



Agenda Assistant Coordinator-General Meeting

Thursday 9th March 10am

Location: Mareeba Shire Council offices - 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba

Community Representatives: Syd Walker, Steven Nowakowski, Sarah Isaacs, Jax Bergersen, Cheryl Tonkin, Willie Brim, Jo Martin

OCG Attendees: Michele Bauer (Assistant Coordinator-General), Karen Oakley & Steven Tarte

MSC Attendees: Brian Millard, Carl Ewin

Introductions and brief outline of concerns eg:

- proximity to World Heritage and unique environmental values
- conflict with current planning schemes, both regional and local
- very substantial opposition from environmentally-aware community

Indigenous Heritage

- Indigenous cultural heritage found to be present on site. At what point is a survey is required?

State Planning

- Conflicts with FNQ Regional Plan 2009–2031 and Mareeba Shire Plan (2016). How has this proposal has been able to proceed so far - and fast-tracked - in spite of these inconsistencies?
- How the planned updating of State mapping may impact on the proposal (current mapping is clearly unsatisfactory). Additionally, how the Mareeba Shire's process for mapping Matters of Local Significance might impact on the development.
- Does the State have the intention of upgrading of existing infrastructure to accommodate the developer's plan? If so, what and at what cost?

Approval Process

- Is the EPBC/IAS published Master Plan regarded as the final plan by your department, as assessable for the EIS? What happens if it is changed? What is a significant change - guidelines and policy/legislation?
- Brief overview of the process and role of Coordinator-General, State departments and the local council in the approval process. How is Coordinator-General selected and what background does he have?
- Given matters of National Environmental Significance are at stake (eg. Federally-listed endangered species), how shall Commonwealth input be integrated into the process?
- Community Reference Group. Requirements for establishment and how members should be selected.
- If the EIS does proceed, we support the request to extend the EIS submission time from 6 weeks to 3 months.