near future in response to expected increased demand for thermal coal in Asia.

Apart from their critical importance to the Queensland resources sector, Queensland's Strategic ports also provide a critical support to the other pillars of the Queensland economy, the Construction, Agricultural, and Tourism industries. Ports are vital to the export of Queensland's wide range of agricultural products. Ports are also vital to the construction industry with the ongoing expansion and enhancement of Queensland's ports and associated transport arteries, roads, rail and shipping channels a significant component of Queensland's construction industry. Queensland's ports are increasingly playing a role in Queensland's tourist industry by providing infrastructure for the increasing number of cruise ships and cruise routes for overseas and local tourists.

In addition to the vital role played in export of Queensland's products, the ports provide the vital hubs in the import and distribution chain for a range of requirements including equipment, chemicals, and products for the resources, processing, agricultural, construction and manufacturing industries.

**O'FLYNN Mick**


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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline [Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 2:26 PM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

yep all good - thanks for finalising!  
 Jacki

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**From:** O'Flynn Michael  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 2:16 PM  
**To:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Hope you are OK with the final version Had a further email from Courtney

Cheers  
 Mick

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**From:** O'flynn Mick  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 2:09 PM  
**To:** 'Wirth Jacqueline'  
**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

No not yet Jacki

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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline [mailto:Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 1:24 PM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Mick - have you had a reply from Coleen/ADG's office? Just wanting to make sure it is back in the system!  
 thanks  
 Jacki

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**From:** O'Flynn Michael  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:59 AM  
**To:** McIntyre Colleen  
**Cc:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Hi Colleen

Suggested changes are attached. Hopefully a biit better.

If Jacki is uncomfortable with having her name as contact happy to amend that too.

Cheers



Mick

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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline [mailto:Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:20 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Mick please see comments attached - can you reword? If not let me know  
 thanks  
 Jacki

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**From:** Bazeley Courtney  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:14 AM  
**To:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Cc:** Gordon Ian (Mackay); Moor Darren; Bazeley Courtney; McIntyre Colleen; McDonald Rachael  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Jacki

Please see comments from the Principal Advisor on the attached letter

The letter will be signed by the Director-General.

Due back to the OADG as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

**Courtney Bazeley**  
 Senior Project Officer  
 Office of the Assistant Director-General  
 Natural Resource Operations

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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 July 2012 4:29 PM  
**To:** Bazeley Courtney  
**Cc:** Gordon Ian (Mackay); Moor Darren  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Courtney - here is the response for the T3 project. Please advise if you need it back through MECS.  
 thanks  
 Jacki

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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 July 2012 4:26 PM  
**To:** Gordon Ian (Mackay)  
**Cc:** O'Flynn Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Ian - here is the draft - main content has come from Mick O'flynn and includes our advice that we will comment once we receive the application. I spoke to Courtney Bazeley as I wasn't sure if this needed to go back through MECS and she has advised to send the draft through to

her and she will check with Wally re signatory etc. - The original advice said comments would be accepted up until July 30th.

From a Central perspective - please let me know if I need to put into MECS to get approval by Darren prior to Wally.

**Mick** - there are likely to be 2 additional applications (other than the 2 MCU's mentioned below) both on Strategic Port Land therefore administered by NQPB. These are 1. a component of T3 and 2.the T0 expansion - Adani.

thanks  
Jacki

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**From:** O'Flynn Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:44 PM  
**To:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Hi Jacki

This is certainly a bit of a convoluted process but I hope we have a better handle on the process now .

Have a look at the draft letter . We also think that there is a DA for part of the Strategic Port Lands which would be handled by NQBP rather than COG. Is that your understanding. On that basis we have kept the last bit more general

Let me know your thoughts and give me a ring

Cheers  
Mick

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**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Subject:** Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:41 AM  
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Mr Grant Keenan  
Community Engagement Manager  
Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
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Dear Mr Keenan

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2012 inviting comment on the Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) will review the Preliminary Documentation in relation to Terminal 3 at Abbot Point in conjunction with review of the application by Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd under the Abbot Point State Development Area Development Scheme. Through this process DNRM will provide any advice or recommendations in relation to the Terminal 3 proposal to the Coordinator-General.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact Ms Jacki Wirth, Manager, on 4999 6975 or by email [Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

**From:** Krosch Neil  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 March 2013 3:01 PM  
**To:** Doig, Barbara; O'flynn Mick; Bourne, Siobhan; Hoy Neil  
**Cc:** Irwin Malcolm  
**Subject:** RE: Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project - Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS)  
**Attachments:** Comments on Waratah Stand Alone Jetty IFS Appln.doc

Barb

I have put together a few high level comments on this proposal (attached). Mick and I don't see a role for us in scrutinising the details (land, water, vegetation, etc impacts) but have a view about the overall concept.

