

Assessment of proposed

## Foundry Expansion by Bradken Resources Pty Ltd at Kilburn

The proposed **Foundry Expansion by Bradken Resources Pty Ltd** at Kilburn in South Australia is to be considered by the State Government under the Major Developments assessment process.

This will ensure a thorough assessment of the possible impacts of the proposed foundry expansion **before any decision is made on whether the proposal can proceed or not.**

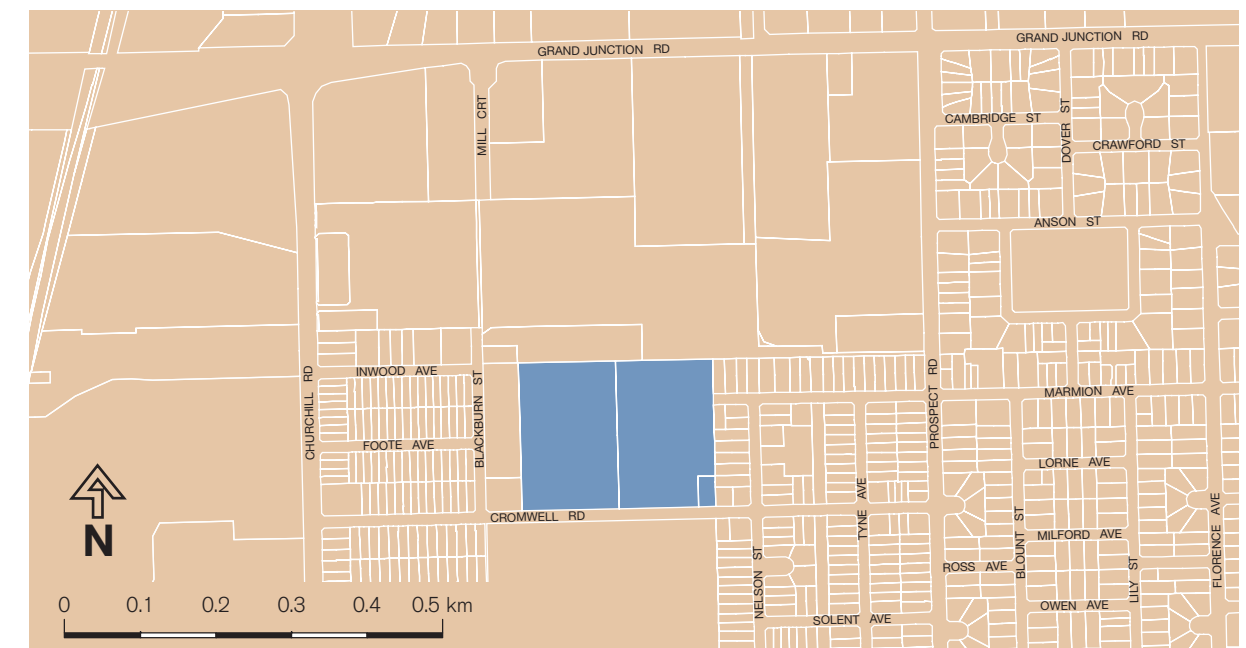
This Information Sheet outlines the Major Development declaration process, the assessment process that will be undertaken, and how to obtain further information and have your say about the proposed development.

### Having your say

The Major Developments assessment process offers multiple opportunities for public comment. For opportunities to comment on the 'Foundry Expansion by Bradken Resources Pty Ltd' proposal during the assessment process, it is advised that you monitor local newspapers and/or The Advertiser, or the Major Developments website.

The Major Developments Panel: [www.planning.sa.gov.au/md\\_panel](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/md_panel)

The Major Project Assessment: [www.planning.sa.gov.au/major\\_project\\_assessment](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/major_project_assessment)



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## What is the Foundry Expansion by Bradken Resources Pty Ltd proposal?

Bradken Resources has been operating a foundry at Cromwell Road Kilburn since 1949. The company is a major supplier of metal products primarily to the mining industry. The company wishes to expand its operations primarily to supply growth in mining in the state and other heavy engineering projects.

The company currently produces 12,500 tonnes of metal products per annum, with a workforce of 180. The proposed project will increase output to 32,000 tonnes per annum, with an additional 100 jobs. The proposed investment at Kilburn is \$40m, the majority of which will be spent locally.

The proposal is to be sited at the existing Bradken Resources foundry at Cromwell Road in Kilburn and involves upgrade of existing buildings and equipment, including a new melting furnace and expanded heat treatment.

