

## **Tahmoor South – DPIE Crown Lands comments Tuesday, 17 March 2020**

### **Mine Plan (Longwalls).**

As advised in the Tahmoor South Coal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Volume 1, dated 21-Dec2018, approx. one third of the project area is Crown land.

The AECOM Tahmoor South Project Amendment Report February 2020 on Figure 2.1 shows comparison of the EIS Mine plan (2018) and the Amended Project Mine Plan (2019).

The 2019 plan shows the proposed locations of sub-surface longwalls, in the vicinity east of Bargo Township, extending below Crown land, other Government land and Freehold land.

The mining activity in the Tahmoor South Project is governed by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the NSW Mining Act 1992. Environmental matters are addressed under these acts and not the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

Crown Reserve lands over the proposed longwalls includes D 500432 Wirrimburra Sanctuary (45.03 ha) for Fauna and Conservation of Native Flora, managed by the National Trust; Lot 20 DP 751250) R90177 – 20.23 ha under Licence to Wollondilly Shire Council for Environmental Protection, Environmental Rehabilitation).

Other Crown land portions managed by the Minister above the proposed longwalls include Lot 7009 DP 1124215 (R7972 for Water Reserve) – 91.3 ha and Lot 131 DP 751250 (R88930 for Future Public Requirements) – 34.4 ha

As stated above, in relation to relevant legislation, it is not anticipated that the Crown land properties will be treated any differently to Freehold properties within the Tahmoor South project area, so Crown lands has no comments on this aspect of the EIS.

### **Reject Emplacement Area**

The Total “Approved Reject Emplacement Area (REA) “ shown on Figure 3.8 (Staging Plan) already includes a significant extent of Crown land which will arguably be lost/sterilized under the emplacement filling.

The Crown expects that Tahmoor Coal would use its own above-ground land for the reject emplacement area for this proposal.

In order for Crown land to be used by the coal company as part of the (above-ground) reject emplacement area, use of the Crown land is generally subject to public competition and to the department’s direct negotiation policy.

If the mining company was successful in this process, then it would be required to take out a commercial licence for the Crown land area involved.

There appears to be Crown land involved/affected in Stages 2 & 3 particularly, with a Crown road in affected in Stage 5 as well as some Crown land and a Crown road in Stage 6.

It is anticipated that vegetation communities would have been considered as part of determining the extents of the Existing Reject Emplacement Area

The AECOM Tahmoor South Project Amendment Report, Figure 2.2 shows the Amended Reject Emplacement Extension Area comparison of the 2019 REA and the 2018 REA. In terms of Crown land affected, the 2019 REA shows little apparent difference with the 2018 REA. The 2019 Amended REA Expansion Area appears to mainly affect freehold land with little further impact on the Crown Land.

### **Ventilation Shaft**

A request for a proposed intake ventilation shaft for the mine (as shown designated SC2) on Figure 3.4 of the AECOM Tahmoor South Project Amendment Report February 2020. The ventilation shaft is to be sited on Lot 219 DP 751250 (R751250 for future public requirements) off Charlies Point Rd, Bargo and is to be addressed by Crown Lands in accordance with s81 of the NSW Mining Act 1992.

As part of this process the mining company will require a licence from Crown lands in order to use the site. In this regard, the Crown Lands Business Centre can be contacted by email <[enquiries@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@crownland.nsw.gov.au)>