

Invitation To Make A Submission

The Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Commonwealth Department for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC), invites people to make a submission on this proposal. Both electronic and hard copy submissions are most welcome.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore proposes to construct and operate the Port Hedland Outer Harbour Development, located adjacent to BHP Billiton Iron Ore's current operations at Port Hedland. The proposed Outer Harbour Development includes the construction of stockyards within the vicinity of the decommissioned Hot Briquetted Iron (HBI) Plant at Boodarie and a jetty/wharf structure offshore from Finucane Island. In accordance with the state *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and the federal *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), a Public Environmental Review/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PER/Draft EIS) has been prepared which describes this proposal and its likely effects on the environment. The PER/Draft EIS is available for a public review period of 8 weeks from April 18 2011 closing on June 13 2011.

Comments from government agencies and from the public will help the EPA and DSEWPaC to undertake environmental assessment of this proposed development.

How to obtain copy of this document?

You can access an electronic version of the draft PER/Draft EIS on the BHP Billiton website:

[http:// www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

Hard copies of the draft PER/Draft EIS are available for viewing at the following locations:

- Department of Environment and Conservation Library/Reading Room
4th Floor, The Atrium
168 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Library
John Gorton Building
King Edward Terrace
Parkes ACT 2600
- Port Hedland Public Libraries
 - › South Hedland Library
Leake Street, South Hedland
 - › Port Hedland Library
Dempster St, Port Hedland

Hard copies of the PER/Draft EIS may be purchased for \$10 or the Executive Summary and DVD are available free of charge by contacting:

Attention: Executive Assistant Environment
BHP Billiton Iron Ore
Cloisters Square
Perth WA 6850
Telephone: (08) 6224 4444
Email: growth@bhpbilliton.com

People with special needs (e.g. illiterate, visually impaired, English as a second language) should contact BHP Billiton Iron Ore to access to the PER/Draft EIS in a suitable format.

Why write a submission?

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action - including any alternative approach. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal.

All submissions received by the EPA will be acknowledged. Submissions will be treated as public documents unless provided and received in confidence, subject to the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (FOI Act), and may be quoted in full or in part in EPA or DSEWPaC reports.

Why not join a group?

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining a group interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people) please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

Developing a submission

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the PER/Draft EIS or the specific proposal. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported by relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal more environmentally acceptable.

When making comments on specific elements of the PER/Draft EIS:

- clearly state your point of view;
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable;
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

Points to keep in mind

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your submission to be analysed:

- attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful;
- refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the PER/ Draft EIS;
- if you discuss different sections of the PER/ Draft EIS, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering;and
- attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give details of the source. Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name;
- address;
- date; and
- whether and the reason why you want your submission to be confidential.

Information in submissions will be deemed public information unless a request for confidentiality of the submission is made in writing and accepted by the EPA and/or DSEWPaC. As a result, a copy of each submission will be provided to the proponent but the identity of private individuals will remain confidential to the Agency by which it is received.

The closing date for submissions is: 13 June 2011.

The EPA and DSEWPaC prefer submissions to be made electronically using one of the following:

- EPA/ DSEWPaC:
 - › by email to submissions@epa.wa.gov.au;
 - › by email to the officer michael.pengelly@epa.wa.gov.au.

Alternatively, submissions can be:

- posted to: Chairman, Environmental Protection Authority, Locked Bag 33, CLOISTERS SQUARE WA 6850, Attention: (Michael Pengelly); or
- hand delivered to the Environmental Protection Authority, Level 4, The Atrium, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth, Attention: (Michael Pengelly).

If you have any questions on how to make a submission, please contact:

- EPA assessment officer, Michael Pengelly on 08 6467 5600.