



Mr David Ellwood  
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Dear Mr Ellwood

**Narrabri Coal Mine Stage 3 (SSD 10269)  
Environmental Assessment Requirements**

I have attached the environmental assessment requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Narrabri Coal Mine Stage 3.

These requirements are based on the information you have provided to date, and have been prepared in consultation with the relevant government agencies. The agencies' comments are attached for your information (see Attachment 2).

Please note that the Department may alter these requirements at any time. In particular, the development application must be accompanied by a gateway certificate issued by the Gateway Panel, and the Department may need to amend these requirements to include any recommendations made by the Gateway Panel.

You must also consult further with the Department if you do not lodge a development application and EIS for the project within the next two years.

If your proposal contains any actions that could have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, then it will also require approval under the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation. If you have any questions about the application of the EPBC Act to your proposal, you should contact the Department of the Environment in Canberra (6274 1111 or [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)).

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you plan to submit the development application and EIS for the project. This will enable the Department to:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*); and
- determine the required number of copies of the EIS.

It is important for you to recognise that the Department will review the EIS for the project before putting it on public exhibition. If it fails to adequately address these requirements, you will be required to submit an amended EIS.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Donoghue  
**Director**  
**Resource and Energy Assessments**  
as nominee of the Secretary