

## FACT SHEET

# Determining Public Exhibition Periods For Draft Environmental Impact Statements

## 1. Background

The Environmental Assessment Administrative Procedures (EAAP) provide for a period of public exhibition of Public Environmental Reports (PERs) and the draft Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). During this period the PER or EIS is circulated to government agencies and the public for review and comment. A period of maximum of 28 days is provided for review of a PER, and a 28 day minimum for a draft EIS.

The NT EPA is able to extend the period of public exhibition of a draft EIS.

## 2. Duration of Public Exhibition

The NT EPA may determine longer time periods for public exhibition when draft EISs involve more complex proposals, proposals of high public interest or of high environmental or other significance. Particular characteristics of projects that may result in an extended period of public exhibition include:

- Location in an area of high conservation value, or an area identified as containing important or unique flora and fauna communities;
- Potential to impact threatened or endangered species;
- Potential to impact an aspect that is valued by nearby residents or the local or regional community;
- High actual or perceived potential for impact on the local or regional community;
- Regionally significant resource extraction;
- Regionally significant modification of the natural environment, e.g. alteration of groundwater hydrology; drainage patterns; fauna movement; vegetation patterns;
- Significant risk of pollution from emissions or waste treatment and disposal;
- Regionally significant land disturbance, e.g. land clearing for agriculture or forestry; urban and industrial sites; dredging; large extractive industries; surface paving; transport facilities;
- Major engineering works;
- Significant risk or hazard to public safety; or
- Establishment of major agro-industrial facilities e.g. large piggeries; poultry farms; abattoirs; rendering plants; or manufacturing and industrial processes.

## Fact Sheet – Determining public exhibition timeframe for a draft EIS

Exhibition periods will be communicated to proponents once EIS Guidelines are finalised. Timing of the exhibition period will be published on the NT EPA website:

[www.ntepa.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntepa.nt.gov.au)

### 4 Further Information

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