

Rocky Hill Coal Project: SSD5156

Cook Family Submission Request

This submission request is made on behalf of the descendants of Jack Cook and Jessie Brummy First Nation people of the Gloucester and surrounding region. Jack Cook was a Worimi Aboriginal Elder who was born in 1838. He was the last initiated man of the Barrington Tops and died on 7th August 1925, aged 87 years. Jack and Jessie Cook had 4 sons and 4 daughters and were well regarded by all in the Gloucester community. Recently the Gloucester community formally recognised the contribution of Jack and Jessie Cook to Gloucester and Australia's history through the unveiling of an Acknowledgement Plaque. Over 150 Cook family descendants celebrated this event in Gloucester on June 25th 2016.

As Cook family descendants we are very proud of our links to Country within Gloucester and surrounding region. With that in mind we would like to express the following in relation to the Rocky Hill Coal Project.

As a Family we have not had enough time to assess or consider all of the potential impact to the Aboriginal Cultural heritage values of our family landscape. A representative of our Family have put forward concerns in the initial stages of the Environmental Assessment highlighting our concerns about the haulage road that will connect with the existing mine, however we have not been afforded the opportunity to discuss these concerns further. A lot of Family concerns are difficult to articulate particularly considering that we have not had the opportunity to stand on the Country that will be affected by the development - particularly the haulage road.

The Cook family request an opportunity to satisfy ourselves that the cultural implications have been taken into consideration. We ask for some kind of information sharing at the very least as this has not happened.

Kind Regards

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On behalf of Cook Family Committee

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