Project Milestones—EP Act EIS process

Project: Springsure Creek Coal Project

Project Ref: 211805(old); 394541 (new)

BNE 45130 (old); CBD/111013

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Project Manager: Alison Adair (TOR); Kylie Dunlop (EIS)

Project Director: Stuart Cameron (TOR); Lindsay Delzoppo (EIS)

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Milestone	Date due	Date completed	Comments
Pre-lodgement discussions			
Application for EA/Voluntary EIS		3 Dec 2010	
Decision on application	17 Dec 2010	17 Dec 2010	S72 notice issued to proponent Voluntary EIS
Proponent lodges draft TOR		17 Dec 2010	The draft TOR was attached to the vol EIS application
DERM prepares draft TOR Notice (15bd)	~~27 Jan 2011~~ 17 Feb 2011	16 Feb 2011	Lodgement of draft TOR was not properly made under the EP Act. Date extended due to the proponent requiring additional time to supply the requested information. s555 notice on 20/01/2011. Notice of publication of draft TOR sections 42(1) & 43 EP Act to proponent on 16/02/11.
DERM publishes draft TOR Notice (5bd)	18 Feb 2011	18 Feb 2011	Published in Central Qld News (18/2/11), Courier Mail (19/2/11)

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Regional comments on ToR			Internal comments due by 20 March 2011. Comments received 31/03/11.
TOR comment period (min 30bd)	1 Apr 2011	1 Apr 2011	Commenting period: 21 February – 1 April 2011. Project received many comments from advisory bodies and residents.
DERM gives comments to proponent (10bd)	15/04/2011	15/04/2011	Comments sent to proponent by email and letter on 15/04/11.
Proponent responds to comments (20bd)	19/05/2011	5/5/2011	Proponent responded earlier than 20 bd. The quality of the response was inadequate and many responses were not addressed.
DERM publishes final TOR (20bd)	2/06/2011	2/6/2011	Final TOR forwarded to proponent on 2 June 2011 and published on DERM's webpage on 2 June 2011. s46 published on 4/06/11 in Courier Mail and 10/06/11 in Central Qld News.
Proponent prepares EIS (2y)	2/06/2013	30/11/2012	EIS provided to EHP on 30/11/2012
S49 EHP decides if EIS proceeds (20bd)	15/01/13		On 15/1/13 Springsure Creek Pty Ltd (Bandanna) requested extension to 1/2/2013. Section 13(b) Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 provides for an extension of the decision period by agreement. EHP agrees to the extension. A decision will be made by Friday 1 February 2013. The extension of time is required for the following reasons: - to allow extra time for the proponent to amend the EIS to adequately address the requirements of the terms of reference, and - to allow extra time for the administering authority to consider the amended EIS and determine whether it is suitable to proceed to public notification.

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S49 EHP decides if EIS proceeds (20bd)	01/02/13	01/02/13	Decision and Notice of Decision sent to proponent via email and post.
s49 EHP prepares Notice of Decision (10bd)	15/02/13	01/02/13	
s51 Proponent publishes EIS Notice (20bd)	01/03/13	9/02/2013	Requested by Bandanna **Publication Schedule** **Publication** / **Proposed Publication Date** EHP Web site* — Friday 8 February (p.m.) Courier Mail — Saturday 9 February 2013 The Australian — Saturday 9 February 2013 Central Queensland News — Wednesday 13 February 2013
s52 EIS submission period (min 30bd)	14/02/2013 to 27/3/2013	27/3/13	Requested by Bandanna – aim is to avoid submission period overlapping with Easter.
s56 EHP sends comments to proponent (10bd)	12/04/2013	10/04/2013	48 external and EHP submission handed to proponent in person 10/04/2012 (2 bd ahead of statutory timeframe)
s56 Proponent responds to comments (20bd)	~~9/05/2013~~ ~~31/05/2013~~	21/06/2013	On 1 May 2013 the proponent requested an extension to the period to respond to the submissions. On 2 May 2013 EHP extended the period to the 31 May 2013 (as

