

KESTREL MINE EXTENSION INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS



KESTREL WEST NEWSLETTER

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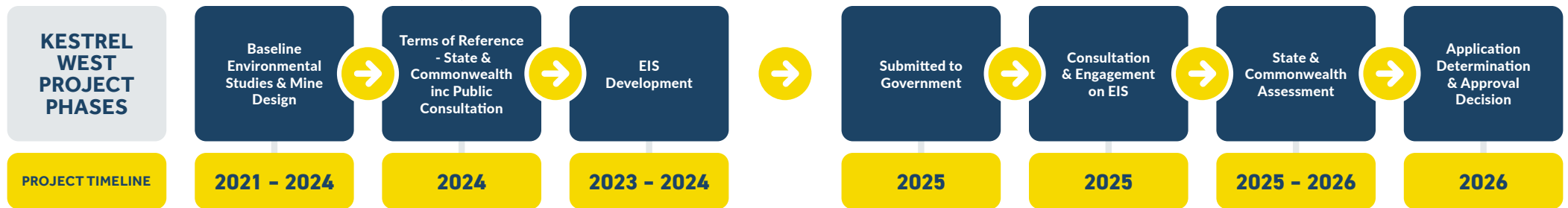
What is the Kestrel West Project?

Kestrel Coal Resources (Kestrel) is seeking approval to extend the current Kestrel Mine underground operations. The extension is called the Kestrel West Extension Project, as it extends into parts of Mineral Development Licence (MDL) 182, directly west of current operations. Kestrel West will utilise all existing infrastructure and allow optimised recovery of the coal resource.

Approval of Kestrel West will:

- extend the life of mine from 2032 to approximately 2050
- secure current jobs and allow long-term employment opportunities
- continue and extend procurement opportunities for businesses
- deliver meaningful benefits to the local and regional communities
- through payment of rates and royalties, continue to fund infrastructure for Queensland

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CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT

Voluntary EIS process confirmed for both State and Commonwealth approval, Public Consultation period commenced for draft Terms of Reference (TOR).

Current activities Kestrel is coordinating as part of the EIS

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared under the Queensland Environmental Protection Act 1994 for the Kestrel West Extension Project. The EIS is being prepared to identify the potential environmental impacts, and appropriate mitigation and management measures for the project.

The Kestrel West EIS will incorporate a series of assessments and reports, determined by the TOR, to support the application for the extension of current operations, and inform the regulators decision in assessing the amendment to the current Environmental Authority and Mining Lease application.

The public consultation process for the EIS's draft Terms of Reference (TOR) commences on the 22 July and closes on 2 September 2024 and offers an opportunity for members of the community to provide feedback on the TOR.

Kestrel will have a community engagement booth in Emerald on Thursday 8th of August at Central Highlands Marketplace from 8:30am - 12:00pm and at The Plaza from 12:30pm -

4:00pm. Please come along and talk with us if you have any queries about the Kestrel West Extension Project.

If you would like to provide a submission on the draft TOR, you can go directly to the public consultation section of the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) website, or to the Kestrel website at www.kestrelcoal.com that will direct you to the correct location on the DESI website to complete a submission. All submissions are accepted and collated by DESI and used to produce the final TOR for the project.

EIS assessments and reports

There are several assessments required for the EIS that Kestrel has already commenced or may be nearing completion. All assessments to date have been undertaken to the current draft TOR requirements, and will be updated to address the final TOR if required.

The EIS will incorporate all information required under the final TOR and present these as a complete package.

What works or studies are currently underway or close to being finalised?

- Groundwater modelling and resource impact assessment
- Surface water and flooding impact assessment
- Social impact assessment
- Terrestrial flora and fauna assessment
- Air quality impact assessment
- Noise and vibration impact assessment
- Traffic impact assessment
- Stygofauna assessment
- Infrastructure assessment
- Notification of interested and affected parties

What works or studies are upcoming?

- Coal rejects capacity assessment and design
- Social impact management plan

What you need to know if you are a ...

Neighbour to Kestrel Mine:

- Kestrel has commenced and will continue ongoing consultation with adjoining property owners
- Kestrel welcomes and will seek to address any of your requests for additional information
- If required, Kestrel may contact near neighbours to agree on suitable access arrangements for environmental monitoring

Employees or Contractors with Kestrel Mine:

- Kestrel West will extend the life of mine, ensuring security of contracts and employment
- The proposed extension is utilising existing infrastructure, so there will be no significant new infrastructure required

Local and Regional Communities:

- Kestrel West will maintain jobs and businesses beyond 2032, out to approximately 2050
- Approval of Kestrel West will ensure Kestrel can continue to invest in our local community
- Kestrel West will help to ensure mining can continue to deliver meaningful benefits to the Central Highlands



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To our neighbours:

Having the opportunity to meet with the neighbours to our mining operations, to discuss and understand the matters that are most important to them, is a high priority for Kestrel.

To help maintain regular communication and information exchange about the Kestrel West project, we would like to extend an open invitation to our neighbouring landowners for Kestrel to come and talk with you at times and frequencies that most suit you. If you would like to take up this offer, please send a request directed to our Manager Sustainability or the Superintendent Environment, to the email address info@kestrel.com and we will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Community Engagement Session – 8th August in Emerald

If you are interested in having a talk to somebody from Kestrel regarding the Kestrel West project in general, or the draft TOR specifically, we will be available at a community engagement booth on Thursday 8th of August at Central Highlands Marketplace from 8:30am – 12:00pm and at The Plaza from 12:30pm – 4:00pm.

If you are not able to make that engagement session, but would like to receive the Kestrel West Project Newsletters, or to direct a question about the project to Kestrel, please send a message to info@kestrel.com.

We look forward to talking with you about the Kestrel West Extension Project.