

# SHEET 5 – SOCIAL, LANDUSE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The objective of this information sheet is to:

- summarise the status and the key findings of the social, landuse and infrastructure investigations to date; and
- invite feedback on the draft environment effects statement (EES) scoping requirements relating to social, landuse and infrastructure.

## Status of study program

Study	Consultant	Status
Soils, agriculture and rehabilitation	Various	Ongoing
Traffic and transport impact assessment	TrafficWorks	Commencing
Socioeconomic impact assessment	EMM	Proposed
Hazard and risk assessment	Yet to be awarded	Proposed

The Project's direct and indirect impacts on the region's economy and social well-being will be assessed as part of the environment effects statement (EES). The EES will also assess potential impacts on access to community infrastructure such as housing, power, water, roads and schools as well as access to essential services such as health providers and emergency services. Project-related risks such as dangerous goods, road safety, biosecurity and bushfire hazards will also be assessed.

The EES will take into consideration the potential cumulative impact of other applicable projects in the surrounding region and will propose strategies to reduce any negative impacts and enhance benefits to the community.

## Key findings to date

The Project site is located within the Horsham Rural City local government area (LGA). The nearest major towns are Horsham (approximately 30 km north-east) and Hamilton (approximately 90 km south).

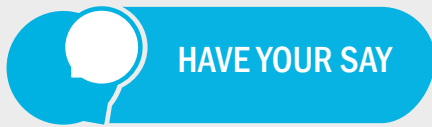
The Horsham Rural City LGA has a population of approximately 19,800 with three-quarters of the population living in Horsham. The predominant land use in the LGA is low-density, dryland agriculture.

Population growth in the LGA is slower than the Victorian average; it has experienced a growth of around 0.4% per annum over the ten years to 2017–18 compared with the State average growth of 2.1%.

The unemployment rate for 2018–19 in the LGA was 3.2%, representing around 350 people seeking work. The corresponding unemployment rate in Victoria was higher, at 4.6%.

If the Project proceeds, the Project will directly employ approximately 300–350 people full time equivalent (FTE) during the 2-year construction phase and a further 280–350 people FTE during the 25-year operation phase. It is anticipated that a significant proportion of the construction workforce and the majority of the operations workforce will be drawn from the region.





Public comments are invited on the draft scoping requirements in relation to matters that should be investigated and documented in the environment effects statement (EES) process for the proposed Wimmera Project.

The draft scoping requirements are open for public comment until midnight on 31 March 2020.

Any comments received will be considered by DELWP during the finalisation of the scoping requirements and will be treated as public documents. Your comments also will be considered by the proponent in the preparation of the EES. Personal details and identifying features (eg names, addresses and contact details) will be removed before your submission is shared with Iluka Resources Limited. You must provide written consent for DELWP to provide your name and address to Iluka Resources Limited.

Comments should be emailed to: [environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au)

Written comments can also be posted to:

Impact Assessment Unit, Planning  
Department of Environment, Land, Water  
and Planning  
PO Box 500, EAST MELBOURNE, VIC  
8002

To discuss the draft EES scoping requirements with Iluka or for more information please contact Iluka:

Phone: 1800 305 993

Visit: [www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera](http://www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera)

Email: [wimmeraproject@iluka.com](mailto:wimmeraproject@iluka.com)

Drop in: Wimmera community drop-in centre at Horsham Real Estate office Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am–2.30 pm or by appointment

As well as providing direct jobs, the Project will also generate additional jobs in the community by supporting local businesses supplying the Project and through the local expenditure of employee wages.

An offsite, purpose-built, 350-room temporary construction camp will be built to house the construction workforce.

The Project will need to be supplied with consumables such as diesel and chemicals required in the refinery. These consumables will be sourced from a range of locations. The Project will dispatch products for sale, with the majority of materials exported, most likely via truck or rail then via ports at Portland, Geelong or Adelaide.

Traffic will also be generated by employees, contractors and visitors.

The traffic and transport impact assessment will characterise the existing road conditions, traffic types and volumes and to assess the potential traffic and transport related impact over the life of the mine. It is anticipated that there will be up to 60 truck movements per day (to/from Site) during the operations period. The number of trucks expected during the construction period is not yet known. The Site access will be from the Natimuk-Hamilton Road. The final transport route is yet to be identified but is likely to be either the Wimmera Highway via the Horsham-Noradjuha Road, or the Henty Highway via the Toolondo-Wonwondah Road.

Portions of the following roads will be closed and/or diverted during different stages of the mine development:

- Nurrabiel Church Road;
- Quick Sinclair Russells Road;
- Carchap Lane;
- Jallumba-Mockinya Road;
- Jallumba-Clear Lake Road
- Jallumba-Douglas Road; and
- Natimuk-Hamilton Road.

Access between and with properties will be maintained through the construction of diversions, detours and/or upgrades. The traffic and transport impact assessment will provide recommendations on how to mitigate and/or manage any impacts.

The hazards and risks studies have commenced, for example, an assessment of potential hazards from some of the required process chemicals. These studies will be further refined as additional information becomes available; for example, the results of the transport impact assessment will inform the assessment of road transport risks.

## Draft EES scoping requirements

The Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has released the draft EES scoping requirements for the Wimmera Project and is seeking public comment. These scoping requirements will guide the technical assessments that will be undertaken as part of the preparation of the EES for the Wimmera Project.

The draft EES scoping requirements are available here: [www.planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/browse-projects/projects/wimmera-mineral-sands](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/browse-projects/projects/wimmera-mineral-sands)