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	21/06/2013		requested by the proponent). On 24 May 2013 the proponent requested an extension to the period to respond to the submissions. On 29 May 2013 EHP extended the period to the 21 June 2013 (as requested by the proponent). Proponent submitted the SEIS 21 June 2013.
S56A(2): EHP must decide whether the EIS will proceed (20 bd)	~~19/07/2013~~		Amended EIS and proponent's response to submissions (the SEIS) requires additional information before a decision can be made on whether the EIS may proceed under section 56A: • Biosecurity, fisheries, land use, productivity loss and cost issues identified by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's advice to EHP dated 10 July 2013. • Provide site specific subsidence modelling within the boundaries of the mining tenure including any potential changes in hydrology, water management issues, stygofauna and strategic cropping land issues identified by the Department of Natural Resources and Management's advice to EHP dated 12 July 2013. • Address inconsistencies in water management and water quality objectives, surface water, noise and subsidence modelling issues identified by EHP's advice to the proponent dated 16 July 2013.

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			S555 & s62 notice given to proponent 19/07/2013.
S 555 & s62 - Extension of decision on whether EIS may proceed and request for information	16/09/2013	13/08/2013	s555 Extension and s62 Information - given to proponent on 19 July 2013. Under s62 of the EP Act, EHP requests Springsure to provide EHP with information on the outstanding matters identified by EHP, DAFF and DNRM. Under section 62 of the EP Act, the period for provision of the information is 40 business days from the date of this notice (due 16/09). To allow for Springsure Creek Coal Pty Ltd to provide this information and to allow EHP to adequately review the information provided, under section 555 EP Act the decision period for section 56A of the EP Act was extended to 20 business days after receipt of the requested information. Under section 555 EP Act the decision period for section 56A of the EP Act was extended to 20 business days after receipt of the requested information. 13 August 2013: Proponent submitted s66 notice, amended EIS (second amendment) and response to DNRM, DAFF and EHP's submissions.
S56A(2): EHP must decide whether the EIS will proceed (20 bd)	11/09/2013		
S56A(4): EPA prepares notice of decision (10bd)	25/09/2013		
s57 EIS Assessment Report (30bd)			

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s72 Decision to refuse/grant EIS application (10bd)			

