

Director-General's Requirements

Section 75F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Project	The establishment and operation of Stage 1 of the Narrabri Coal Project, which includes: • underground mining, using continuous miner equipment; • crushing, screening and stockpiling coal on site; and • transporting up to 2.5 million tonnes of coal a year to the Port of Newcastle by rail.
Site	Adjacent to the Kamilaroi Highway, 20 kilometres southeast of Narrabri.
Proponent	Narrabri Coal Pty Limited
Date of Issue	6 January 2006
Date of Expiration	6 January 2008
General Requirements	The Environmental Assessment must: • be scientifically rigorous, and prepared in accordance with best practice; • be certified by the author; • include an executive summary; • describe all stages of the project in detail (including rehabilitation of the site); • describe the consultation that was carried out during the preparation of the Environmental Assessment, and the issues that were raised during this consultation; • include a general environmental risk analysis of the project; • assess the key assessment requirements specified below; • include a draft Statement of Commitments; and • consider the impacts of the project (as a whole), and justify why it should be approved.
Key Assessment Requirements	The Environmental Assessment must assess the following potential impacts of the project (including any potential cumulative impacts), and describe what measures would be implemented to avoid, minimise, mitigate, offset, manage and/or monitor these impacts: • Subsidence – refer to the <i>Guideline for Application for Subsidence Management Approvals</i> (Department of Primary Industries); • Soil & Water – include a detailed water balance, and refer to the <i>Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality</i> (ANZECC), <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils & Construction</i> (Landcom), and the various <i>State Groundwater Policy</i> documents (Department of Natural Resources); • Noise – refer to the <i>NSW Industrial Noise Policy</i>, <i>Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise</i>, and <i>Environmental Noise Control Manual</i>, particularly for the rail noise assessment (Department of Environment and Conservation); • Air – refer to <i>Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); • Transport – refer to the <i>Guide to Traffic Generating Development and Road Design Guide</i> (Roads & Traffic Authority), or relevant Austroad standards; • Flora & Fauna – refer to the draft <i>Guidelines for Threatened Species Assessment</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); • Heritage – refer to the draft <i>Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and Community Consultation</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); • Visual – including any potential impacts on the Siding Springs Observatory; and • Socio-economic – particularly with regard to any increased demand for infrastructure and services in the region.
Consultation	During the preparation of the EA, you must consult with the relevant local, State, and Commonwealth government authorities, service providers, community groups, and affected landowners.
Deemed refusal period	60 days