

# Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning

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Project Application No. MP 08-0150

## 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			
BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd		69 093 857 286			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
First name		Family name			
Luca		Rocchi			
STREET ADDRESS					
Unit/street no.		Street name			
		Old Port Road			
Suburb or town		State	Postcode		
Port Kembla		NSW	2526		
POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')					
PO Box 514					
Suburb or town		State	Postcode		
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(02) 4255 3376		(02) 4255 3204	0417 612 597		
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Luca.R.Rocchi@BHPBilliton.com					

### 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

Figure 2 in the attached Project Description Report and Preliminary Assessment provides a plan of the land affected. Real property descriptions for each of the lands to be affected will be provided separately.

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.

#### TITLE: ILLAWARRA COAL BULLI SEAM OPERATIONS

The Appin Colliery and West Cliff Colliery (the Bulli Seam Operations) are underground coal mining operations located approximately 25 kilometres north-west of Wollongong in New South Wales (NSW). The Bulli Seam Operations produce up to 5.4 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of saleable coal from mining the Bulli Seam in the NSW Southern Coalfield. The Bulli Seam Operations currently operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Project would involve the continuation and expansion of underground mining operations at the Bulli Seam Operations and would extend the current mine life by approximately 30 years. The main activities associated with the development of the Project would include:

- continued development of underground mining operations within existing coal leases and new mining leases to facilitate a total run-of-mine (ROM) coal production rate of up to 10.5 Mtpa;
- ongoing exploration activities within existing exploration tenements;
- upgrade of the existing West Cliff Colliery Washery to support the increased ROM coal production;
- continued mine gas drainage and capture for beneficial utilisation at the West Cliff Ventilation Air Methane Project (WestVAMP) and Appin-Tower Power Project;
- continued use of electricity generated by the existing Appin-Tower Power Project (owned and operated by EDL power stations) utilising coal bed methane drained from the Bulli Seam;
- upgrade of existing surface facilities and supporting infrastructure at the Bulli Seam Operations (e.g. service boreholes, ventilation shafts, goaf drainage equipment, waste water treatment and waste water disposal);
- continued and expanded placement of coal wash at the West Cliff Colliery Coal Wash Emplacements;
- continued road transport of ROM coal between the Bulli Seam Operations (i.e. from the Appin Colliery pit top to the West Cliff Colliery Washery) and the Dendrobium Washery at Port Kembla;
- continued road transport of product coal from the West Cliff Colliery Washery via the public road network to BlueScope Steelworks and Port Kembla Coal Terminal;
- ongoing surface rehabilitation (including rehabilitation of mine related infrastructure areas that are no longer required) and remediation works; and
- other associated infrastructure, plant, equipment and activities.

It is anticipated that the Project Approval would consolidate existing approvals for existing activities that will form part of the Bulli Seam Operations.

Further detail is provided in the attached Project Description Report and Preliminary Assessment.

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 **Not Applicable**

### 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)

Up to 100 employees/contractors  
(at various stages in the Project life)

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

Continued employment of  
approximately 1000 employees/  
contractors

## 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

Approximately \$367 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

Not Required – Clause 8F of the EP&A Regulation Applies

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

Mr Luca Rocchi  
Project Manager -  
Bulli Seam Operations  
BHP Billiton  
Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd

Date

24 December 2007

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

Name, if you are not the proponent