Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Rix's Creek North Continuation Project

Application No	SSD-60774228
Location	Bridgman Road, Singleton
Applicant	Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd
Council Area	Singleton Shire
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

The project involves:

- the continuation of mining operations to optimise resource recovery, including extension of the Falbrook Pit Mining Area to the north and west and extension of the Camberwell Pit to the west;
- the realignment of around a four-kilometre section of the New England Highway to the west to facilitate mining in the Camberwell Pit;
- the extension of mine life at Rix's Creek North from 2035 to 2049;
- a maximum run-of-mine (ROM) coal complex production rate of 4.8 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa), compared to the existing approved rate of 6 Mtpa;
- an increase to the approved extraction rate in the Falbrook pit from 1.5 Mtpa to 3.3 Mtpa and extending operating hours in pit to continuous 24-hour operations, seven days per week;
- the recovery of around an additional 62 million tonnes of ROM coal;
- transferring overburden from Rix's Creek North to Rix's Creek South for rehabilitation purposes; and
- amendments to the approved final landform, including removal of the currently approved highwall, and changes to final void and overburden emplacement designs.

About the exhibition

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

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) has received a State significant development application for the abovementioned project. The application, environmental impact statement, and accompanying documents are on exhibition from **Tuesday 13 October 2026** until **Tuesday 10 November 2026**. You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces 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 Rix's Creek North Continuation of Open Cut Coal Mining Project (2025/10132) for Commonwealth purposes – is a "controlled action" under the EPBC Act.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are:

- Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities); and
- Sections 24D and 24E (protection of water resources from coal seam gas development and large coal mining development).

The proposed development (2025/10132) 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.environment.gov.au/all-referrals.

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Have your say

To have your say on this project, you must lodge a submission online through the NSW Planning Portal before the close of exhibition.

To do this, search for this project at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on 'Make a submission'. You will need to log in or create a user account.

Resources to help you use the NSW Planning Portal are available at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help including a step-by-step guide on how to make a submission. If you require further assistance making a submission through the portal, please contact customer support on 1300 305 695.

If you think you'll need help making a submission using the portal, it's a good idea to contact customer support sooner rather than later. Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to make a submission before the project's exhibition end date.

You cannot upload a submission on behalf of another person.

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 planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.

When making a submission you will be required to include:

- your name and address;
- 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 planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/planning-approval-pathways/donations-and-gift-disclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more); and
- an acknowledgement that you accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration, including confirmation that your submission does not contain offensive, threatening, defamatory or inappropriate content.

Your submission will be published on the NSW Planning Portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration. You can elect to have your name withheld from the published list of submitters. If you choose this option, do not include personal information in the body of your submission or in any attachments as your submission will be published in full.

The Department may choose to withhold from publication any submission considered offensive, threatening, defamatory or inappropriate.

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

For more information about the project: Contact 02 9995 5387

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