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As part of the EIS consultation and in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 1, Subdivision 2, Section 56 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act), Arrow will provide the Chief Executive of EHP a summary of the submissions received on the EIS, a statement of Arrow's response to the submissions and any amendments of the submitted EIS based on those submissions.

This chapter presents information regarding the EIS public exhibition period, the submission lodgement process, and the number of submissions received during this period. It also details the structure of Part B of the SREIS.

19.1 Environmental Impact Statement Public Exhibition Period

The EIS was placed on public exhibition from the 11 March 2013 to 23 April 2013 to provide the public and government agencies with the opportunity to view and comment on the EIS in the form of submissions. Details of the consultations and communications carried out by Arrow during this public exhibition period, and the locations and means by which the EIS could be viewed by the public, are included in the Community Consultation chapter (Section 4) of the SREIS.

It is a statutory requirement that all submissions received by the chief executive are forwarded to the proponent for consideration and provision of a response. As set out in Section 55(1) of the EP Act, a properly made submission is one that:

- (a) is written;
- (b) is signed by or for each person (signatory) who made the submission;
- (c) states the name and address of each signatory;
- (d) is made to the chief executive; and
- (e) is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

19.2 Submissions Received

A total of 53 submissions were received by the Chief Executive. For the purposes of this assessment, these 53 submitters have been categorised into the broad groups identified in Table 19–1. Arrow's process of responding to submissions is set out in Submitters and Identification of Issues chapter (Section 20) of the SREIS.

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Table 19-1 Submitter Categories

Submitter Category	Number of Submissions
Commonwealth Government departments	1
Queensland Government departments	19
Regional Councils	4
Businesses / corporations	10
Non-Government organisations	5
Individuals	14
Total	53

Submitters in relevant categories include:

Commonwealth Government Departments

- Department Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

Queensland Government Departments

- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs;
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services;
- Department of Community Safety;
- Department of Education, Training and Employment (Infrastructure Strategy);
- Department of Education, Training and Employment (Skills and Employment);
- Department of Energy and Water Supply;
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection;
- Department of Housing and Public Works;
- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing;
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines;
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Coordinator-General's Office);
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Strategic Policy);
- Department of Tourism, Major Events and Small Business;
- Department of Transport and Main Roads;
- Queensland Health;
- Queensland Health – Mackay Public Health Unit;
- Queensland Police Service; and
- Skills Queensland.

Regional Councils

- Central Highlands Regional Council;
- Gladstone Regional Council;
- Isaac Regional Council; and
- Mackay Regional Council.

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Businesses / Corporations

- Asia Pacific Strategy Pty Ltd;
- Aurizon;
- BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance;
- Energy and Infrastructure Management Pty Ltd;
- Ergon Energy Corporation Limited;
- Powerlink Queensland;
- Queensland Coal Corporation;
- SunWater Ltd;
- Vale Australia Pty Ltd; and
- Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd.

Non-Government Organisations

- Capricorn Conservation Council;
- Doctors for the Environment Australia;
- Fitzroy Basin Association;
- Mackay Conservation Group; and
- Road Accident Action Group Inc.

Individuals

The SREIS does not disclose the names or information of the 14 individuals who made submissions, who are referred to as 'individual submitters' throughout the SREIS. Individual submitters may request their identifying submitter number from EHP.

19.3 Structure of Part B

Part B of the SREIS comprises five sections containing the following information:

- Section 19 (this chapter) provides a general introduction to the EIS public exhibition period and submissions received as a result of this process;
- Section 20 (Submitters and Identification of Issues) discusses the methodology for categorising submissions received and explains the process for formulating responses to these submissions;
- Section 21 (Submission Responses) sets out Arrow's responses to public submissions, except for those raised by EHP and DSEWPaC;
- Section 22 (EHP Submission Responses) sets out Arrow's responses to the EHP submissions on the EIS; and
- Section 23 (DSEWPaC Submission Responses) sets out Arrow's responses to issues raised by DSEWPaC in their submission on the EIS.