**PROCESS TO ASSESS QUEENSLAND MAJOR PROJECTS**

This document describes the process that ARTC will complete to gain the necessary approvals to construct Inland Rail in Queensland.

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**ARTC refers project to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE).**

**EPBC Act Referral**

ARTC lodges an application for declaration of a coordinated project with Queensland Government and requests bilateral assessment.

**Lodgement of the Initial Advice Statement**

- **CG and DoEE assess draft EIS to determine if it is adequate for publication as draft.**
- **ARTC starts preparing draft EIS (12-18 months).**
- **CG issues final ToR to ARTC.**
- **HAVE YOUR SAY**
  - **Public comment on draft ToR to CG.**
- **CG and DoEE prepare draft terms of reference (ToR) for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**

**If project is declared a coordinated project by Coordinator-General (CG) and if a controlled action decision is made by the Australian Government.**

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

- **Public submission to CG on draft EIS.**
- **CG evaluates draft EIS and public submissions.**
- **CG and DoEE accepts final EIS.**
- **If required, CG directs ARTC to update draft EIS to address relevant submissions.**
- **If required, ARTC releases revised draft EIS publicly or CG determines that EIS can be made final because proponent has addressed all submissions.**

**Australian Government approval**

**EPBC Act Approval**

- **QLD statutory secondary approvals that incorporate conditions CG stated in report on EIS.**

**This process will be used to assess the following Inland Rail projects:**

- NSW/QLd Border to Gowrie
- Gowrie to Helidon
- Helidon to Calvert
- Calvert to Kagaru

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**Want to know more?**

ARTC is committed to working with state and local governments, communities and landowners as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments about the approval process in your area please let us know.

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