

Central Eyre Iron Project



Definitive Feasibility Study

You have heard a lot about the fact that Iron Road is currently undertaking a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for the Central Eyre Iron Project, but what does this really mean?

A DFS is also known as a Bankable Feasibility Study and essentially involves the undertaking of a large package of technical, environmental and social studies to determine if the CEIP will be economically viable. The DFS is looking at the proposed mine at Warrambo, the proposed deep sea port at Cape Hardy and the proposed railway, pipeline and power line that will eventually link the proposed mine with the proposed port. A production rate of 20 million tonnes per annum of magnetite iron concentrate is the baseline for the DFS, meaning that all the packages of work we are undertaking are based on the presumption that this amount of premium iron concentrate could be produced each year for approximately 30 years.

Some of the studies that are either in the process of being undertaken, or will shortly commence, include:

Noise; dust; flora and fauna; water; traffic and transport impacts and management; social impacts; employment; marine environment; construction camps and accommodation villages; airport upgrade; and visual amenity;

The DFS also includes a lot of engineering work, from determining the topography and structure of the land to ensure that it would safely support infrastructure, to the actual design of what the wharf and associated amenities at Cape Hardy would eventually look like.

Based in Adelaide, Iron Road has a team of experts, who travel to the Eyre Peninsula on a regular basis, working to complete the DFS. These people are supported by a variety of specialist companies including Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM), Optika Solutions, KWA Kenwalt, Coffey Mining, Bateman-Tenova, BV-Amdel, ATC Williams, and ElectraNet.

Iron Road hopes to have the DFS completed by December 2013.

Port Proposal Community Engagement Events

Iron Road commenced its first community engagement events for the Cape Hardy port proposal in Port Neill and Tumby Bay on 6th and 7th March 2013. Public information sessions were held in both towns and an informal chat session was also held on the Thursday afternoon in Tumby Bay where anyone was able to drop in and talk to Iron Road's staff to gain more insight into the proposed port.

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The community information sessions were well attended. Port Neill in particular had 65 community members who came along to listen to Iron Road's presentation. Many questions were raised by the attendees throughout the evening in regards to environmental impacts, infrastructure and road networks, social benefits such as employment opportunities and the technical aspects of the project. Iron Road recorded the frequently asked questions (FAQ) and is in the process of developing a FAQ information sheet which will become available in time via our website.



Port Neill Community Meeting held at the Port Neill Memorial Hall March 2013

Tim Scholz on Annual Leave

Lucky Tim headed overseas on 19th of March to spend four weeks gallivanting around Europe with family members. He will be returning to work on April 17th. Please contact Tilly Smart with any enquiries in Tim's absence.

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Easter Wishes

We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and happy Easter. I am sure many of you will be taking off to the gem spot Venus Bay or hopefully finding some time to get away elsewhere. Please take care on the roads during this busy period and stay safe over the holiday. The Adelaide office will be closed for the Easter break resuming office hours on Tuesday 2nd April.

Don't forget to turn your clock back an hour on Sunday 7th April as daylight savings comes to an end.