



## **DEVELOPMENT ACT 1993**

### **WHALERS WAY ORBITAL LAUNCH COMPLEX**

#### **RELEASE OF AN EIS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Development Act 1993 on 29 August 2019 the then Minister for Planning declared the Whalers Way Orbital Launch Complex proposal by SouthernLaunch.Space Pty Ltd (Southern Launch) a Major Development. The proposal is for the development of a multi-user rocket launch facility (for placing small satellites in orbit) at Sleaford, approximately 25km south-west of Port Lincoln.

The Guidelines were referred to the State Planning Commission (SPC) for examination in accordance with the requirements of the Development Act 1993.

The SPC confirmed that the proponent must prepare a detailed **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** in respect of the proposal, and accordingly issued assessment Guidelines outlining the key issues which the EIS must address. These were publicly released on 20 August 2020.

The delegate for the Minister advises that Southern Launch has now prepared the EIS, which has been released for public comment from **Thursday 5 August 2021 until Thursday 16 September 2021**.

#### **Obtaining a copy of the EIS**

The full EIS document is available online, without cost, via the following link: [https://plan.sa.gov.au/en/state\\_developments](https://plan.sa.gov.au/en/state_developments). Hard copies are also be available for viewing at the locations listed below. USB copies of the full EIS along with a hard copy of the Executive Summary are available free of charge.

- Attorney-General's Department, Planning and Land Use Services (AGD-PLUS): Level 5, 50 Flinders Street, Adelaide
- City of Port Lincoln Council: Level 1, Civic Centre, 60 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln
- District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula: Railway Terrace, Cummins

Hard copies of the full EIS may be purchased at a cost of \$500 per copy from the addresses above, or by mail order for an extra \$10 (includes GST and postage) from AGD-PLUS, telephone (08) 7109 7018.

#### **Public Information Sessions**

The Attorney-General's Department, Planning and Land Use Services (AGD PLUS) will be conducting two (2) public information sessions on the proposal during the public exhibition period:

##### **Tuesday 24 August 2021**

Port Lincoln Hotel – Lincoln Ballroom  
1 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln

Session 1 – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Session 2 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Each session will have a presentation from AGD-PLUS on the major development assessment process, followed by a presentation from Southern Launch on the development proposal, and a question and answer session. Presentations will commence at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

Should there be a declaration in place under the Emergency Management Act 2004 in response to COVID-19, such that restrictions in place prohibit the conduct of the public information sessions described above, arrangements will be activated to hold the sessions remotely by using audio-visual technology or other electronic means.

#### **Submissions**

Written submissions on the EIS are invited until Thursday 16 September 2021 and should be addressed to:

Minister for Planning and Local Government  
Attention: Robert Kleeman, Manager, State Assessment  
Planning and Land Use Services  
Attorney-General's Department  
GPO Box 1815 ADELAIDE SA 5000

Or via email to: [spreps@sa.gov.au](mailto:spreps@sa.gov.au)

Submissions will be made available for public inspection and will be addressed in the proponent's Response Document (to be released for public information at a later date).