



Closure EA Framework Short FAQ

1. What is the Closure EA Framework?

It is an analytical tool the Review Board will develop for this environmental assessment to help us evaluate how Imperial's proposed Closure Plan fits into the **regional, long-term and holistic aspirations for closure**.

2. Why is the Review Board using it?

The Framework helps the EA start with a broad question: **What should successful closure contribute to?** It considers things such as future land use, Indigenous Knowledge, community priorities and long-term environmental and cultural conditions, before getting into detailed assessment of closure options.

3. Is this a new regional land-use plan?

No. Existing regional planning provides important context, but the Framework is focused specifically on **what that means for Imperial's closure**. How will the project impact the future people want?

4. How is this different from Imperial's Closure Plan?

The **Framework looks broadly at what successful closure should support**. Imperial's **Closure Plan describes what Imperial proposes to do**, including its closure goals, objectives, options, criteria and monitoring.

5. Does Imperial have to address everything identified by the Framework?

Not necessarily. Imperial can only be expected to address matters in its control. The EA may also identify broader issues that governments, Indigenous Governments, regulators or others may be responsible for. The Framework helps distinguish **what issues need to be considered** from **who is responsible for addressing them**.

6. How will the Framework be used?

The **Framework, Imperial's Closure Plan and the broader EA record** will help The Review Board scope the assessment and develop the Terms of Reference for the EA in Part Two.

