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RE: Centurion North Development project – Draft Terms of Reference

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft Terms of Reference (**TOR**) for Centurion Coal Mining Pty Ltd.'s (**the Proponent**) Centurion North Development project (**the Project**).

Environmental Advocacy in Central Queensland (**EnvA**) is a Central Queensland association concerned about the risks associated with coal mining, coal seam gas and climate change.

EnvA considers that the approval of new coal projects, or the extension of existing projects:

- is inconsistent with achieving Australia's national emissions reduction targets and Queensland's legislated emissions reduction objectives;
- is likely to result in irreversible damage to local landscapes and leave communities exposed to the risk of stranded assets;
- will increase risks to local communities from extreme weather events, including more frequent and intense storms, floods, droughts and bushfires;
- will further damage significant coastal environments, including beaches and the Great Barrier Reef, through increased storm surge, runoff and coral bleaching; and
- will continue to degrade wildlife habitats of state and national significance through both direct habitat loss and climate change impacts.

Centurion North Development project

The Proponent is proposing to develop an underground longwall coal mine operation with associated coal seam gas extraction.

The Project Area is approximately 4,568 hectares (**ha**) on mining leases (**ML**) ML1790 and ML70495, and the south-west portion of Mineral Development License (**MDL**) 3010.

The Project would be located approximately 40km north-west of Moranbah in Central Queensland.

The proposed project, if approved, will,

- Expand the Centurion coal mine disturbance footprint by approximately 633 ha,
- Develop an underground longwall coal mine operation with associated coal seam gas (**CSG**) extraction,
- Construct up to 260 well pads to support vertical and lateral wells,
- Drill up to 150 wells,

- Develop up to 24 longwall panels with associated ventilation shafts, surface goaf management, and gas draining riser bores,
- Construction of a gas pipeline network to transport gas off site, and gas drainage riser bores,
- Installation of electrical reticulation including an extended high voltage line and substation, access tracks other facilities to support the operation.

It is expected that each of the wells will produce CSG for up to 10 years at a maximum site-wide extraction of up to 10 petajoules per annum.

ROM coal extraction is expected to be produced at up to 7.1 million tonnes per annum over 26 years resulting in the extraction of up to 148 million tonnes over the life of the Project.

The scale, duration and intensity of this development make it a major fossil fuel expansion project with nationally and internationally significant environmental consequences.

EnvA's comments on the Draft TOR

EnvA is strongly opposed to the Project, which will result in further adverse environmental and social impacts, including habitat loss, irreversible land disturbance, impacts on the quality and quantity of surface waters within the largest Great Barrier Reef catchment, and the acceleration of climate change through additional greenhouse gas emissions.

Environmental Advocacy in Central Queensland has previously made submissions on the content of draft Terms of References (TOR) to State and Federal EIS consultation processes. A commonality in all our submissions has been the detail on justification and cumulative impact assessments.

We are appreciative that the draft TOR for the Centurion North Development Project has included further guidance on these matters and hence we are supportive of the draft TOR.

EnvA will review the aspects of the draft EIS when available to assess the Proponent's interpretation of the TOR and will suggest refinements to future TOR where required.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make comment on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Centurion North Development project.

Kind regards



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Attachments

1. [Centurion North Development EPBC submission Feb 2026](#)
2. [Centurion North Development EA amendment submission Feb 2026](#)