

Whitehaven Coal Mining Pty Ltd

Belmont Coal Project

Project Description Report – 14 July 2006

LOCATION: (see Figure A)

- 25km north of Gunnedah.
- 23km east-southeast of Boggabri.

PROPONENT:

Whitehaven Coal Mining Pty Ltd

PLANNING FOCUS MEETING:

- 8 August 2002.

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Open cut coal mine – covering 114ha.
- Two out-of-pit overburden emplacements – covering 82ha.
- Annual production = 1.5Mtpa.
- Possible highwall and/or auger mining.
- Coal resource – approximately 14.2Mt (Upper Glenroc, Lower Glenroc and Belmont Seams).
- On site processing confined to crushing / screening (no washing).
- Pit top facilities include administration, employee amenities, services and related facilities.
- All coal to be transported via sealed roads to Whitehaven Coal Handling and Preparation Plant via Wean Road (9.7km), a new road following a road reserve (7.8km), Blue Vale Road (3.6km) and Kamilaroi Highway (0.5km).
- A 2km section of Wean Road would be re-directed around the mine area.
- Average daily truck movements = 172 (86 loads).
- Maximum hourly heavy vehicle movements = 15.
- Project Life: 10 to 12 years
- Employment: 60 (full time equivalent)

LAND DESCRIPTION:

Parish of Tulcumba:

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

CONSULTATION:

Consultation to date has involved one to one liaison with all landholders in areas drilled within EL4501 and surrounding neighbours near the Project Site. A wider program of community consultation is planned commencing in late August 2006.

