



The IESC and the assessment process under the EPBC Act

The Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC) provides scientific advice to the Australian Government Environment Minister on the impact that coal seam gas and large coal mining development may have on Australia's water resources. The committee's functions are prescribed in Section 505D of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

