



**Notification of
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action**

**Wilpinjong open cut coal mine extension project, NE Mudgee, New South Wales
(EPBC 2015/7431)**

This decision is made under section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

proposed action	To extend the existing Wilpinjong open cut coal mine within Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd's existing mining tenements and application area – ML1573, EL6169 and EL7091. The action is located approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Mudgee, NSW [See EPBC Act referral 2015/7431]
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decision on proposed action	The proposed action is a controlled action. The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.
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relevant controlling provisions	• Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) • A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (section 24D & 24E)
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designated proponent	Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd ABN 87 104 594 694
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assessment approach	To be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement with the NSW Government.
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Decision-maker

Name and position	Dr Simon Banks Assistant Secretary West Assessment Branch
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Signature

date of decision	12 March 2015
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