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Application to Amend Wallarah 2 Mine Proposal

An amendment to the plans for the Wallarah 2 Coal Project has been placed on exhibition for public comment.

In 2014 The project was the subject of proceedings in the Land & Environment Court, which ruled that the company had to obtain the consent of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council to its application. Wallarah 2 Project Manager Kenny Barry said the company has been unable to obtain that consent.

“So we put our thinking caps on to find a way to avoid any impact on Aboriginal land, and therefore remove the need for consent from the Aboriginal Land Council. After a lot of hard work we’ve found a way to do that which also reduces environmental impacts.”

Those changes are the focus of the amendment application which is now on exhibition. The Amendment avoids the need to develop infrastructure on land owned by the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, thereby removing the requirement for the consent of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Mr Barry explained that the company re-designed the coal transportation infrastructure and sewer connection for the Project. All other aspects of the proposal remain unchanged.

“The proposed mining area, mining methods and maximum production rate remain the same. Coal handling and rail loading methods remain the same. Other surface infrastructure (other than coal transportation infrastructure) remains the same. The construction schedule remains the same. The operational and construction workforce and capital investment value remain the same.”

In summary the Amendment makes three changes to the original proposal:

- Removal of the previously proposed rail loop and re-location of the rail spur and train load out facility to the eastern side of the Main Northern Rail Line
- Extension of a conveyor system to deliver product coal from the stockpile to the new location of the train load out facility and
- Realignment of sewer connection.

The Amendment to the application reduces the area of disturbance of bushland at the Tooheys Road Site by 29%. Mr Barry said the company would continue its program of community consultation during the exhibition period.

For the full Amendment Application go to the Major Projects website of the Department of Planning and Environment at majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

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