



fact sheet



BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance

CAVAL RIDGE MINE PROJECT - ECONOMIC FACTS

BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) is Australia's largest metallurgical coal miner and exporter. BMA continues to build upon its strong position within the sector by increasing production at existing operations and identifying strong growth opportunities.

Sustainable, long term growth is vital to BMA and the communities in which we live and operate. As our business grows in the Bowen Basin, BMA will continue to ensure that our projects provide positive economic outcomes for Moranbah.

Local spend

When it commences operation, the proposed Caval Ridge mine and its associated activities are expected to spend up to \$92 million each year on equipment, goods and services sourced from Central Queensland.

These activities are expected to contribute up to \$32 million each year to Moranbah's local economy.

100 per cent fly-in/fly-out for Caval Ridge mine project

Local Supply

BMA is currently investigating opportunities for local suppliers to support the Caval Ridge mine, Buffel accommodation village and the related expansion of Peak Downs mine through provision of a broad range of goods and services.

Local employment opportunities

In addition to the supply of goods and services, Moranbah will benefit directly from the additional 350 jobs created by the expansion of the Peak Downs mine. These new jobs will be largely residential jobs and provide new employment opportunities for local residents. BMA also projects growth in its existing operations, providing further local employment opportunities for residents.

At the same time, we remain committed to the construction of housing for our residential workforce and to ongoing support for upgraded infrastructure to support sustainable growth of Moranbah. Last year BMA constructed almost 100 new residences and over the last five years we have constructed 200 houses. The new Peak Downs residential jobs will require construction of new residences for this workforce, providing even more local employment opportunities.

Moranbah community investment

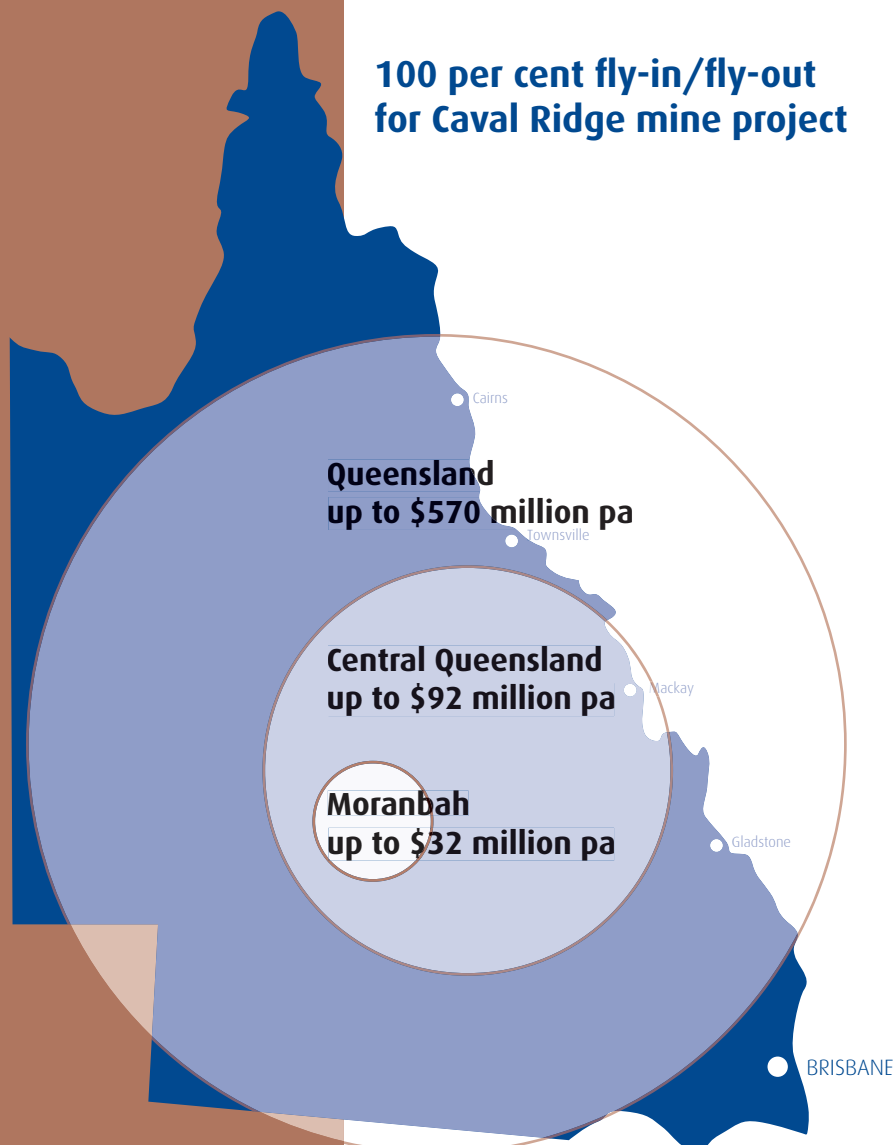
BMA continues to contribute to the Moranbah community through its community investment activities. In 2010 BMA invested over \$16.2 million in a range of infrastructure and community partnership programs to expand community amenities.

We are currently assessing a range of further projects and we will seek the views of the community about further projects they wish to see supported.

Looking to the future

With a proud history in Moranbah, BMA remains committed to community wellbeing and to supporting its sustainable growth.

BMA's new projects and expansion of existing operations will ensure a strong long-term future for Moranbah and its residents.



Figures are based on modelling by the accounting firm Price Waterhouse Coopers.