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634 OLYMPIC DAM EXPANSION - VARIATION TO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT  
DECLARATION (Paul Holloway) - NOTED

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CABINET NOTE

CN MUDP 06/026

TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET TO NOTE

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RE: OLYMPIC DAM EXPANSION – VARIATION TO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT DECLARATION

1. PROPOSAL

For Cabinet to note that I intend to vary the declaration of the Olympic Dam Expansion as a Major Development under the *Development Act, 1993*.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 15 September 2005 I declared the proposal by Western Mining (now BHP Billiton) to expand its Olympic Dam operations a Major Development.
- 2.2 The Major Development process requires BHP Billiton to prepare a full EIS on the expansion project before I make a decision on the planning and environmental merit of the project.
- 2.3 The EIS is being prepared to satisfy State and Australian Government environmental requirements.
- 2.4 BHP Billiton wishes to establish a pilot desalination plant as part of its investigations into the feasibility studies and design for a seawater desalination plant at Port Bonython in the Upper Spencer Gulf.
- 2.5 The pilot plant is proposed to be located on land that will be leased from the Santos facility at Port Bonython.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The current declaration captures any development that is ancillary to the proposed expansion and some specific elements. On this basis, the proposed pilot plant would be captured by the current declaration.
- 3.2 As a result no decision can be made on the pilot desalination plant until the EIS process is complete.
- 3.3 BHP Billiton has asked for the declaration to be varied so that the pilot desalination plant is able to be assessed under the public infrastructure provisions of the *Development Act*, prior to an EIS being completed as a whole.

3.4 I consider this request reasonable, so that data from the pilot plant can be incorporated into the final environmental assessment decision.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

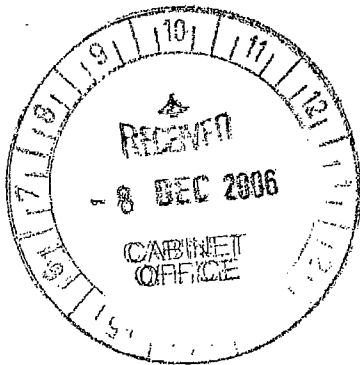
It is recommended that Cabinet:

4.1 Note my proposal to vary the declaration for the proposed Olympic Dam Expansion.



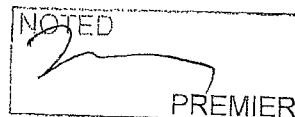
**Paul Holloway**  
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Minister for Police  
Minister for Mineral Resources Development  
Minister for Urban Development and Planning

Date: 8/12/2006

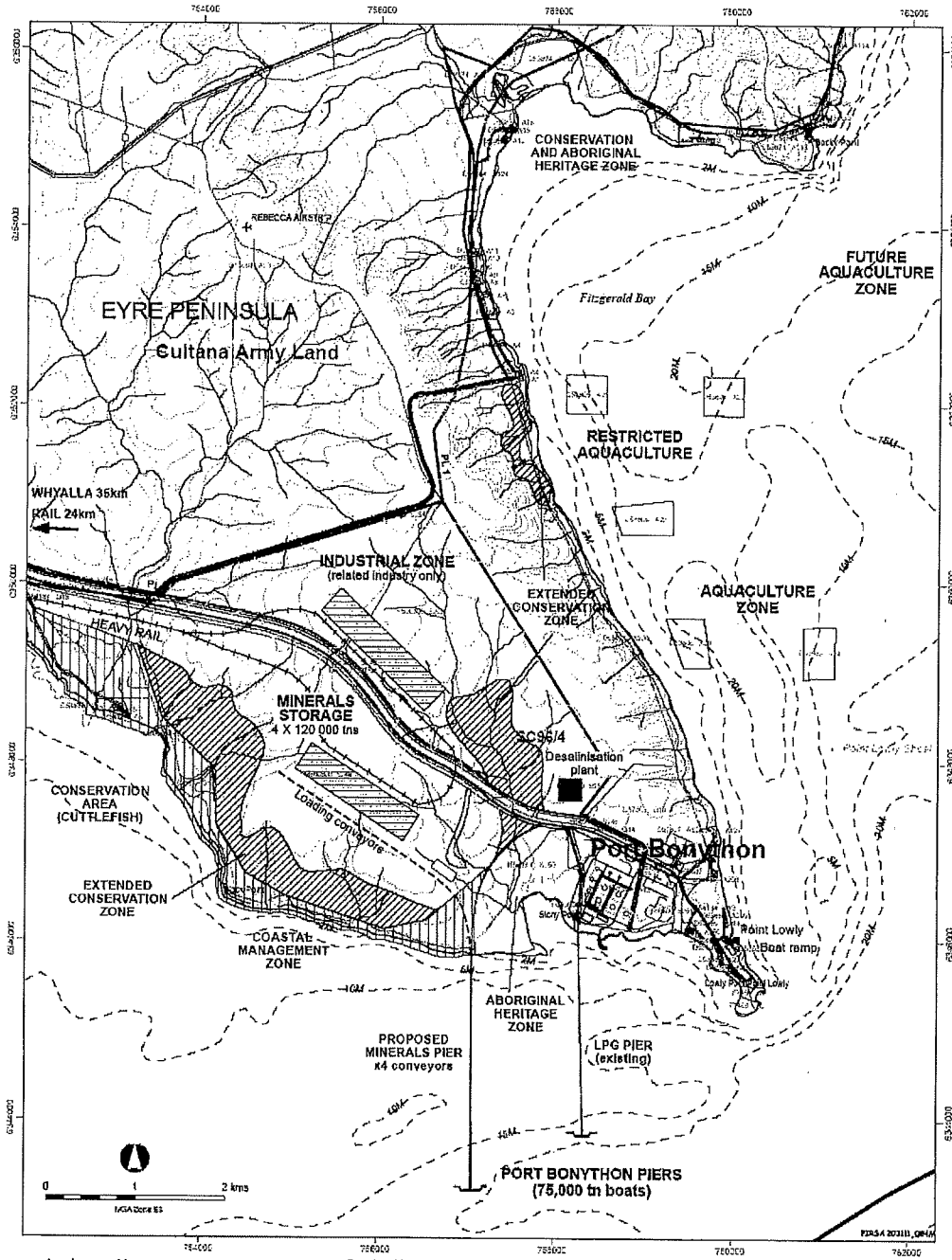


*In Cabinet*

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Port Bonython Area With Current Uses And A Notional Concept Plan Of The Intended New Bulk Loading Area and BHPB Desalination Plant Site.



**Land ownership**

[White box]	Commonwealth of Australia
[Light grey box]	The Corp of the City of Whyalla
[Medium grey box]	Dept of Lands (Crown leasehold)
[Dark grey box]	Minister for Environment and Conservation
[Lightest grey box]	Minister for Transport
[White box with border]	Cadastre

**Restricted land**

[Hatched box]	SC964: Barragula Native Title Claim
[Diagonal lines box]	Cultana Army Land
[Vertical lines box]	Coastal management zone
[Horizontal lines box]	Extended conservation zone
[Dashed line]	Pipeline (water)
[Solid line]	132 volt power line


**Government of South Australia**  
 Primary Industries and Resources SA  
  
**South Australia**  
**PORT BONYTHON**  
**MINERALS CONCEPT PLAN**