# **Department of Planning and Environment**



# EXHIBITION OF AMENDED STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT MODIFICATION APPLICATION

# **Boggabri Coal Mine Modification**

Application No MP09 0182-Mod-8

**Location** Approximately 15 km northeast of Boggabri

Applicant Boggabri Coal Pty Limited

Council Area Narrabri Shire
Consent Authority Minister for Planning

#### **Description of the development consent**

Boggabri Coal Mine (BCM) is an open cut coal mine located between Tarrawonga Coal Mine and Maules Creek Coal Mine. BCM operates in accordance with state significant development approval MP09\_0182 which permits the extraction of up to 8.6 million tonnes per annum of run-of-mine (ROM) coal.

#### **Description of original modification**

The original modification application proposed:

- the extraction of coal from a deeper coal seam (with no change to the surface disturbance area);
- an increase in the annual coal extraction rate from 8.9 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 9.1 Mtpa;
- a 6-year extension to the mine life; and
- construction of a fauna road crossing.

#### **Description of amended modification**

The amendment to the original modification involves the following changes:

- a reduction in the proposed 6-year extension to mine life to 3 years;
- a reduction in the ROM coal recovered from 61.6 million tonnes to 28.1 million tonnes;
- no increase in the annual coal extraction rate of 8.6 million tonnes per annum;
- an increase in the peak workforce at the mine from the proposed 770 full time equivalent (FTE) employees to 875 FTE employees; and
- variation to the proposed final landform.

#### About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The Department of Planning and Environment (Department) has received an amended application to modify the abovementioned approved State significant development. The amended application and accompanying documents (including the amendment report) are on exhibition from **Wednesday 14 December 2022** until **Tuesday 31 January 2023**. You can view these documents online at <u>planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects</u>.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action under Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)

Development in NSW can be subject to Commonwealth legislation, depending on the circumstances.

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water has decided that the proposed development – known as Boggabri Coal Mine SSD 09\_0182 Modification 8 (2021/8875) for Commonwealth purposes – is a "controlled action" under the EPBC Act.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are sections 24D and 24E (a water resource in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development).

The proposed development 2021/8875 will be assessed under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. This means the project will be assessed against the requirements of both acts.

The public notice for the project may be found at epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals.

## Have your say

The Department encourages online submissions. To have your say online, search for this project at <u>planningportal</u>. nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on 'Make a submission'. You will need to log in or create a user account.

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If you cannot submit online, post or drop your submission to the address below, to arrive before the close of exhibition. If you would like your personal information to be withheld from publication, please clarify this in a separate cover sheet and only provide your personal information in that cover sheet. Do not include personal information in your submission as your submission will be published in full.

If you choose to send a paper-based submission, it is important that both the submission and mailing envelope are addressed to the nominated contact person below.

<u>Please be aware that if you choose to send a paper-based submission and it is not addressed to the nominated contact person, the submission will not be received by the Department and will instead be returned to sender.</u>

#### Before making your submission: You should read the Department's:

- disclaimer and declaration at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/disclaimer-and-declaration; and
- privacy statement at <u>planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy</u>.

Please call 1300 305 695 if you wish to be provided with a copy. Your submission will be published on the NSW planning portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration.

## In your submission, please include:

- your name and address (please ensure your personal details are provided in a separate cover sheet if you would like your details to be withheld from publication);
- the name of the project and the application number;
- a statement on whether you 'support' or 'object' to the application or if you are simply providing comment;
- the reasons why you support or object to the application;
- a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit <u>planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure</u> or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more); and
- a statement indicating you acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

For more information, including a copy of the Department's submissions policy, please go to planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say.

Please note that if the application is approved, there is no right of a merit appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court by an objector.

For more information: Contact (02) 9274 6324 or 1300 305 695

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