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BLUE BUSH PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

FIGURE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY IN PHASES OF EIA

PHASE	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY
1 SCOPING	
Proponent identifies key issues to assess in EIS and approach to community engagement during preparation of EIS Proponent prepares Scoping Report Department issues SEARS	• Seek community input, and incorporate into Scoping Report and draft Community Engagement Strategy for EIS • Targeted engagement with a representative group of key stakeholders • Notify community when Scoping Report is submitted to Department
2 EIS PREPARATION	
Proponent undertakes engagement in accordance with Community Engagement Strategy Proponent prepares EIS	• Seek community input, and incorporate into EIS • Targeted community engagement on key issues identified during scoping and general engagement, or as required by SEARS • Establish and operate a CCC (if required)
3 PUBLIC EXHIBITION/HEARINGS	
Department places EIS on exhibition The Minister may ask the IPC to hold public hearings	• Brief key community stakeholders on EIS • Present at public hearings
4 RESPONDING TO SUBMISSIONS	
Department requires a response to submissions Proponent prepares Submissions Report	• Targeted community engagement on key issues raised in submissions • Brief key community stakeholders on Submissions Report
5 ASSESSMENT	
Proponent may make amendments to the project and prepare Amendment Report Department completes assessment of merits of project	• Targeted community engagement on amendments (if necessary) and incorporate input into Amendment Report • Brief key community stakeholders on Amendment Report (if prepared)
6 DETERMINATION	
Decision-maker may hold public meeting before determining the application Decision-maker determines the application	• Present at public meetings (if held)
7 POST APPROVAL	
Proponent to comply with conditions of approval Proponent monitors and reports on compliance Proponent prepares management plans and other documents required by conditions	• Receive, investigate and respond to complaints • Targeted community engagement on key issues or as required by conditions • Establish and operate a CCC (if required) • Brief key community stakeholders on performance
8 MODIFY AN APPROVED PROJECT	
Department may issue requirements for assessment and community engagement Proponent prepares Modification Report Department may exhibit Modification Report	• Seek community input (if required), and incorporate into Modification Report • Undertake relevant engagement identified above depending on scale and nature of modification and assessment process for modification

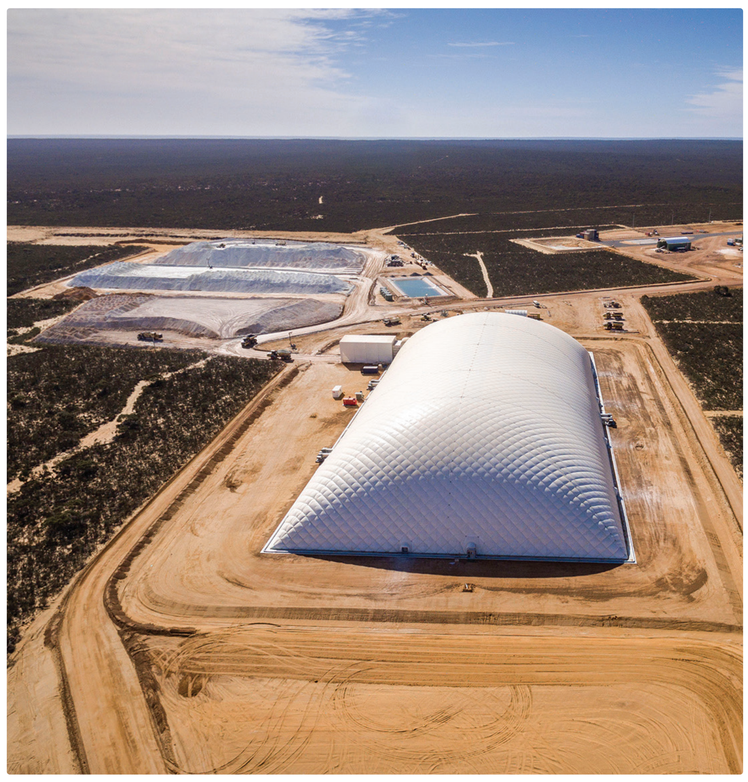
Proponent keeps the community informed about the project, opportunities for community participation, findings of engagement and impact assessment, and progress of application. Proponent also gives the community feedback on how the issues raised are being considered or addressed.

Community Guide to EIA - June 2019

The phases of environmental impact assessment (EIA), including where the community and key stakeholders can provide feedback and submissions to the proposed Blue Bush Project are shown in the Figure 1.

The Blue Bush Project will be assessed as State Significant Development under Part 4, Division 4.7 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) (NSW). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required to accompany a Development Application to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

The community will be consulted during all applicable phases of the EIA process, in accordance with Tellus' Blue Bush Project Community Engagement Strategy, as illustrated in Figure 1.



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