Have your say on modifications to Austar coal mine

A proposal to extend one of Austar coal mine’s development consents to provide for an additional five years of mining until 2022 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 also seeks approval to include three new longwall panels at the mine located 10 kilometres from Cessnock.

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 10 November until Tuesday 24 November 2015.

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
- Cessnock City Council, 62-78 Vincent Street, Cessnock
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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