



# Hells Gates



## PROJECT UPDATE

March 2020

Hells Gates is part of the long-term planning for water infrastructure for Northern Australia. If built, the Hells Gates Dam and Irrigation Scheme would open the way for large-scale irrigated agriculture and electricity generation in the region west of Townsville.

Townsville Enterprise Limited (TEL) has brought together a consortium of leading technical specialists, led by local engineering firm SMEC, to determine if a business case exists to construct a major new dam and irrigation scheme at Hells Gates within the Upper Burdekin catchment.

### We've been busy

Our team has been finalising the program for safe, efficient and effective fieldworks set to kick off after the wet season. This is an important part of the project as it sets the foundations for the program moving forward.

- Securing environmental approvals / permits
- Preparing Cultural Heritage Agreements
- Identifying and mapping key areas for early engagement with landholders
- Planning and programming for first stage of environmental field works
- Development of project information resources
- Terrestrial ecology, catchment runoff and water balance modelling

### Our next phase of activity

In the coming weeks we will begin engaging with the community and key landholders who are likely to be affected by impacts of the proposed program and aim to be in field in April, at the end of the wet season.

- Face to face engagement with landholders in high impact areas
- Community engagement activities both face to face and through local media channels
- Initial field scoping to assess the suitability of key access areas
- Finalisation of environmental and geotechnical field program
- Advancement of Environmental and
- Cultural Heritage approvals and permits

### Consultation

We are committed to a process of open and transparent engagement with the community, stakeholders and landholders impacted by the project. If you would like more information, please visit our website for maps, fact-sheets and other key information, or Contact Us with your questions, concerns or requests.



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