

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Maules Creek Continuation Project

Application No	SSD-63428218
Location	Therribri Road, approximately 17 kilometres north-east of Boggabri
Applicant	Maules Creek Coal Pty Ltd
Council Area	Narrabri Shire
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

The Maules Creek Coal Mine is an existing open cut coal mine located in the Narrabri local government area that is approved to operate until 2034.

Maules Creek Coal Pty Ltd has lodged a new development application to extend the mine life to 2044; to expand the mining area to extract an additional 117 million tonnes of run-of-mine (ROM) coal; and to increase the ROM coal processing rate from 13 million tonnes per annum to 14 million tonnes per annum.

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 24 June 2025** until **Monday 4 August 2025**. 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 the Maules Creek Coal Mine Continuation Project (2024/09936) 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 (2024/09936) 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 epbcpbpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals.

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 Service NSW on 1300 305 695.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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

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.

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 any attachments as your submission will be published in full.

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.

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) 9274 6324

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