Have your say on modifications to Narrabri Coal Mine

A proposal to make modifications at Narrabri Coal Mine 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:

- reduce the number of longwall panels from 26 to 20
- increase the longwall panel widths from 295 metres to 400 metres
- extend the underground mining area by 60 metres to the west
- increase production of run-of-mine coal at the mine from 8 million tonnes per year to 11 million tonnes per year
- increase the average number of train movements from the site from 3 to 4 trains per day
- make associated ancillary infrastructure changes.

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 29 September to Friday 16 October 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Executive Director – Resource Assessments and Business Systems
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The EIS is also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Narrabri Shire Council, 46-48 Maitland Street, Narrabri
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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