



**BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance**

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Manager (Assessment)  
Coal and Central Queensland Compliance  
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection  
99 Hospital Road  
**EMERALD QLD 4720**

Attention: Ms Tenille Nielsen

Dear Ms Nielsen

**Red Hill Mining Lease Project  
Environmental Authority Application**

Please find enclosed a site-specific application for an Environmental Authority (EA) for the Red Hill Mining Lease Project.

This EA application follows the Co-ordinator General's (CG) approval of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Red Hill Mining Lease Project under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

The CG's report includes stated conditions for the EA as negotiated and accepted by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection as part of the co-ordinated EIS process. The application is to secure an EA to allow the grant of Mining Lease Application (MLA) 70421 for the Red Hill Project.

The principal applicant for the EA, BHP Coal Pty Ltd, is a registered suitable operator. The land relevant to the EA application is the project area as defined in the EIS, including the area associated with MLA70421 and part of Mining Lease (ML) 1763.

As the EIS is approved, no further information is required by EHP in relation to the Red Hill Project for the EA application. The public notification of EA will be progressed simultaneously with the public notice for the ML under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*. The Declaration of Compliance as required by the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* will be provided to the Department as soon as possible following the completion of the public notification period.

Following the submission of this application, as per the CG's report, BMA must make minor administrative amendments to the current EA for Goonyella Riverside and Broadmeadow Mine. The GG's report includes stated conditions for this amendment, negotiated and accepted by the Department concurrently to the conditions for the Red Hill Mine draft EA. These amendments will be progressed in due course.

The fee for the EA application will be processed electronically.

We look forward to your prompt consideration and assessment of this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0427176239 or (07) 33292969 if you have any further queries.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kinnealy', is written over the printed name.

**Ryan Kinnealy**  
Principal Environment  
**BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance**