

SAINT ELMO PROJECT

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Epic Environmental Pty Ltd (Epic) are working with Multicom Resources Limited (Multicom) on the approvals process for the Saint Elmo Project (the Project), including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).



PROJECT TIMING UPDATE

In February 2019, Epic submitted an early draft EIS including the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to the Government who requested additional details on mainly water, waste and offsets, prior to release for public consultation.

Epic and Multicom have been working since then, to finalise the technical studies which required updates in order to submit the EIS and SIA.

In October, Epic submitted an updated EIS and SIA to the Government, who have now assessed it for adequacy against the Terms of Reference (TOR) (<https://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/management/impact-assessment/eis-processes/documents/saint-elmo-final-tor.pdf>).

Adequacy has now been confirmed and the EIS will be released for a 6-week public consultation period from 4th November – 16th December 2019.

This timing does not change the overall Project timeline with construction still expected to commence in late 2020, ahead of first vanadium production in late 2021.

The information available as part of this consultation will include:

- An executive summary;
- Summary chapters;
- Technical reports and appendices; and
- Factsheets, which will summarise the key issues.



Figure 1: Saint Elmo Project Site at Sunset, May 2019

HOW TO VIEW THE EIS

There will be a number of ways to view the EIS:

- The easiest way to access the EIS will be online via the Project website (<http://saintelmoproject.com.au>);
- Additionally, electronic copies on USB will also be available during public consultation sessions or are able to be posted, upon request; and
- Due to the size of the document (over 3,000 pages) only a limited number of hard copies will be printed. The location of these will be published as part of the official notification, expected in late October 2019.



Figure 2: EIS

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Written submissions in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period. However, to be considered a properly made submission these must be:

- Written (posted or emailed);
- Signed by or for each person (“signatory”) who made the submission;
- State the name and address of each signatory;
- Made to the chief executive of the Department of Environment and Science; and
- Received on or before the last day of the submission period.

Further details on how to make a submission will be made available as part of consultation.

WHERE WILL CONSULTATION BE HELD?

Over the last two years, the Project has been undertaking consultation along the corridor between Mount Isa and Townsville, with a particular focus on the community around Julia Creek.

This will continue throughout the EIS Public Consultation Period, with public information sessions planned in Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Richmond, Hughenden and Townsville. The timing for each of these sessions will be published in the next few weeks.



Figure 3: Regional Location

If there are any particular issues you would like Epic and Multicom to focus on during this consultation period, please contact us by phone (Freecall 1800 270 844) or email (saintelmo@epicenvironmental.com.au), so we can ensure we include answers to your questions in the consultation materials.



Figure 4: Saint Elmo Project Site, Fieldworks, May 2019

WHAT IS IN THE EIS?

The EIS, includes chapters, supported by technical reports (in appendices) on:

- Consultation process;
- Project description and alternatives;
- Climate;
- Land and progressive rehabilitation;
- Water (surface and groundwater);
- Regulated structures;
- Flora and fauna;
- Air;
- Noise and vibration;
- Waste management;
- Hazards and safety;
- Cultural heritage;
- Social;
- Economic;
- Transport;
- Matters of National Environmental Significance; and
- Cumulative Impacts.

Each technical report has been summarised into relevant chapters, which show the potential impacts of the Project, and proposed mitigation and management measures. This is matched against the Project TOR, provided by the Government, which sets out the general and specific matters Multicom must address in the EIS.

When the EIS is publicly released, we will also be providing summary documents and factsheets, which will summarise key issues. Both Epic and Multicom will also be available as part of planned engagement in the community and with all Project stakeholders to answer any questions you may have.

Further information

If you would like further information on the Project, please:

- Email saintelmo@epicenvironmental.com.au; or
- Freecall 1800 270 844; or
- Visit <http://saintelmoproject.com.au>.