Wednesday, 22 July 2015

**Have your say on the proposed extension of Sunnyside Coal’s mining life**

A proposal to extend the approved duration of mining operations at the Sunnyside Coal Project 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 application which seeks to:

- extend the completion date of mining operations at the Sunnyside Coal Project site for five years until 2020
- partially backfill the mine void with additional waste rock upon completing mining.

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 environmental impact statement (EIS), visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au. Submissions can be made from Wednesday 22 July 2015 until Wednesday 5 August 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:

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

The application and EIS are also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney  
- Gunnedah Shire Council, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah  
- The Civic Centre, 83 Chandos Street, Gunnedah  
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

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