

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

Public comment invited on EIS findings

Community feedback on the initial concept has been invaluable and has assisted the project team to assess the proposal's potential impacts and to identify suitable management and mitigation techniques for these impacts.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed Shute Harbour Marina is now available for public comment.

During the EIS public notification period, submissions can be made to the Coordinator-General, who will evaluate the EIS in his report. It is expected this report will be issued in 2009.



Legislative framework for development

On 24 July 2006 the Coordinator-General declared Shute Harbour Marina Project a 'significant project' for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required in accordance with Part 4 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

The Federal Minister for the Department of Environment and Heritage declared that the project is a 'controlled action' and subject to assessment under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) on 27 July 2006.

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning is coordinating assessment of the EIS. The EIS process, accredited under a bilateral agreement, is required to address matters on behalf of both the state and federal governments.