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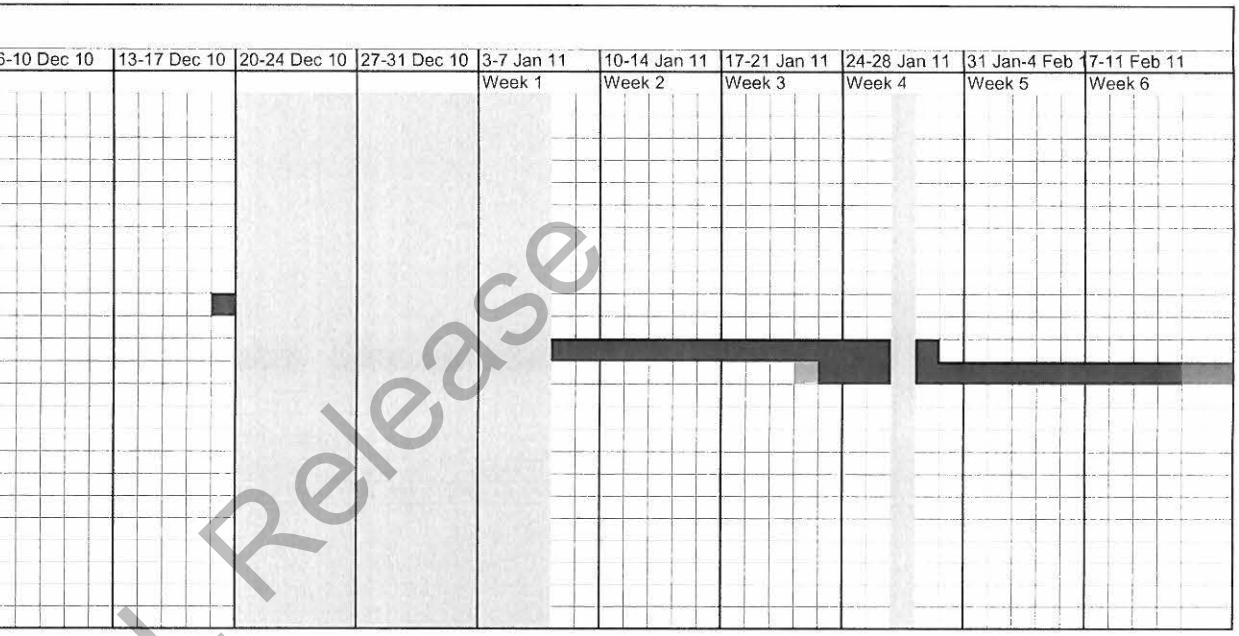
Project: Springsure Creek Coal Mine Project		
Project ID: 211805		
	Statutory	Statutory
Stage and Activity	**Sections**	**No. Days**
1. Appointment as EIS Coordinator		
1.1. Receive appointment from Project Director		
2. Project Plan and Advisory Bodies		
2.1 Determine the activities and sequencing		
2.2 Determine the necessary Advisory Bodies		
2.3 Project Plan approval		
2.4 Establish Advisory Body contacts		
2.5 Prelodgement meeting		
3. Assessment of Draft TOR		
3.1 Preliminary assessment of draft TOR.		
3.2 Non-acceptance of draft TOR		
3.3 Prepare TOR Notice	s42	15
s555 notice - extension of reviewing period	s555	
3.4. Publish TOR Notice.	s43	5
3.5 Seek advice from Advisory Bodies		30 min
3.6 Forward comments on draft TOR to proponent.	s44	10
3.7 Proponent responds to comments	s45	20
4. Finalise and publish TOR	**s46**	20
4.1 Consider proponent's response to comments		
4.2 Non-acceptance of proponent's response		
4.3 Prepare final TOR		
4.4 Publish final TOR		



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		Statutory	30 May-3 Jun	26-30.11.12	3-7.12.12	10-14.12.12	17-21.12.12	24-28.12.12	31.12.12-4.1.13	7.-11.1.13	14.-18.1.13	21.-25.1.13	28.1.-1.2.13
Stage and Activity		**No. Days**	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30	Week 31	Week 32
4. Finalise and publish TOR	**s46**	20											
4.1 Consider proponent's response to comments													
4.2 Non-acceptance of proponent's response													
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5. EIS production period	**s47**	up to 2 y											
5.1 Prepare Advisory Bodies for arrival of Draft EIS													
5.2 Request copies of EIS													
6. Assessment of submitted EIS													
6.1 Receive EIS from proponent													
6.2 Decision to Proceed with EIS Process.		20											
Proponent requested extension to response to comments													
6.3 Notify proponent of refusal to proceed with EIS		10											
6.4 Ministerial review of the refusal to proceed with EIS													
6.5 s49 DERM prepares Notice of Decision (10bd)		10											
6.6 s51 Proponent publishes EIS Notice (20bd)		20											
6.7 Receive Declaration of compliance from proponent													
6.8 s52 EIS submission period (min 30bd)		30 min											
6.11 s56 DERM sends comments to proponent (10bd)		10											

