

Site Verification Certificate
Mount Owen Continued Operations Project (SVC 7274)

Part 4AA, Division 3 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*

Pursuant to clause 17C(1) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, I determine the application made by Mt Owen Pty Ltd by issuing this certificate.

I certify that in my opinion, having regard to the criteria in the *Interim protocol for site verification and mapping of biophysical strategic agricultural land*, the Verification Application Area land specified in Schedule 1 is not Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land.

The reasons for forming this opinion against relevant criteria, is contained in Schedule 2.

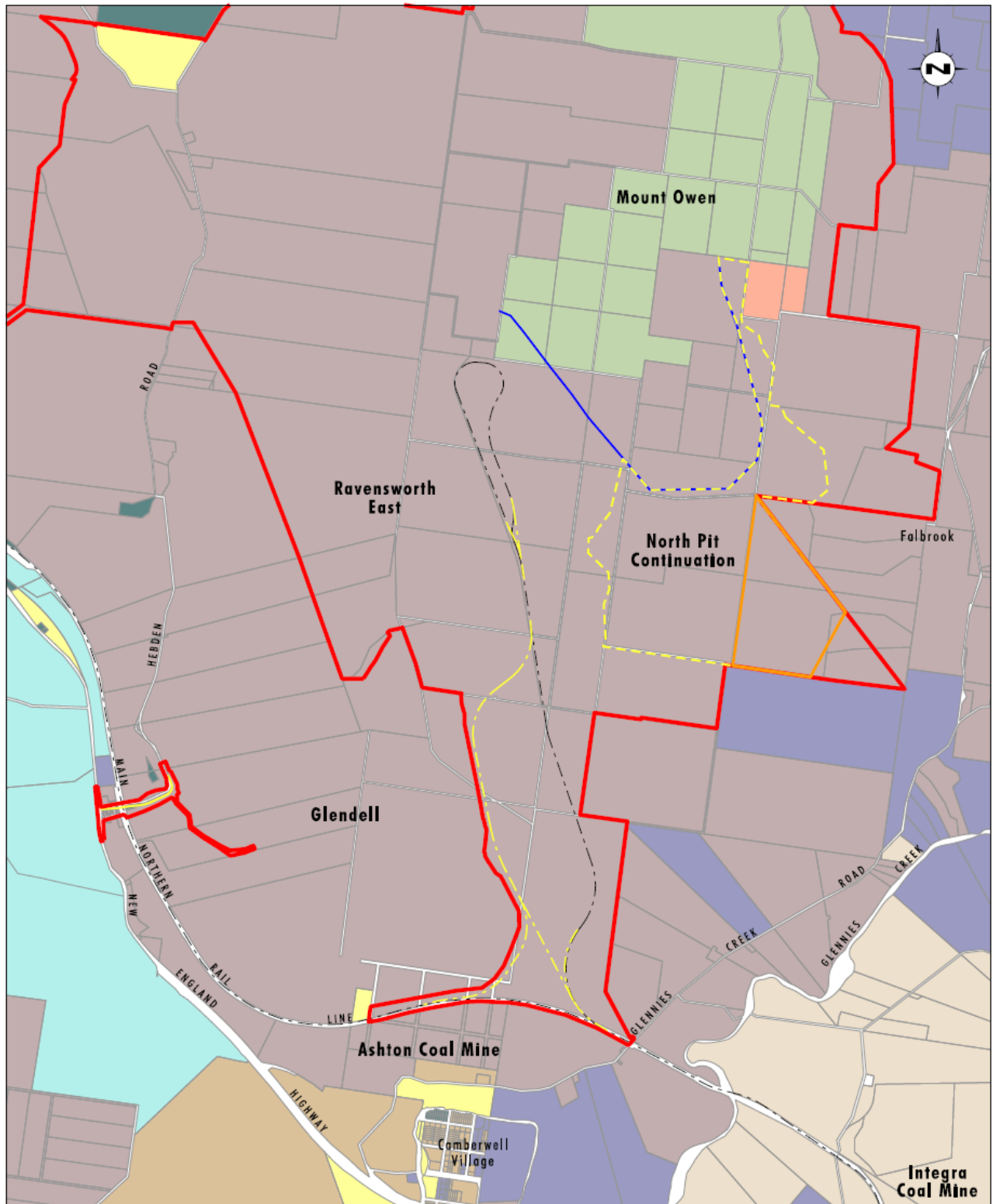


Secretary

Date certificate issued: 25.11.15

This certificate will remain current for 5 years from the date of issue.

SCHEDULE 1



Data Source: Mount Owen (2014), Department of Lands (2009)

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Legend

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| Project Area | Ashton Coal | Glencore |
| Verification Application Area | Crown Land | Private |
| Approved North Pit Mining Extent | Crown Land TSR | State Forest |
| Proposed North Pit Continuation | Government Authority | |
| Proposed Rail Upgrade Works | Integra Coal | |
| Proposed Hebden Road Upgrade Works | Macquarie Generation | |

FIGURE 1

Land Ownership

SCHEDULE 2

Relevant criteria	Consideration
Soil fertility (type), drainage, pH and salinity.	The site comprises soil landscapes that fail to meet the criteria for biophysical strategic agricultural land, due to a combination of the following parameters: sodicity, fertility, drainage, soil type and salinity.