For more detailed information on the proposal, an **Issues Paper** will be released in the early months of 2006 and be available from **Planning SA** and the relevant local council offices.

## Why will the proposal be examined using the Major Development assessment process?

Under the *Development Act 1993*, the Minister for Urban Development and Planning can declare a proposed project a Major Development if he or she believes such a declaration is necessary for **proper assessment** of the development, and where the project is deemed to be of **major economic, social or environmental importance**.

The 'Foundry Expansion by Bradken Resources Pty Ltd' proposal will be assessed as a Major Development because of its economic importance, the scale of investment and additional employment, potential social impact on the adjacent community as a result of truck movements, and environmental impacts relating to emissions to air.

Declaring the proposal a Major Development also ensures a high level of community consultation.

## What is the Major Development assessment process?

The declaration of Major Development status by the Minister triggers a comprehensive assessment process involving a number of stages and opportunities for public input.

### Stage 1 – Referral to Major Developments Panel and Identifying Issues

Once the proposal has been declared a Major Development by the Minister, a subsequent development application is referred to the **Major Developments Panel**. The Major Developments Panel is an independent statutory authority consisting of a group of six people with a variety of expertise, appointed by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. More information about the Major Developments Panel can be found at [www.planning.sa.gov.au/md\\_panel](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/md_panel)

The Panel will consider the application and identify the key social, environmental and economic issues relevant to the assessment of the development. These will then be incorporated into an **Issues Paper**, which will be released for **public comment** for **four weeks**, with notification in local media and *The Advertiser*. The Issues Paper for the proposed Foundry Expansion development by Bradken Resources Pty Ltd will be released in early 2006 and will be available from Planning SA (5th Floor, 136 North Terrace, Adelaide), the relevant local council offices, and on the Planning SA website at [www.planning.sa.gov.au/md\\_panel/publications](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/md_panel/publications)

After the four week period, the Panel will then consider both public and agency comments (including those from the Environment Protection Authority, the Department of Health and the local council) and determine which level of **further detailed assessment** is required.

### Stage 2 – Determining the level of assessment

The three possible levels of detailed assessment which can be required by the Major Developments Panel are:

- An **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS). This is the most comprehensive and stringent level of assessment. If the project proponent is directed to prepare an EIS it must do so and then release it for public comment for at least six weeks, and hold a public meeting in an area close to the proposal.
- A **Public Environmental Report** (PER). This is an intermediate level of assessment where the issues are relatively well known or there is existing information available. The Report must be released for public comment for at least six weeks, and a public meeting held in an area close to the proposal.
- A **Development Report** (DR). This is the least complex level of assessment, which relies principally on existing information. For a DR level of assessment, a meeting is not a statutory requirement and the report would need to be released for three weeks for public comment.

After considering the comments received in response to the Issues Paper, the Panel will publicly issue **Guidelines** as to **what level of assessment is required** and what issues that assessment should address. This concludes the Panel's role (examples of Guidelines previously issued for other projects can be found at [www.planning.sa.gov.au/md\\_panel/publications](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/md_panel/publications)).

### Stage 3 – Proponent prepares & releases an Environmental Assessment document

The project proponent will prepare an EIS, a PER or a DR, as directed by the Major Developments Panel. The length of time it takes depends upon the level of assessment and is influenced by the complexity of the proposal and the sensitivity of the site. A DR generally takes the shortest time, while an EIS takes the longest time. **Once it is complete, the EIS, PER or DR is released for public comment** (as per the requirements above) and made available from Planning SA, at the relevant local council, and on the Major Developments website at [www.planning.sa.gov.au](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au).

The proponent of the Foundry Expansion proposal will be asked to prepare an EIS, PER or DR as deemed appropriate, and then release it for public comment.

### Stage 4 – Responding to public comment on an EIS, PER or DR

After the appropriate public comment period on the **EIS, PER or DR** (three or six weeks, as outlined previously), the proponent will then be **required to respond** to any public or agency comments. The proponent's response will be released for **public information** and be available at Planning SA, at the relevant local council, and on the Major Developments website at [www.planning.sa.gov.au](http://www.planning.sa.gov.au)

### Stage 5 – Assessing the proposal

The Minister (with assistance from Planning SA) will then assess the whole proposal, and document that assessment in an **Assessment Report**. This Assessment Report will also be publicly released.

### Stage 6 – Decision

Finally the Governor will make a decision on the proposal (on the advice of the Minister and Cabinet). This will be notified in the Government Gazette and on the Major Developments website, and also notified to appropriate local media.