Media release

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Have your say on proposed modifications to Mannering and Chain Valley collieries

A proposal to make modifications to Mannering and Chain Valley collieries will be on exhibition from today for community feedback.

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

- increase the rate of coal handling and dispatch at Mannering from 1.1 million tonnes per year to 1.3 million tonnes per year
- increase the rate of coal extraction at Chain Valley from 1.5 million tonnes per year to 2.1 million tonnes per year
- extend the completion date of Mannering by four years to 2022
- increase staff at Chain Valley by 60 to around 220 people
- change the design of Chain Valley’s northern mining area
- clear minor amounts of vegetation to protect infrastructure from bushfires.

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.”

To make a submission or view the applications, visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au. Submissions can be made from Wednesday 15 July 2015 until Thursday 6 August 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:

The Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Planning Services
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The applications are also available to view in person at:
• Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
• Lake Macquarie City Council, 126-138 Main Road, Speers Point
• Wyong Shire Council, 2 Hely Street, Wyong
• Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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