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**Have your say on proposed modifications to the Moolarben coal mine**

Concurrent proposals to modify Stages 1 and 2 of the Moolarben coal mine are on exhibition for community feedback.

The Department of Planning and Environment is keen to hear the community’s views on the two applications, which seek to:

- Increase the size of longwall panels in an already approved mining area and relocate underground mine access arrangements, allowing an additional 3.7 million tonnes of coal to be recovered over the life of the mine
- change the size of one coal stockpile and the location of another coal stockpile
- build mine support infrastructure, including a coal conveyor and ventilation shaft
- increase the approved production and transportation limits.

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said the local community always has an opportunity to share their views.

“Community consultation is an integral part of the planning process and the applicant will have to respond to the feedback we receive and this is taken into consideration when we develop our recommendations,” the spokesperson said.

“It’s easy to participate by going online and we encourage everyone to take a look and have their say.

“The Department is obliged to address all proposals it receives, and consistently applies strict rules in assessing applications.”

To make a submission or view the environmental assessment, visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au. Submissions can be made from Friday 3 July 2015 until Friday 31 July 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:

Attn: Planning Services  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney NSW 2001

The EA is also available to view in person at:
• Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
• Mid-Western Regional Council, Administration Centre, 86 Market Street, Mudgee
• Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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