

Step	Approx. Duration (days)	Day	IPG Process Stage	NIRB	NPC	NWB	APPLICANT/ PROPONENT	REVIEW PARTIES	GENERAL PUBLIC	COMMENTS	Description of Efficiencies Gained
1		11/2/2009	Minister Decision to Refer to Part V Review	Time frame starts subject to direction on NPC conformity determination.							
2	34	27/02/09 and 16/03/09	Coordinated Process Review - NPC, NIRB, NWB	Issue notification of review. Collect comments. Coordinate review of comments with NPC and NWB.			Participate in review and submit comments to NIRB	Participate in review and submit comments to NIRB			
3	27	13/03/09	Draft Scope of the Mary River Project	Issue notification of review, collect comments	Draft Scope to Include information requirements of NBRLUP Appendices J and K		Participate in review and submit comments to NIRB	Participate in review and submit comments to NIRB			
4		28-03-08 - ?	Community Scoping Visits	Organize community visits, offer public presentations and collect community comments	NPC will not need to attend Scoping Meetings		Participate in NIRB community visits	Participate in NIRB community visits	Participate in NIRB community visits		
5			Draft Guideline Development	Issue notification of review. Collect comments. Coordinate review of comments with NPC.			Participate in review and submit comments to NIRB	Participate in review and submit comments to NIRB			
6			Final Scope of Project and Guidelines	Issue Final Scope of Project and Final Guidelines.	Scope of Project and Guidelines will contain the information requirements established in the NBRLUP Appendices J and K						
7	1		Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	Receipt of DEIS by NIRB Guideline Conformity Review begins by NIRB			Submit DEIS to NIRB and distributes DEIS to Review Parties and General Public				
8	15		Guideline Conformity Decision, Initiating Technical Review and Setting a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC)	Issues guideline conformity decision. Initiates technical review period. Board sets tentative date for technical meeting and PHC		At the technical staff level, NWB engages with NIRB to follow the review of the DEIS.		Participate in technical review		Allow the NWB to begin to observe NIRB material, specifically, water quality baseline data, monitoring, mitigation and abandonment objectives.	NWB staff are able to better understand the project and initial technical details. Furthermore, NWB is able to gain an appreciation for NIRB alternatives assessment.
9	15		Deadline for Proponent's Response to Guideline Conformity				Responds to guideline conformity decision				
10	10		Deadline for Review Parties to submit Information Requests (IR) to NIRB	Receives IR's and reviews comments submitted. Processes technical review comments specific to NBRLUP Appendices J and K.				Provide IR's to NIRB			
11	3		NIRB Forwards IR's	Forward IR's to NPC and Proponent	Receive technical review comments from NIRB		Receives IR's				
12	15		Deadline for Proponent to Respond to IR's	Receive proponents response to IR's			Submit response to IR's				
13	17		End of Technical Review of DEIS by Review Parties							Should stage #13 and #14 be combined into one stage?	
14	15		Deadline for Submission of Technical Review Reports to NIRB		Receive technical review comments from NIRB specific to NBRLUP Appendices J and K to NPC for information			Submit technical review comment			
15	15		Tentative Technical Meeting	Coordinates technical meeting and establishes meeting agenda			Participate in technical meeting	Participate in technical meeting			
16	5		Tentative PHC	Coordinates PHC and establishes conference agenda	NIRB and NPC will determine whether the information requirements of NBRLUP Appendices J and K have been met		Participate in PHC	Participate in PHC			