Neil

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Website [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au)

**From:** Doig, Barbara  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 March 2013 7:13 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick; Krosch Neil; Bourne, Siobhan; Hoy Neil  
**Cc:** Irwin Malcolm  
**Subject:** FW: Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project - Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS)

Morning all,  
Please see request for comments below ... I have saved the IFS documents from the weblink to:  
<\\org.local\shared\corpdata\ME\Mining\BNE\FTP\EIS documents\Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project>

If you have any comments, could you use the attached template and send them to [malcolm.irwin@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:malcolm.irwin@dnrm.qld.gov.au) by cob Thursday 28 March 2013 to allow us to meet the departmental deadline.

Kind regards

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Project Officer  
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**From:** Cook, Tiffany

**Sent:** Friday, 15 March 2013 1:35 PM

**To:** CWVegetationApplication; CW Water Approvals Rockhampton; Ross, John; Jones, Mary-Anne; Cockayne, Bernie; Irwin Malcolm; Andrews, Joanna

**Cc:** Hambleton, Alison; DACoordinationMackay; Alty, Lana; Coburn, Vicki; Meacle, Kristy; Barley, Rachel; Price, Samuel; Doig, Barbara; Hoy Neil; Cronin-Stacey, Celeste; Lill, Tony

**Subject:** Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project - Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS)

**Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project - Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS)**

Hello Everyone,

This is a request for comments on the application by Waratah Coal Pty Ltd for the Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project to be considered for approval as an "Infrastructure Facility of Significance" (IFS) as per section 125(1)(f) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act).

The IRS documents for this project are available online and can be accessed by clicking the following link -

<http://www.waratahcoal.com/ifs-port-of-abbot-point>

Please Note - as the Department has not received the CD copies of the IRS, I have not saved the documents on the Mackay and Rockhampton ftp's. If CD copies of the IRS documents are received by the Department however, I will save them to the ftp's and send notification around to all business units.

To give you some general information on the project -

- The proposed project is to be located within parts of the Abbot Point State Development Area and the Port of Abbot Point.
- The proposed infrastructure facility generally includes
  - offshore Jetty Structure
  - onshore rail spur and balloon loop
  - train unloading facility
  - coal stockpile area
  - out loading conveyor
  - lay down area; and
  - associated supporting infrastructure.

I have attached the letter DNRM received from the Office of the Coordinator General which provides some further information regarding the project.

Could you please send any comments your work unit has on this IRS in the attached template by COB Tuesday 2nd April 2013 to [DACoordinationMackay@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:DACoordinationMackay@dnrm.qld.gov.au)

**If your business unit will not be making any comment, an email to that effect would be much appreciated.**

Should you have any matters you wish to discuss regarding this project, please don't hesitate to contact me on 4999 6816 (ext 23816)

Thanks

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## Comments on Waratah Coal's IFS Application for a Stand Alone Jetty at Abbot Point

**Section:** No specific section

### Issue

Overall concept and process

### Recommendation

It seems odd that the Coordinator General has only recently put out for public comment a proposal that includes a map of the proposed "stand alone jetty" that is dated January 2012, considering that it is clearly in conflict with the Coordinator General's own recent Expression of Interest in a T4-T5 expansion at Abbot Point. The same map still shows the now defunct concept for a "Multi-Cargo Facility" (MCF) to the west of the T2-T3 development proposal, and does not show any of the rail route into the port precinct for the GVK Hancock (T3) development.

Some explanation by the Coordinator General of the strategic planning conflict between this proposal and other developments approved or proposed within the port area (Strategic Port Land and Abbot Point State Development Area) should have accompanied the Coordinator General's letter to the Director General of DNRM.

*Reviewing Officer – Neil Krosch, Case Manager*

**Section:** No specific section

### Issue

Significance of the proposed facility to the State or region

### Recommendation

If this proposal was for a "stand alone" jetty in an area devoid of other such infrastructure, then an assessment of its significance would be much different from how it would be viewed within the current arrangements at Abbot Point.

