

Dear Stakeholder,

On behalf of the proponents, Gladstone Area Water Board and SunWater Limited, we thank you for your continued interest in the Lower Fitzroy River Infrastructure Project.

In line with the Commonwealth Government's commitment to delivering a 'one-stop shop' for environmental approvals, the Project elected to transition to a bilateral assessment process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

This process replaces the current parallel assessment process whereby separate environmental impact statements (EISs) would be prepared to address Commonwealth Government guidelines for matters of national environmental significance and State Government terms of reference (TOR) (issued 27 April 2012). Further information with regard to the Queensland bilateral agreement can be found at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/environment-protection/environment-assessments/bilateral-agreements/qld>.

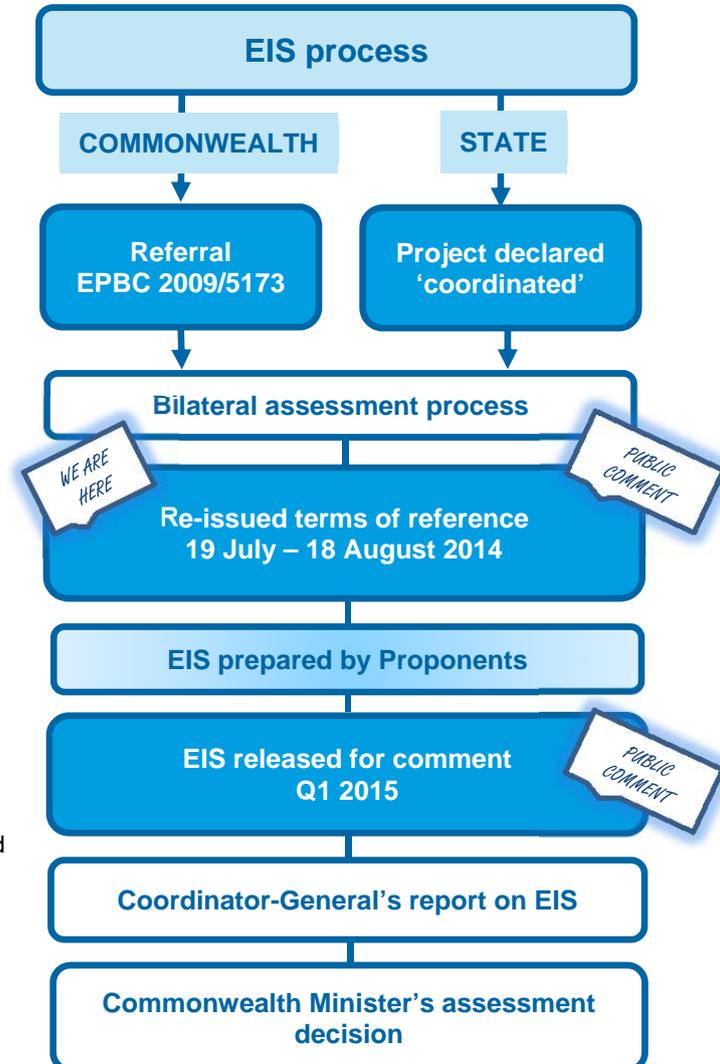
Consequently the State Government has re-issued draft TOR for the EIS to combine Commonwealth and State requirements. The re-issued draft TOR was released for public comment on Saturday, 19 July 2014 and is available to view on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning's website www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/lower-fitzroy-river. Comments on the re-issued draft TOR close 5 pm on Monday, 18 August 2014.

It is noted that the re-issued draft TOR fulfils administrative requirements and is not as a result of any changes to the nature or extent of the Project, its potential impacts or controlling provisions.

Once finalised, the re-issued TOR will inform preparation of a single EIS that addresses Commonwealth and State requirements.

Yours faithfully

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