

# **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Construction of Lagoon Creek Crossing Reference: 15-00-R-X0001-P200-E01

NAC3 PROJECT

#### **FACT SHEET**

New Acland Coal Pty Ltd (NAC) operates the existing New Acland open cut coal mine which is situated north-northwest of the Oakey Township in southeast Queensland's Darling Downs region. Currently in care and maintenance, the mine historically produced up to 5.2 million tonnes per annum.

NAC has recently received the required primary approvals for the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project (NAC3) and is working towards recommencement of operations. The NAC3 Project will extend the mine's operating life to beyond 2030.

NAC intends to construct an at-grade creek crossing across Lagoon Creek as a part of the NAC3 expansion and is seeking expressions of interest for the works from suitably capable and experienced contractors.

This Lagoon Creek crossing will provide New Acland Stage 3 operations with access for mining activities into the Willeroo Pit area. The Lagoon Creek corridor (50m either side of the surveyed high bank of Lagoon Creek) has been defined as a riparian conservation zone. New Acland Coal has developed a plan for preservation and revegetation of the area over the life of the mine that is intended to encourage the use of this creek corridor as a wildlife thoroughfare. The Lagoon Creek crossing therefore has a second purpose, which is to ensure that safe passage of wildlife (including specifically Koalas) can occur. New Acland Coal has developed a Koala Species Management Plan in this regard, which includes details of Koala detection and management systems that must be considered in the construction of the Lagoon Creek haul road crossing.

This EOI is intended to identify civil construction companies interested in and capable of addressing the following supply and coal mine site-based activities for construction of this new site infrastructure:

- Offsite documentation preparation for site works, including:
  - Contractor Safety Management Plan
  - o Registers for all plant and equipment
  - Traffic management and other construction planning to satisfy requirements of the various NAC3 and site management plans and permits
  - Preparation of all personnel and equipment for compliance confirmation during the onboarding process
- Site mobilisation and onboarding
- Site establishment
- Supply of all site amenities, tools, equipment and personnel for works execution
- Supply of management personnel and processes to demonstrate and ensure safe, compliant, timely and efficient works execution
- Safe execution of the site construction works, delivering the completed infrastructure in accordance with schedule and design, and in compliance with plans, permits and approvals
- Site clean-up, infrastructure commissioning and hand over, and prompt demobilisation to ensure that the new infrastructure is available to mining operations as soon as practicable

The scope of this package includes for a dual carriage road crossing to suit mining off-highway haul trucks. The crossing length considered in this scope is nominally 220m. The crossing will include an excavated footprint of up to 50m in width, with progressive pavement build to a nominal 2.0m in depth. Many of the materials can be sourced from material stockpiled on the mine site. One or more banks of through drainage pipes of

600mm diameter are to be incorporated into the works, inclusive of concrete treated fill, concrete embankment and concrete running surface sections.

A tender package will be issued to prospective contractors that qualify from this EOI process. This package will include:

- a detailed design for a bed-level crossing of Lagoon Creek incorporating:
  - pavement design, running surface elevation and profile, as well as configuration and extents of side apron sections for animal detection and management purposes
  - · a two-lane running surface for heavy mining fleet
  - fish passage pipes
  - cross drainage design of pipes through low-flow channel aligning with Riverine Protection Permit requirements and designed to support fully loaded haul trucks
  - concrete causeway area associated with the fish passage pipes
  - fencing requirements for animal management
- Relevant technical specifications
- Relevant documentation as relates to requirements and obligations for works on the New Acland Coal mine site and on the NAC3 project infrastructure

The construction battery limits with the mine construction activity will exist at each end of this package scope, outside of the riverine protected zone.

At the same time as the execution of this works NAC Operations personnel would be constructing off highway haul roads to interface at each end of this lagoon creek crossing.

#### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

Issue Date: 22 March 2023

Closing Date: 21 April 2023

# 1. INTRODUCTION

New Acland Coal Pty Ltd (ABN 90 081 022 380) (**Principal**) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the construction of Lagoon Creek crossing, as outlined in the Expression of Interest Returnable Questionnaire document.

Participants are invited to submit an EOI on the basis that each Participant agrees to keep information provided by the Principal confidential and to otherwise be bound by the terms of this Invitation to Participate.

# 2. EOI DOCUMENTS

The **EOI Documents** comprise the following documents:

- this Fact Sheet and Invitation to Participate; and
- the EOI Returnable Questionnaire.

# 3. EOI ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries by Participants are to be directed to:

Tanya Jones

New Hope Group

Email: tjones@newhopegroup.com.au

Site access to the Principal's site will not be granted during the Expression of Interest stage. Site access will only be arranged during a Tender process if required.

Participants may make a request by email to the Principal to provide clarification or to seek additional information about the documentation released with this Invitation to Participate.

Enquiries will only be accepted and responded to up to the EOI Clarification Closing Date and all enquiries and responses will be disseminated to all Participants of the EOI. The Principal will keep confidential all Participants details unless the Participant confirms in their EOI submission that they wish for their details to be shared with successful Participants.

# 4. LODGEMENT OF SUBMISSIONS

All EOI's must be lodged and received by the Principal by 4:00 PM on the EOI Closing Date.

Lodgement is to be made in electronic format by email to tenders@newhopegroup.com.au.

All submissions should be clearly labelled "Confidential – P200 Lagoon Creek Crossing EOI" and must include the name of the Participant, contact name and telephone number.

### 5. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN EOI SUBMISSION

Participants must ensure that EOI's satisfy the requirements set out in the returnable questionnaire, including all mandatory sections.

# 6. SELECTION CRITERIA

EOI's will be evaluated on how the Participants demonstrate that they will meet or exceed the requested criteria in the Returnable Questions Document.

The criteria for weighting are as follows:

# Criteria for weighting

- 1. EOI Conformity
- 2. All mandatory requirements completed
- 3. Suitability to scope as evidenced by data submitted

# 7. PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Participants should note the following timetable:

Action	Date
EOI Release Date	22 March 2023
EOI Clarifications Closing Date	10 April 2023
EOI Closing Date	21 April 2023

This timetable is indicative only and may be amended at any time at the absolute discretion of the Principal.