In the former situation, one would conclude that, assuming approvals are forthcoming for the proponent's coal mining project (the China First project) in the Galilee Basin and its rail line proposal from that mine to Abbot Point, a coal outloading facility is fundamental to the whole project's success. In the context of the entire mine-rail-port project, the conclusion would have to be that the port development would probably be of national significance, allowing as it would the export of very large tonnages of thermal coal to international markets.

The jetty proposal has the potential to maintain a similar significance depending on its ultimate relationship to other approved or proposed developments within the Abbot Point port area. The T2 development proposed by BHP Billiton is not progressing at this point in time. Thus, if neither the T3 terminal and loader associated with the GVK Hancock mine proposals at Alpha and Kevin's Corner nor

the T4-T5 concept developed by DSDIP proceed to fruition, then the “stand alone jetty” would assume a pre-eminent role in future Abbot Point expansion plans.

However, there are strong reasons for the “stand alone jetty” proposal to be subsumed into an overall port development strategy such that the anticipated loading capacity required by Waratah can be accommodated within infrastructure developments that can either serve multiple users or at least not interact negatively with other proposals. Because there is potential for Waratah to fail in any Expression of Interest it may lodge for T4-T5 capacity leaving its options for development of its Galilee coal resources with no viable future, there is justification for Waratah to have a fall-back option. But that option must not jeopardise current planning and projects in the Port area that have a greater level of certainty for their own delivery and for the mines that would underpin them.

It seems logical that any declaration of an IFS over this facility must be contingent on its alignment with North Queensland Bulk Ports’ overall port development strategy/plan, with the Planning Scheme for the Abbot Point State Development Area and with the recently completed cumulative impact study undertaken by NQBP in conjunction with Adani, BHP Billiton and GVK Hancock.

*Reviewing Officer – Neil Krosch, Case Manager*

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

**From:** Wirth Jacqueline [Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au]

**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 1:24 PM

**To:** O'flynn Mick

**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Mick - have you had a reply from Coleen/ADG's office? Just wanting to make sure it is back in the system!

thanks

Jacki

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**From:** O'Flynn Michael

**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:59 AM

**To:** Mcintyre Colleen

**Cc:** Wirth Jacqueline

**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Hi Colleen

Suggested changes are attached. Hopefully a biit better.

If Jacki is uncomfortable with having her name as contact happy to amend that too.

Cheers

Mick

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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline [mailto:Jacqueline.Wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au]

**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:20 AM

**To:** O'flynn Mick

**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Mick please see comments attached - can you reword? If not let me know

thanks

Jacki

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**From:** Bazeley Courtney

**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 11:14 AM

**To:** Wirth Jacqueline

**Cc:** Gordon Ian (Mackay); Moor Darren; Bazeley Courtney; Mcintyre Colleen; Mcdonald Rachael

**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Jacki

Please see comments from the Principal Advisor on the attached letter

The letter will be signed by the Director-General.

Due back to the OADG as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

**Courtney Bazeley**  
 Senior Project Officer  
 Office of the Assistant Director-General  
 Natural Resource Operations

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**From:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 July 2012 4:29 PM  
**To:** Bazeley Courtney  
**Cc:** Gordon Ian (Mackay); Moor Darren  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Courtney - here is the response for the T3 project. Please advise if you need it back through MECS.  
 thanks  
 Jacki

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**Sent:** Thursday, 26 July 2012 4:26 PM  
**To:** Gordon Ian (Mackay)  
**Cc:** O'Flynn Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Ian - here is the draft - main content has come from Mick O'Flynn and includes our advice that we will comment once we receive the application. I spoke to Courtney Bazeley as I wasn't sure if this needed to go back through MECS and she has advised to send the draft through to her and she will check with Wally re signatory etc. - The original advice said comments would be accepted up until July 30th.

From a Central perspective - please let me know if I need to put into MECS to get approval by Darren prior to Wally.

**Mick** - there are likely to be 2 additional applications (other than the 2 MCU's mentioned below) both on Strategic Port Land therefore administered by NQBP. These are 1. a component of T3 and 2. the T0 expansion - Adani.

thanks  
 Jacki

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**From:** O'Flynn Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:44 PM  
**To:** Wirth Jacqueline  
**Subject:** RE: Hancock Coal Terminal 3 Abbot Point Preliminary Documentation Public Submission.doc

Hi Jacki

This is certainly a bit of a convoluted process but I hope we have a better handle on the process now .

