

Wednesday, 11 April 2012

## **Additional consultation on proposed modification for Hunter coal mine**

The public is being given additional time to comment on a proposed change to operating hours at the Duralie coal mine, in the NSW Upper Hunter Valley, which is being publicly exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, Duralie Coal Pty Ltd, is seeking approval to extend the operating hours for receiving and dispatching coal on a haulage train which operates between the Duralie and Stratford mines. The mine currently has approval for haulage train operations for 15 hours per day, from 7am to 10pm. It is seeking to modify the approval to allow operations for 19 hours each day, between 6am and 1am.

The environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed modification was publicly exhibited by the department from 7 March 2012 to 23 March 2012.

The proposed modification will now be re-exhibited from **Wednesday 11 April 2012 to Friday 27 April 2012**. Additional documents referred to and referenced in the EA, which were not publicly available during the initial exhibition period, will be available during the re-exhibition period, while the EA has also been amended to provide greater clarity about changes to the conditions of approval.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

Submissions received during the exhibition period will be made available on the department's website and will be carefully considered as part of the department's assessment of the modification application.

The environmental assessment for the proposed modification can be viewed during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Gloucester Shire Council** – 89 King Street, Gloucester;
- **Great Lakes Council** – Breese Parade, Forster;
- **Great Lakes Council** – Cowper Street, Stroud; and
- **Nature Conservation Council** – Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the department's website, and can be accessed by visiting <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> and following the links to the 'On Exhibition' page.

Submissions can be:

- Lodged online at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> (then search for the project);

- Emailed to [plan\\_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au);
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6466; or
- Posted to Major Development Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.