



WHITEHAVEN COAL MINING PTY LTD

Whitehaven Coal Mining Pty Ltd
ABN 65 086 426 253
Betalpha Pty Ltd
ABN 36 375 820 379
East Boggabri Coal Pty Ltd
ABN 73 100 742 185
Namoi Mining Pty Ltd
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14 July 2006

Director-General
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Mr David Kitto

Dear Sir

Re: Belmont Coal Project

Please find enclosed for your Department's response our Company's Major Projects Application and accompanying Project Description Report for the above Project.

As you are aware following discussions with Company representatives, our Company is now in a position to resume the process to gain the necessary approvals for this Project. I am able to confirm that the overall Project design is similar to that originally presented to the Planning Focus Meeting on 8 August 2002. Furthermore, the various environmental studies continued and initiated following that meeting were undertaken in accordance with the Director-General's requirements and requirements issued by other government agencies at that time.

We trust the Department's consideration of the Project under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 is able to recognise the previous requirements other than the updated Director-General's requirements relevant to Part 3A.

We look forward to the receipt of the Director-General's requirements for this project. Should you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact either Tony Galligan (Tel: 0439 040 756) or myself (Tel: 0419 658 268).

Yours sincerely

Keith Ross
Managing Director

Encls: Application (4 pages)

Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Date received: ____/____/____

Project Application No. _____

1. Before you lodge

This form is required to apply for the approval of the Minister to carry out a Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) applies.

Before lodging this application, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your Project.

Please be aware that you may need to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting before lodging this application involving the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If you are required to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting, you will need to provide details and outcomes arising from the meeting.

To ensure that your application is accepted as being duly made, you must

- complete ALL parts of this form, and
- submit all relevant information required by this form.

All applications must be lodged with the Director-General, by courier or mail.

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2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

ABN

Whitehaven Coal Mining Pty Ltd

65 086 426 253

☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Family name

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

1/895

Ann Street,

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

FORTITUDE VALLEY

QLD

4006

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

PO Box 2440

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

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4006

Daytime telephone

Fax

Mobile

(07) 3000 5693

(07) 3000 5699

0419 658 268

Email

kross@whitehaven.net.au

3. Identify the land you propose to develop

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Suburb, town or locality

Postcode

Local government area

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Parish of Tuncumbra:

- Lot 30 DP 754950; Lots 1 and 2 DP 787417; and Council roads and road reserve.

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☐

The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

Where the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and in lieu of completing the above, a description or detailed plan of the land affected must be included with the documents required with Part 4 below.

4. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project that includes all significant components. If the application relates to only part of a Project, include a clear title that describes the relevant part.

Belmont Coal Project

Is the application related only to a part of a Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

You are also required to provide a Project Description Report and address any matters required by the Director-General in accordance with 75E of the Act. Failure to do so may lead to your application being rejected.

Is a Project Description attached:

Hard copy: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Electronic version: ☒ Yes ☐ No

(NB: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format).

Is the Project Description Report consistent with the requirements of any Guideline produced by the Department (including any draft)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the Project Description Report include additional matters required by the Director-General, such as evidence of a Planning Focus Meeting and consultation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a **concept approval**, the Department's *Concept Approval Guideline* should be consulted and the matters identified therein must be addressed as part of your application.

Does the Project Description Report submitted address the relevant guidelines for Concept Approvals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed Major Project. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

50

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

60

5. Approvals from state agencies

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all appropriate)

- ☐ an aquaculture permit under section 144 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*
- ☐ an approval under section 15 of the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961*
- ☒ a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992*
- ☐ a production lease under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*
- ☒ an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (for any of the purposes referred to in section 43 of that Act)
- ☒ a consent under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*

6. Application fee

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

The Department requires that you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application and you should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine the proportion to be paid.

Estimated Project Cost

\$35 million

7. Owner's Consent

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this application being made on our behalf by the Proponent:

Signature

Name

Date

Signature

Name

Date

Note: The Department will not accept an application for a Major Project without having the signature of the owner of the land, **unless** the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

8. Proponent's Signatures

As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Environmental Assessment Requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature

Name

Keith Ross

Date

14 July 2006

In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent

Managing Director

Name, if you are not the proponent

Keith Ross