

# Mining & Petroleum Approvals Streamlining Project

- ◆ Part of Premier's "Jobs Initiative"
- ◆ Mines & Energy (DEEDI) lead agency
- ◆ New, continued or expanded production as source of new & sustained employment
- ◆ Systemic review of tenure, environmental and native title approval processes to minimise delays

# Project Goals

- ◆ Coordination of approvals across agencies through a case management approach
- ◆ Tracking of projects against agreed milestones to integrate approval processes
- ◆ Develop IT system for internal use (and future external access) to record progress of all approvals
- ◆ Improve documentation (and access to it) to inform internal and external parties
- ◆ Identify resource needs to implement strategy
- ◆ For DERM, seeking process efficiency without compromising environmental outcomes

# DERM Input to Project

## Core Activities

- ◆ **Flowcharts and process milestones for mining and petroleum project approvals**
- ◆ **Improved communications – DERM/M&E workshops** (workshops with operational staff held to identify issues and inform Streamlining Project)
- ◆ **Data sharing and enhancements to data systems** (exchange of data between agencies and improvements to Ecomaps and MERLIN)
- ◆ **Review/update of relevant Departmental documentation** (model mining conditions, Codes, Guidelines for EM Plan, EIS, FA; current and possibly extra forms)
- ◆ **Inter-agency administrative manual for mining** (review and update of previous document)

## Additional Activities

- ◆ **Draft paper on petroleum activities** (Introductory Environmental Regulatory Information for Petroleum Operators in Queensland)
- ◆ **Conditionally surrendered EPMs and FAs** (Joint work with M&E to resolve anomalies)
- ◆ **Small miners definition** (activity, employees, impacts)

# Milestones

- ◆ Have identified target milestones in EA process for MLs and petroleum tenures
- ◆ Timeframes are multi-component (depend on DERM, applicant and other party actions)
- ◆ DERM aim to achieve statutory times
- ◆ Improvement in time is information critical (right first time = fast time)

# Results to date

## In DERM

- ◆ Process mapping and Milestones nearing completion
- ◆ Case management approach in place (project managers mostly in regions)
- ◆ Improved communication and data exchange between DERM & M&E (MERLIN – Ecomaps)
- ◆ Guidelines (eg for EM Plans) and other documentation being progressed urgently
- ◆ Additional funding in budget for EIS assessment & process management

# Flow Chart

