

KESTREL MINE EXTENSION INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS



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A voluntary Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being undertaken by Kestrel, requiring both State and Commonwealth approval.

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CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT

Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
in accordance with the recently issued final Terms of Reference (TOR)

Current activities Kestrel is coordinating as part of the EIS

An EIS is being prepared under the Queensland *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act)* for the Kestrel West Mine Extension Project. The EIS is being developed to assess the potential adverse and beneficial environmental, economic and social impacts of the project, and identify appropriate mitigation and management measures. This includes assessment requirements under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* for a controlled action.

In November 2024, the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) issued the final Terms of Reference (TOR) for the EIS which describes the scope and content that the EIS must include. The final TOR is available for public access under the current EIS projects page of the Queensland Government's website or the Kestrel website at www.kestrelcoal.com.

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 of the current Environmental Authority and Mining Lease application. The EIS for the project will be jointly assessed under the Queensland EP Act and the Commonwealth's EPBC Act.

The environmental aspects addressed by the EIS include climate, land use, rehabilitation, water management, flora and fauna, air, noise and vibration, waste management, hazards and safety, cultural heritage, social, economic and transport.

EIS assessments and reports

There are several assessments required for the EIS that Kestrel has already commenced or may be nearing completion.

All assessments are currently being completed to meet the requirements of the final TOR and will be compiled and presented as the final project EIS.

What works or studies have been completed?

- Final TOR
- Soils and land suitability assessment
- Subsidence assessment
- Terrestrial and aquatic ecology assessments
- Stygofauna assessment
- Traffic impact assessment
- Social impact assessment and management plan
- Notification of interested and affected parties

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

- Waste assessment
- Groundwater modelling and resource impact assessment
- Surface water and flooding impact assessments
- Air quality impact assessment
- Noise and vibration impact assessment
- Economics assessment
- Coal rejects capacity assessment and design
- Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRCP)
- Decarbonisation Strategy
- Hazards and safety assessment

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 our neighbours, is a high priority for Kestrel.

To help maintain regular communication and information exchange about the Kestrel West Mine Extension project, we extend an open invitation to our neighbouring landowners to meet in person with a representative of Kestrel. 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@kestrelcoal.com.