Ben Bullen Creek alignment to remain for rehabilitation

The Department of Planning and Environment has approved a modification to Baal Bone Colliery's project approval to allow it to retain and rehabilitate Ben Bullen Creek on its current alignment.

The Creek’s alignment was changed 30 years ago to accommodate infrastructure for the mine.

The project approval required the mining company to move the creek back to its original position.

The Department’s assessment found that allowing the Creek to remain in its current location would avoid further disturbance on the site and deliver better environmental outcomes.

The modification requires the company to prepare a detailed rehabilitation plan for Ben Bullen Creek in consultation with key Government agencies, including stabilisation of the creek banks, tree planting and various drainage works.

No other changes to the project were proposed.

The proposal was made available for comment in August this year and received no community submissions and four submissions from agencies including the NSW Office and Environment and Heritage and the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

All the agencies supported the proposal.

The Department’s determination and assessment report can be found at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

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