Have a look at the draft letter . We also think that there is a DA for part of the Strategic Port Lands which would be handled by NQBP rather than COG. Is that your understanding. On that basis we have kept the last bit more general

Let me know your thoughts and give me a ring

Cheers  
 Mick

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

**From:** Linklater, Helen  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 July 2012 9:48 AM  
**To:** O'flynn Mick  
**Cc:** Grigg Ken  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point  
**Attachments:** Incoming from Hancock Coal.pdf  
Mick and Ken

The attached letter is the only paperwork received.

You will have to go to the website [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au) for full details.

Thank you.

*Helen Linklater*

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**From:** Grigg Ken  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 July 2012 9:07 AM  
**To:** Linklater, Helen  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point

Helen,

Could you please send down the relevant paperwork associated with the above subject matter to Mick O'Flynn - M&PO

Thankyou

*Ken Grigg*

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**From:** O'flynn Mick  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 July 2012 8:25 PM  
**To:** Grigg Ken  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point

Absolutely!!!

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**From:** Grigg Ken  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 04:39 PM  
**To:** Cronin Rachael; Croton Luke; Donaghy Peter; Kelly Mark (DME); O'flynn Mick; Eddington, Ross; Pietzner Kirsten  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point

Any interest folks???

*Ken Grigg*

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**From:** Linklater, Helen  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 July 2012 4:37 PM  
**To:** Ryan, Sue; 'james.mcnamara@derm.qld.gov.au'; 'wally.kearnan@derm.qld.gov.au'; 'michael.birchley@derm.qld.gov.au'; Bell Stewart; Callaghan, Kate  
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**Subject:** Invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point

Good afternoon all

Please refer to the attached letter from Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL) - the preferred developer for the proposed Terminal 3 (T3) development at the Port of Abbot Point.

HICPL is seeking public comment/submissions on this project up to but no later than 30 July 2012.

As stated in the letter from HCIPL, preliminary documentation can be obtained from the project website at [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au).

If your work area has an interest or issues in this matter, please advise the CLLO area immediately (refer response protocols below).

Please let the CLLO area know if you believe your area should be leading this response.

If you do take lead status, you will be required to coordinate the DNR&M response with any other interested



areas within the department.

**Please note that where the CLLO determines that a response to the requesting agency is required, but no area claims lead status, the CLLO may select the most appropriate area of the department to take the lead in preparing the response.**

**RESPONSE PROTOCOLS AND DEADLINE**

- All primary recipients of this email, or their delegates, are required to respond within two hours of receiving this email, by email to the CLLO inbox ([DNRMCLLO@deedi.qld.gov.au](mailto:DNRMCLLO@deedi.qld.gov.au)), advising one of the following.
  1. Nil response.
  2. Significant interest in the matter and the nomination of a primary briefing officer. This implies anticipated lead status for drafting a response and coordination with any other areas with lesser interests requiring input.
  3. A lesser interest in the matter and anticipated contribution to another area's primary response.
- A final coordinated response, approved by the relevant DDG (or equivalent) will be due to the CLLO Office by cob Wednesday, 25 July 2012.

Please contact me with any queries.

*Helen Linklater*

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Friday June 29, 2012

**Invitation for Public Comment  
 Preliminary Documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point**

Dear Mr Dan Hunt,

As previously advised Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd (HCIPL), a wholly owned subsidiary within the GVK Group, is the preferred developer for the proposed Terminal 3 (T3) development at the Port of Abbot Point.

The Federal Government advised on 8 June 2012 that the preliminary documentation was deemed to be of a quality and standard that met the adequacy test.

To facilitate the submissions process HCIPL will accept submissions up to but no later than 30 July 2012. We have sought to make the process easier by also offering a Reply Paid service (details provided below).

As previously advised the Preliminary Documentation can be obtained from the project website at [www.hancockcoal.com.au](http://www.hancockcoal.com.au) or by calling the dedicated enquiries hotline 1300 279 766.

Hard copies are also available for viewing at:

- Whitsunday Regional Council Library, 67 Herbert Street Bowen QLD 4805
- Whitsunday Regional Council, Cnr Stanley and Conway Streets, Collinsville QLD 4804
- Whitsunday Regional Council, 83 – 85 Main Street, Proserpine QLD 4800
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, John Gorton Building King Edward Terrace Parkes ACT 2600
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, 22-30 Wood Street Mackay QLD 4740
- State Library of Queensland Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank QLD 4101

Comments should be provided in writing to:

Grant Keenan  
Community Engagement Manager  
Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
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Brisbane 4001

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**GVK Hancock Coal T3**  
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Brisbane QLD 4001  
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Yours sincerely

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**O'FLYNN Mick**

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**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012 3:36 PM  
**To:** 'mail@hancockcoal.com.au'  
**Cc:** O'flynn Mick; 'jacqueline.wirth@dnrm.qld.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Response to invitation for public comment - Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point

**Attachments:** Response to Hancock Coal.pdf

Good afternoon

On behalf of Mr Dan Hunt, Acting Director-General, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, I have attached for your attention a letter of response regarding your invitation for public comment on the Terminal 3 development at the Port of Abbot Point.

