



**BARALABA**  
Coal Projects

# Approvals Process

The Baralaba Coal Projects, includes the Baralaba Mine, Baralaba North Continued Operations Project (BNCOP) and Baralaba South Project. BNCOP and Baralaba South are at an advanced stage of exploration and moving towards obtaining the appropriate environmental approvals.

## Community Participation

There are a number of opportunities through the approvals process for the community to be involved and provide feedback. These include:

- Baralaba North Continued Operations Project Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) - available for public comment in late 2013.
- Community consultation - community events held throughout the duration of the EIS process to inform the community of the progress of each project.
- Public release of the EIS - the EIS will be released for public comment by the Queensland Government during the assessment period.

You are encouraged to participate to ensure that your views, concerns and opinions are heard. Cockatoo Coal will keep you informed of opportunities for feedback through regular newsletter, emails, website and notifications in the local newspaper.

## Baralaba North Continued Operations Project Approvals Process

The Baralaba North Continued Operations Project (BNCOP) is seeking to increase coal production from the current approved rate of 1Mt/pta to a peak production rate of 3.5Mt/pta. The project will be a continuation of the open cut coal mine activities at Baralaba North. The BNCOP is at an advanced stage of exploration and moving towards the appropriate environmental approvals.

The key component of the approvals process for the BNCOP is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the Queensland *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. The purpose of the EIS is to describe the existing environmental values of the project area, the potential impacts of the project and the ways of avoiding, mitigating or offsetting these potential impacts. The EIS will be lodged for assessment by the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP).

The scope of the EIS is based on the Terms of Reference (ToR) which are set by the (EHP) in consultation with affected and interested stakeholders as well as the general public. The objective for the ToR of an EIS is to ensure that all potential impacts of the projects are investigated and typically include the following environmental studies:

Land Capability	Cultural Heritage Values
Terrestrial/Aquatic Flora and Fauna	Socio-Economic Factors
Visual Amenity	Greenhouse Gases
Infrastructure and Transport	Air Quality
Surface Water & Groundwater Resources	Waste Management
Noise and Vibration	Fuels, Oils and Chemicals

For more information about the Project or about getting involved in the Approvals Process, please contact the Cockatoo Coal on the details below.



## Want to know more?

Cockatoo Coal welcomes community feedback. There are a number of ways to find out about the Baralaba Coal Projects, including fact sheets and community newsletters.

EMAIL [baralaba@cockatoocoal.com.au](mailto:baralaba@cockatoocoal.com.au) or PHONE 07 4998 1611



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The diagram below outlines the work flow for the Baralaba North Continued Operations Project. The likely time frame from the Project Description to the determination of the Mining Lease is approximately two years.

■ Preliminary Works    ■ Current Works    ■ Approvals Stage