		Statutory	1-5 April	8-12 April	15-19 April	22-26 April	29 April-3 May	6-10 May	13-17 May	20-24 May	27-31 May	3-7 June	10-14 June
Stage and Activity		**No. Days**	Week 42	Week 43	Week 44	Week 45	Week 46	Week 47	Week 48	Week 49	Week 50	Week 51	Week 52
6.9 Request comment on EIS from Advisory Bodies		20											
6.10 Make documents available for public inspection													
6.11 s56 DERM sends comments to proponent (10bd)		10											
7. Proponent's response													
7.1 s56 Receive proponent's response to submissions		20											
Proponent requested extension to response to comments													
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8. Assessment of adequacy													
8.1 s56A(2) EHP must decide whether the EIS will proceed (20 bd)		20											
s555&s62 issued - SEIS not adequate 40 bd extension granted to proponent													
s56A(2) EHP must decide whether the EIS will proceed (20 bd)													
s56A(4) EHP prepares Notice of Decision (10bd)													
s 57 EHP prepares EIS assessment report													
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		Statutory	30 Sept-4 Oct	7-11 Oct	14-18 Oct	21-25 Oct	28 Oct-1 Nov	4-8 Nov
Stage and Activity		**No. Days**	Week 68	Week 69	Week 70	Week 71	Week 72	Week 73
s 57 EHP prepares EIS assessment report								

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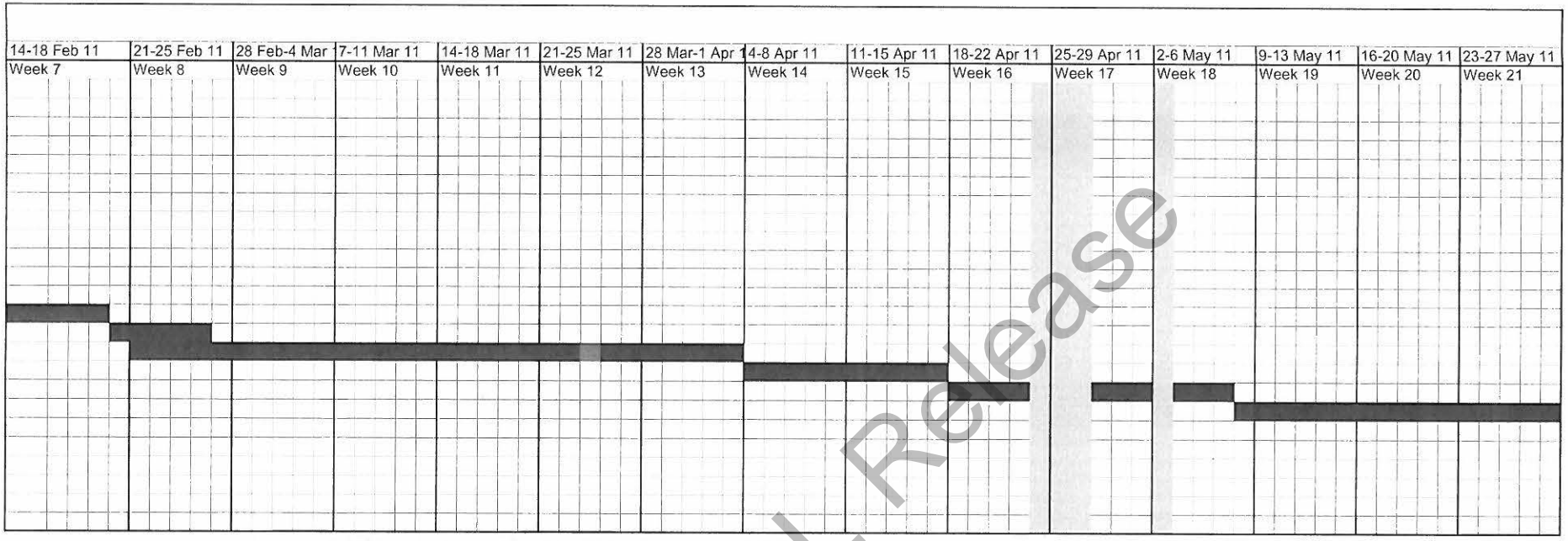

