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I, Joy Llewellyn-Smith, am sending hard copy of the fax sent before Noon on 1 April 2011. The fax machine indicated that the transmission had taken place: objection page plus summary of reasons page.

Expanding on the summary, enclosed are the photocopied pages from the exhibition documents and the "post it" reasons for objection to the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Joy Llewellyn-Smith

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# **EXHIBITION**

## Black Hill Industrial Development

**Application No** 

MP 10\_0093

Location

Black Hill

Proponent

Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd

Council area

Newcastle

Approval Authority Minister for Planning

### Description of proposal

The Proponent is seeking Concept Plan approval for the proposed development of 183 hectares of 'employment lands' at Black Hill with associated infrastructure, and the dedication of conservation land at Tank Paddock (147 hectares) and Stockrington (398 hectares).

The Proponent also seeks to rezone and list the Site as a State Significant Site in Schedule 3 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development).

A draft voluntary planning agreement has been prepared for the site which sets out arrangements for dedication of the conservation lands to the NSW Government.

### Application of Part 3A

The proposal is a project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) applies by virtue of an order made by the Minister for Planning under section 75B of the Act with respect of land at Black Hill and Tank Paddock.

### Exhibition

Copies of the Environmental Assessment for the concept plan, the State Significant Site Study, and the draft voluntary planning agreement and associated explanatory note will be on public exhibition from Wednesday 2 March 2011 until Friday 1 April 2011 during regular business hours at:

- Department of Planning, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Department of Planning (Hunter Office), Price Waterhouse Coopers Centre, Level 2, 26 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle
- Newcastle City Council, City Administration Centre, 282 King Street, Newcastle

The Environmental Assessment, State Significant Site Study and draft VPA may also be viewed on the Department of Planning's website (<a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au">www.planning.nsw.gov.au</a>).

### Submissions

Submissions on the proposal must reach the Department by close of business on Friday 1 April 2011. Your submission should include

- your name and address;
- the name and application reference number (MP 10\_0093) of the project;
- · a statement on whether you support or object to the proposal; and
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal.

Your submission should be marked to the attention of the Director, Strategic Assessment and:

- Faxed to (02) 9228 6570;
- Posted to Department of Planning, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001; or
- Emailed <u>alan.moroney@planning.nsw.gov.au</u> or via the entry for the project on the Department's website (www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au).

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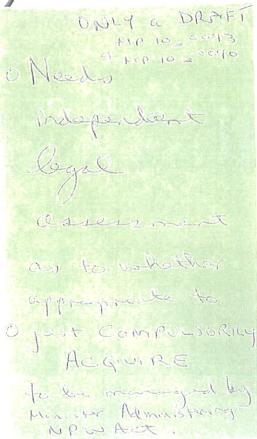
Under section 75H of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Director-General is required to provide copies of submissions received during the exhibition period, or a report of the issues raised in those submissions, to the Proponent and other interested public authorities. It is Departmental policy to also place a copy of your submission on the Department's website. If you do not want your name to be made available to the Proponent, these authorities, or on the Department's website, please clearly state this in your submission.

Enquiries Alan Moroney 9228 6287

# Planning Agreement and Explanatory Note

Black Hill (MP10\_0093)

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# **Executive Summary**

This report has been prepared in support of an application for listing and rezoning of the Coal & Allied Industries Limited (Coal & Allied) owned Black Hill and Tank Paddock site as a 'State Significant Site' (SSS) in Schedule 3 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005. The SSS listing proposes to facilitate employment generating development that is not permissible under the existing planning provisions. It has been prepared on behalf of Coal & Allied, the owner of the Black Hill and Tank Paddock site. A draft Schedule 3 listing is attached.

The report details the basis upon which the SSS listing is proposed and includes consideration of:

- The Department of Planning's (DoP's) 'Guideline for State Significant Sites under the 'Major Development SEPP'; and
- The matters listed in the Minister for Planning's correspondence dated 19 August 2010; and
- Clauses 2, 7 and 8 of Major Development SEPP.

A Concept Plan has been separately but concurrently prepared for the Black Hill site and lodged with Department of Planning (DoP). This report should be read in conjunction with the Environmental Assessment that supports the Concept Plan.

