Have your say on extending the Rix’s Creek Mine Project

A proposal to extend the Rix’s Creek Mine Project located near Singleton 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 approved duration of mining operations from 2019 until 2038
- recover an additional 32 million tonnes of coal over the duration of the project
- increase the maximum approved extraction rate of coal from 2.8 million tonnes to 4.5 million tonnes per year
- extend the western boundary to construct a new area for waste rock
- increase the hours of operation of the coal handling and processing plant from four- and-a-half days a week to seven days a week
- transport up to approximately 2.7 million tonnes a year of coal via rail to the Port of Newcastle
- continue using the existing waste storage areas
- construct a second New England Highway underpass
- progressively rehabilitate the site.

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 Tuesday 3 November until Thursday 3 December.

Written submissions can also be made to:

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Director – Resource Assessments
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001
The application and EIS is also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Singleton Shire Council, Administration Centre, Corner of Queen Street & Civic Avenue, Singleton
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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