

LOWER FITZROY RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

LOWER FITZROY RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATE AUTUMN 2010

The Project Team would like to thank you for your continued support and provide you with an update on project activities.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The proposed project has been considered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, following submission of a referral (2009/5173) in October 2009 to the Commonwealth's Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) regarding matters of National Environmental Significance. The proposed action is deemed to be a controlled action with the following relevant controlling provisions:

- ≈ World Heritage properties (sections 12 & 15A)
- ≈ National Heritage places (sections 15B & 15C)
- ≈ Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
- ≈ Listed threatened species and communities (Sec 18&18A)

The project requires assessment and approval by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts before it can proceed and will be assessed by Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). EIS guidelines are currently being prepared by DEWHA. The referral and notifications can be found on DEWHA's website (www.environment.gov.au).

Indigenous Cultural Heritage

In accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, four Aboriginal parties have been endorsed in relation to cultural heritage interests. A Working Group has been established to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for submission to the Department of Environment and Resource Management's Cultural Heritage Unit for consideration by mid-2010.

Fish Passage

A Fishway Design Team, comprising the proponent, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries, GHD and independent technical advisors, has been established. The Team is progressing investigations and design requirements to facilitate up- and down-stream fish passage.

Yours faithfully,



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