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### The Black Hill and Tank Paddock Site 1.2

The Black Hill site is owned by Black Hill Land Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Coal & Allied Industries Ltd (Coal & Allied) and the land is legally described as Lot 30 in DP 870411. It is approximately 183 ha in area, and is rectangular in shape.

The Black Hill site is bound by John Renshaw Drive to the north and the F3 Freeway to the east. Largely rural and unoccupied lands bound the site to the south and west. The land is located in the City of Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA).

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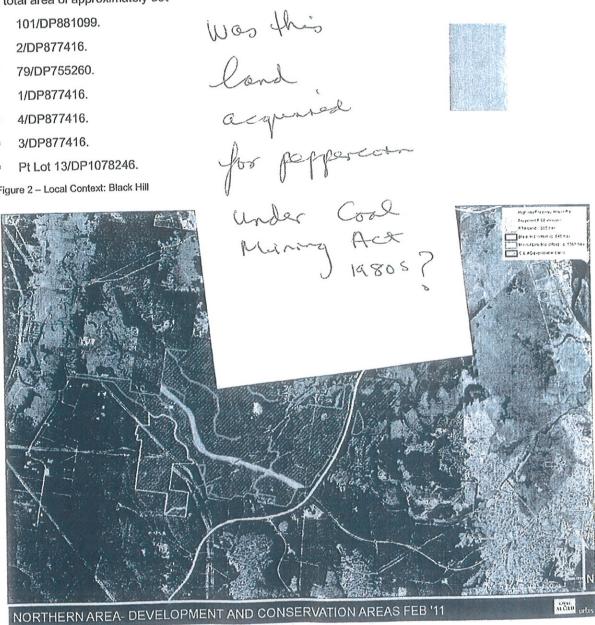
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Figure 2 - Local Context: Black Hill

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The key aspects of the Black Hill site are:

- The site is zoned 7(c) Environmental Investigation Zone under the Newcastle LEP 2003.
- The existing industrial use of part of the site by Boral Asphalt is prohibited by the current 7(c) Environmental Investigation zoning in the Newcastle LEP 2003. It is understood to have been established lawfully and benefits from existing use rights.
- The vast majority of the remainder of the site is highly vegetated. However, there are some cleared areas associated with the site's former uses. An above ground water supply pipeline adjoins the northern boundary and currently constrains vehicular access from John Renshaw Drive, although it is noted that Hunter Water Corporation will soon commence a program to replace this section of pipe with a new underground pipe.
- An existing underground mining consent over the Black Hill site will defer development until post 30
  June 2013.
- The F3 Freeway provides access to the subject site at Black Hill. Neither John Renshaw Drive along the northern boundary nor the F3 Freeway to the east provides formal footpaths, kerbs and gutters. A private road provides access to the Boral Asphalt site off the F3 Freeway. Potential access to and from the site can be made via the F3 Freeway on the eastern boundary and John Renshaw Drive on the northern boundary.
- The Tank Paddock site has recently been zoned from 7(c) Environmental Investigation Zone to 7(b) Environmental Protection Zone under the Newcastle LEP 2003.
- The Stockrington site is located within three Council areas. The site is highly constrained by topography and watercourses and parts of the site are remote with restricted access.
- The Stockrington site is predominantly densely vegetated with some cleared areas. It is a regionally significant parcel of land given its ecological significance, size and single ownership. The Hunter Expressway (previously known as F3 to Branxton Link) will traverse the site as part of future regional transport plans.

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The Department of Planning's (DoP's) 'Guideline for State Significant Sites under the Major Development SEPP, provides the matters for consideration for the Minister when determining whether a site can be categorised as being of State significance. The Minister will consider whether the site meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) be of regional or state importance because it is in an identified strategic location (in a State or regional strategy), its importance to a particular industry sector, or its employment, infrastructure, service delivery or redevelopment significance in achieving government policy objectives; or
- (b) be of regional or state environmental conservation or natural resource importance in achieving State or regional objectives. For example protecting sensitive wetlands or coastal areas; or
- (c) be of regional or state importance in terms of amenity, cultural, heritage, or historical significance in achieving State or regional objectives. For example sensitive redevelopment of heritage precincts; or
- (d) need alternative planning or consent arrangements where:
  - (i) added transparency is required because of potential conflicting interests.
  - (ii) more than one local council is likely to be affected.