17	35		PHC and Direction on Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)	Board issues PHC decision on administrative issues and direction for the FEIS. Provides Supplemental Information Requirements (SIRs).	Once the final transportation corridor is determined the NPC may request that the NBRUP be amended to include the location						
18	1		FEIS	Receive FEIS.		Provide proponent with SIG MM3	Submit FEIS to NIRB including appendix 12.10.2(b) exception request and 13.5.5 Type B water licence application. Cross referencing permitted to eliminate duplication and for ease of party review. Submit to the NWB separate stand alone Type B water licence application to the NWB.			Offers the proponent the opportunity to begin to streamline information and drafting.	Begins to eliminate duplication.
19	10		Compliance Review	Issues PHC compliance determination. Issues notice of 60-day technical review period. Board sets tentative dates and locations(s) for Final Hearing.		At the technical staff level, NWB engages with NIRB to follow the review of the FEIS.		Receive FEIS Initiate technical review	Receive FEIS	QIA recommends that at this stage in the NIRB process it becomes valuable for NWB to engage with NIRB. At this stage NWB can observe all information presented to NIRB and identify material applicable to the NWB process - in essence a detailed review of the SIG MM3. NWB involvement at this stage can also help to inform the development of the SIG MM3 PSG.	Reduces procedural time later in the process when the project proceeds to regulatory process.
20			NIRB Exception and NWB Type B Licence	Acknowledge 12.10.2(b) request		Acknowledge and process Type B water licence application				The transition from a DEIS to FEIS (which satisfies a compliance review requirements) represents a major maturation of the proposed project. It is at this stage QIA believes a 12.10.2(b) request or a 13.5.5 application could be made.	
21			Review of NIRB Exception and NWB Type B Licence	Receive comments on 12.10.2(b) request		Receive and process comments on Type B application		Provide comments to NIRB and NWB on exception request and Type B application			
22	15		Proponents Response to PHC Compliance Determination	Receive Proponents Response							
23	10		Deadline for Parties to Submit IRs to NIRB					Submit IRs			
24	3		NIRB Forwards IRs to Proponent				Receive IRs				
25	14		Deadline for Proponent to Respond to IR's	Receive response to IRs			Submit response to IRs				
26	18		End of Review Period of FEIS								
27	15		Deadline for Parties to Submit Final Written Submissions			Issue Draft SIG MM3 PSG and solicit comments	Participates in EA technical review.	Participates in EA technical review.			Allows the proponent to begin to draft regulatory documents and prepares NWB and Review Parties for initial stages of the regulatory process.
28			Decision on 12.10.2(b) Exception and 13.5.5 Application	Issues 12.10.2(b) exception request decision		Issue decision on 13.5.5 Type B application				QIA recommends at this stage the NIRB and the NWB could consider accepting 12.10.2(b) and 13.5.5 applications.	This offer the proponent pre-development assurances ahead of the regulatory process.

29	15		Final Hearing	Coordinates hearings and establishes hearing agenda as defined by PHC decision.		TA to NIRB.	EA Hearing only on FEIS. Participate in Final Hearing	EA Hearing only on FEIS. Participate in Final Hearing			
30	135		NIRB's Final Hearing Report	Submit Final Hearing Report to Minister of INAC.							
31	45-90		Minister Decision	Minister decision received by NIRB.			Submit draft water licence application consistent with SIG MM3.				Allows proponent a review parties the ability to observe the basic technical details of the regulatory process.
				NIRB schedules Regulatory Project Certificate (PC) meeting.							
			Regulatory PC meeting			Participate in Project Certificate (PC) as a observer.					
32						Holds PHC meeting immediately following PC meeting focused on finalizing the SIG MM3 PSG and a review of all materials from NIRB process applicable to NWB process. Issues conformity determination on draft water licence application.					
33			NIRB Issue PC	NIRB issued PC.			Submit water licence application consistent with SIG MM3 PSG and NIRB PC.				Allows the proponent to provide additional information required by the SIG MM3 PSG
34	1		NWB receives application and confirms classification of undertaking and type of licence as type A.			Receive Type A application					
35	15		NWB Conducts preliminary completeness check against SIG MM3 PSG			Issues completeness determination		Provide comments to NWB on completeness review and suggestions for supplemental information requirements.			
36	30		If required, NWB may issue guidelines for the preparation of a water licence			Issues supplemental information requirements	Prepares updated water licence application				Limits the amount of addition information to be required by the proponent
37	15		NWB conducts concordance review			Issues concordance determination	If required, applicant provides additional information	Provide concordance comments to NWB			
38	1		NWB issues notice of application					Initiate technical review			
39	30		NWB receives written representations from parties			Reviews written technical comments from Review Parties.		Submit technical comments			
40	5		NWB holds technical meeting/pre-hearing conference			Establishes meeting location and agenda	Participate in PHC	Participate in PHC	Participate in PHC		
41			NWB issues pre-hearing conference decision			Issues PHC decision					
42	15		NWB issues notice of hearing			Coordinates hearings and establishes hearing agenda as defined by PHC decision.					
43	45		Parties exchange written interventions				Submit written interventions	Submit written interventions			
44	15		Parties prepare for public hearing								
45	5		NWB holds Public hearing				Participate in public hearings Submit final statements	Participate in public hearings Submit final statements	Participate in public hearings		
46	30-45		NWB issues decision to Minister								
47	45-90		Minister Issues Licence Decision								

Note: QIA's Proposed Process has been developed with reference to NIRB Guides and NWB Draft Guides