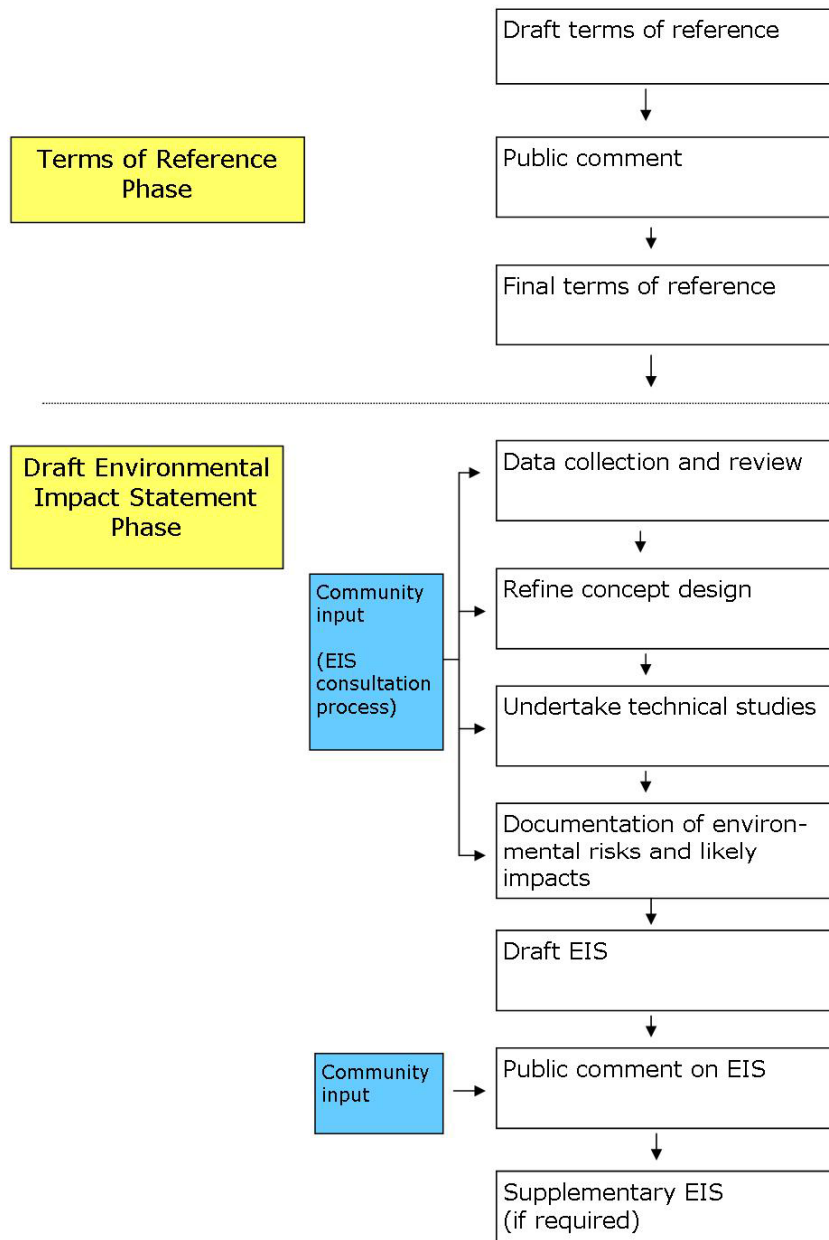


EIS Process - Flow Chart



At the completion of the EIS, the **Coordinator General will prepare a report** evaluating the EIS and other related material, pursuant to s 35 of SDPWO Act. **This report is provided to the Federal Minister** to enable his assessment under Part 9 of the EPBC Act to commence. **Time for EIS - approx 1.5 years**

Administrative Procedures for these Terms of Reference

(Extracted from the draft Terms of Reference)

The Traveston Crossing Dam Project - Stage 1 (involving the construction and operation of a new dam on the Mary River at approximately 207 kilometres Adopted Middle Thread Distance, to an expected full supply level of 71 metres Australian Height Datum, in the Cooloola, Maroochy and Noose Local Government areas) was declared to be a 'significant project' by the Coordinator-General (CG) pursuant to Section 26(1)(a) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act* (SDPWO Act) on 20 October 2006.

On 29 November 2006 the Federal Minister for the Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) decided that the Project constitutes a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (EPBC Act) due to the likely potential impacts on matters of national environmental significance. The controlling provisions under the EPBC Act are:

- Sections 12 and 15A (World Heritage);
- Sections 16 and 16B (Ramsar Wetlands);
- Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities);
- Sections 20 and 20A (Listed Migratory Species).

Traveston Crossing Dam Project – Stage 1 Terms of Reference for an EIS The Australian Government has accredited the EIS process to be conducted under the SDPWO Act under the Bilateral Agreement between the Australian and Queensland Governments. The Project will require approval from the Federal Minister under Part 9 of the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

The term EIS refers to the assessment processes of the Australian and Queensland Governments and these ToR should be interpreted as satisfying the requirements of all relevant Commonwealth and State statutes for this Project. **The Government Coordinator-General (CG) will coordinate the impact assessment process for this Project.**

Representatives of Federal, State and Local government and other relevant authorities have been invited to act as advisory agencies for the EIS process and, have been invited to comment on the draft ToR along with interested members of the public. In finalising the ToR, the CG will have regard to all comments received about the draft ToR. The final ToR will then be provided to QWI.

QWI will prepare a draft EIS to address the ToR. Once the EIS has been prepared to the satisfaction of the CG, a public notice is advertised in relevant newspapers circulating in the district, the State and nationally. The notice will state: where copies of the EIS are available for inspection and how it can be purchased; that submissions may be made to the CG about the EIS; and the submission period. QWI will be required to prepare a Supplementary Report to the EIS to address specific matters raised in submissions on the EIS.

At the completion of the EIS, the CG will prepare a report evaluating the EIS and other related material, pursuant to s 35 of SDPWO Act. **The CG's Report will be publicly notified and a copy provided to the Federal Minister to enable his assessment under Part 9 of the EPBC Act to commence.** For any development approvals required under the IPA the CG's Report may state for the assessment manager one or more of the following:

- the conditions that must attach to the development approval;
- that the development approval must be for part only of the development;
- that the approval must be preliminary approval only.

Alternatively the Report must state for the assessment manager –

- that there are no conditions or requirements for the Project; or
- **that the application for development approval be refused.**

