

Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Bill 2016

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Explanatory Notes

For amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington MP

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the *Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Bill 2016* (the Bill).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objectives of the LNP's amendments are to ensure:

- Prohibit 100% Fly in Fly out workforces during construction and operation for large resource projects proximate to nearby regional communities.
- Ensure local communities are consulted as part of the social impact assessment for large resource projects.

Achievement of policy objectives

The LNP's policy objectives are achieved by amending the Bill:

- Explicitly prohibiting 100% fly in fly out workforces during construction and operation of large resource projects proximate to nearby regional communities.
- Enshrining as a minimum requirement that the proponent or owner of a large resource project undertakes consultation with the local community within the local government area of the location of the large resource project as part of the social impact assessment.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no other viable alternatives that would achieve the policy objectives other than amending the Bill.

Estimated cost for government implementation

There are no significant cost impacts of these amendments on the government.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendments are consistent with the fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The LNP has developed these amendments from stakeholder and community feedback from the Committee process.

Consistency with legislation of other jurisdictions

There are unique arrangements in each jurisdiction for the matters addressed in these amendments.

Notes on provisions

Clause 1 amends clause 3 of the Bill – Object of Act

Clause 1 expands the object of the Act to ensure that residents of communities in the vicinity of large resource projects benefit from the construction and operation of the project. Presently this object only relates to operation.

Clause 2 amends clause 6 of the Bill – Prohibition on 100% fly-in fly-out workers for large resource projects

Clause 2 expands the prohibition of 100% fly-in fly out workers for large resource projects to include the construction phase not just operation.

Clause 3 amends clause 9 of the Bill – Requirement for owner of, or proponent for, large resource project to prepare a social impact assessment

Clause 3 ensures that communities within the local government area where a proposed large resource project is situated must be consulted through the social impact assessment.

Clause 4 removes clause 12 of the Bill – Coordinator-General may nominate large resource project for which persons employed during construction phase are workers for this Act.

Clause 4 removes clause 12 of the Bill so that it is no longer discretionary for the prohibition on 100% fly-in fly-out workers to apply to the construction phase of large resources projects proximate to nearby regional communities. By expanding the prohibition of 100% fly-in fly-out workers to the construction phase in various other sections in other amendments, this Clause is no longer required.

Clause 5 amends clause 13 of the Bill – Publication of details of nearby regional communities and large resource projects

Amends clause 13 so that the dates of both the construction and operational phase of large resources projects is published by the Coordinator-General on the department's website.

Clause 6 amends clause 13 of the Bill – Publication of details of nearby regional communities and large resource projects

This removes the semi-colon at the end of subsection 13(d) which is no longer required because 13(e) is being omitted.

Clause 7 amends clause 13 of the Bill – Publication of details of nearby regional communities and large resource projects

This omits section 13(e), which is no longer needed due to amendment 4 listed above.

Clause 8 amends clause 14 - Owner of large resource project must advise Coordinator-General of particular matters

This amendment removes the existing section requiring the owner of large resources project must notify the Coordinator-General of the start phase of operation of a project and replaces this section

with a requirement that the owner of a large resources project must notify the Coordinator-General of the start phase of construction and operation of a project.

Clause 9 amend Schedule 1 (Dictionary)

Inserts a definition for the construction phase of a large resource project.

Clause 10 amend Schedule 1 (Dictionary)

Expands the definition for fly-in fly-out worker to include the construction phase of the project.

Clause 11 amend Schedule 1 (Dictionary)

Inserts a new definitions for worker to mean a person employed, or to be employed, to perform work during the construction or operational phase of the project.

Clause 12 amends the Long Title

Amends the long title of the Bill to include construction.