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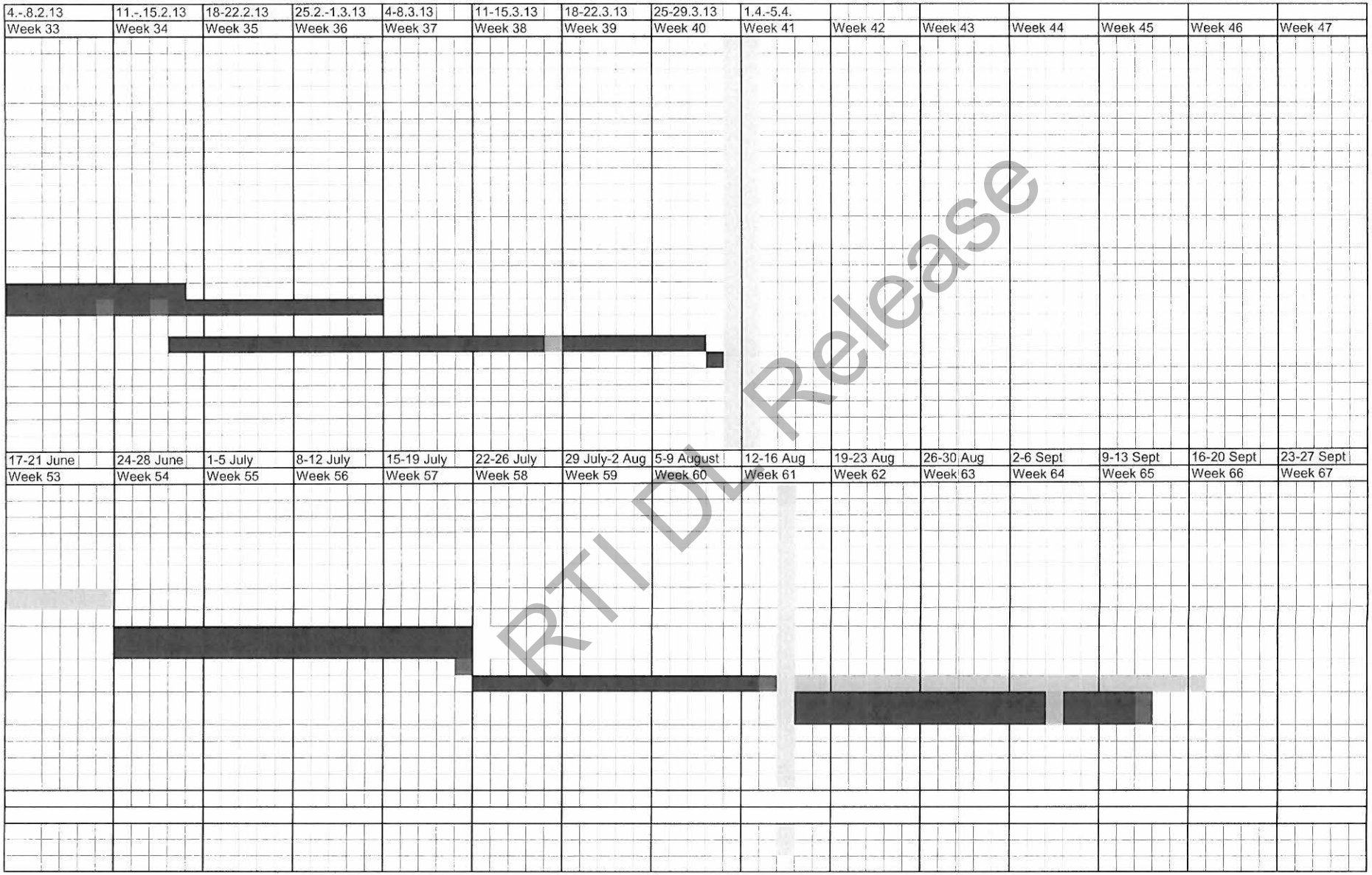

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