This letter of advice is for the information of Mr Grant Keenan, Community Engagement Manager, Hancock Ccoal Infrastructure Pty Ltd.

Please pass this advice on to Mr Keenan for his attention.

Thank you.

*Helen Linklater*

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**30 JUL 2012**

Mr Grant Keenan  
Community Engagement Manager  
Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 963  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Keenan

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2012, inviting comment on the preliminary documentation for Terminal 3 Development at the Port of Abbot Point as part of the Commonwealth's consultation process under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for the assessment of this facility.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines offers the following general comments on the Preliminary Documentation, given that the department does not have an approval role in this process.

The preliminary documentation appears to be a comprehensive document which addresses the positive benefits of the T3 terminal and the role it will play in facilitating the development of the Galilee Basin's coal resources, as well as the potential impacts on the coastal and near shore marine environments.

The development of the T3 terminal, including the coal dump stations, coal stockpile areas, overhead conveyor and two-berth trestle loader, will make an important contribution to the expansion of the Abbot Point coal export facility and its ongoing development as one of Queensland's premier coal export ports. The facility will also build on Abbot Point's natural attributes as an open water port and provide an alternative port for export of coal from the Bowen Basin.

The T3 terminal will have a number of positive benefits from a global perspective. T3 is an integral component of the Alpha and Kevin's Corner projects that will, if deemed environmentally acceptable and if they ultimately progress to construction, open up a new coal basin in Queensland. Should the project as described proceed, it has the potential to cement new partnerships with our Asian trading partners and raise Queensland's profile in Asia as a desirable investment destination. The T3 terminal will also provide a vital link in the chain of supply of coal to Asia and, ultimately, India, contributing to economic advancement of India and other Asian customers.

On a state and regional basis, the terminal will facilitate the realisation of export royalties and taxes and contribute to the generation of an anticipated 3000 operational jobs that the integrated Alpha and Kevin's Corner projects are estimated to deliver.

The department will review and provide advice to the appropriate assessment manager on any development application within the Abbot Point State Development Area or Abbot Point Strategic Port Land by Hancock Coal Infrastructure Pty Ltd should referral to this agency be triggered by the approval process.

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Yours sincerely



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Hi Mick

I acknowledge that you have more than enough information on the project however to assist please find attached points for consideration of a submission for the Terminal 3 Preliminary Documentation at Abbot Point.

Kind regards

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### T3 Key Points:

- GVK Hancock has followed all necessary governmental processes
- The port aspect of the total projects is essential for providing the vehicle for coal export
- We understand that rigorous studies undertaken by GVK Hancock have also been reviewed by recognised global experts.
- This project has obvious benefits to local, regional, state and federal communities
- Over \$1.5 billion in taxes and royalties will be returned to State and Federal Governments for the Mine, Rail and Port projects each year
- T3 project will provide significant direct economic benefits to the Whitsunday region via employment and supply chain opportunities and enables similar benefits across the state
- T3 project will cater for 650 construction jobs and 100 full time jobs during operation
- T3 project occurs at the Abbot Point SDA, land earmarked for future industrial development by the State Government
- This is **NOT** a new port, rather the expansion of an existing coal terminal
- As with the Bulk Sample Pit GVK Hancock undertook in 2011, GVK Hancock will adopt best practice methodology in all of its activities
- In an Australian first and potential benchmark for future development, GVK Hancock has voluntarily joined other proponents (BHPB - T2, Adani - T0 & NQBP - Port authority) in delivering a significant body of work (15 different environmental studies) addressing cumulative impacts through a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) at Abbot Point
- The CIA will provide a comprehensive platform of information, including mitigation measures, to inform individual approval decisions and ensure the Port is developed using environmental best practice tools and methods where practical. There will also be a Joint Management Framework (JMF) to ensure proponents work together to ensure mitigation strategies are implemented with appropriate monitoring and reporting structures in place to address identified cumulative impacts

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