It is considered that proposed development of the Black Hill site and conservation of Tank Paddock meets criteria (a), (b) and (d).

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### The Suitability of the Site 3

Detailed considerations to mitigate the environmental, social and economic impacts arising from the development permitted in the proposed SSS listing are included in the accompanying Concept Plan, rather than the proposed SSS listing. The Environmental Assessment accompanying the Concept Plan demonstrates that the proposed future employment development arising from the proposed SSS listing can be accommodated without unreasonable environmental, social or economic impacts. Notwithstanding this, the environmental, social and economic factors arising from the proposed rezoning and the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) are addressed below.

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### 3.1.1 Regional context

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# **Executive Summary**

This report has been prepared in support of an application for Concept Plan approval for the Black Hill, Tank Paddock and part of the Stockrington sites under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. It has been prepared on behalf of Coal & Allied Industries Limited (Coal & Allied), the owners of the Black Hill, Tank Paddock and Stockrington sites.

The protection and management of vegetation corridors is a key focus of the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy (LHRS) and the Lower Hunter Regional Conservation Plan (LHRCP). The Black Hill, Tank Paddock and Stockrington sites have been recognised for their State and Regional significance based on their inclusion in the LHRS and LHRCP for both employment and conservation land dedications.

Coal & Allied propose to develop 183ha of the Black Hill site for use as employment lands with the 147ha Tank Paddock site and 398ha of the Stockrington site proposed to be dedicated to the New South Wales Government (NSWG) for conservation. Other Coal & Allied owned sites in the Lower Hunter and Central Coast regions are the subject of separate Part 3A applications to the Department of Planning (DoP). Overall, Coal & Allied propose to dedicate approximately 2,956ha of Coal & Allied land to the NSWG to provide and enhance important conservation corridors identified in the LHRS and LHRCP.

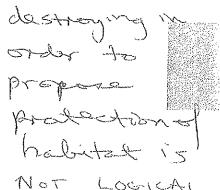
The proposed dedication of Tank Paddock and Stockrington site will play a crucial role in securing in perpetual ownership the long sought after conservation corridor that links the Watagans and Yengo National Parks with the coastal plains of the Tomago Sandbeds, Stockton Bight and Port Stephens.

The Concept Plan will enable up front resolution of key site parameters associated with land use, infrastructure delivery and timing, and environmental conservation, with subsequent detailed stages being submitted for approval progressively. The Concept Plan applies to the Black Hill site with conservation lands dedicated from part of the Stockrington lands plus Tank Paddock. The key considerations for the proposed development of the site are:

Dedication of 545ha of conservation land to the NSWG that is identified in the LHRS and LHRCP, comprising 100% of the Tank Paddoc! lates to an approximately 75:25 split of conservat

- Indicative development staging.
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  - industrial retail outlets,
  - passenger transport facility,
  - timber and building supplies,
  - transport and truck depot,
  - vehicle repair station,
  - warehouse or distribution centre.

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# Introduction

This Environmental Assessment (EA) on behalf of Coal & Allied, is for a Concept Plan for the future use of the Black Hill site as employment lands and proposed dedication of Tank Paddock and part Stockrington site to the NSWG for conservation purposes

This EA provides the following details to assist the NSW assessment of the Concept Plan, as detailed in the Dire Requirements (DGEARs):

- Background to the identification of the land sought for dedication of the conservation of lands and the com
- Description of the site in respect to its regional and I
- Description of the proposed Concept Plan; and
- Review of the Concept Plan with respect to the gene
  - Relevant statutory and policy planning provision
  - Identified key issues;
  - Statement of Commitments;

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### 1.1.2 Regional Planning Context

The Black Hill, Tank Paddock and Stockrington sites have been recognised for their regional significance to the Lower Hunter Region based on their inclusion in the LHRS for proposed employment development and conservation. The securing, protection and management of conservation corridors is a key focus of both the LHRS and the companion LHRCP.

The proposed development of 183ha of Black Hill and proposed dedication of 545ha of lands at Tank Paddock and Stockrington for conservation purposes is crucial in achieving the State Government's objective of securing major conservation corridors identified in the LHRS and LHRCP, most notably the Watagan-Stockton Conservation Corridor.

### Voluntary Planning Agreement 1.1.3

It is proposed to dedicate the Tank Paddock and part Stockrington land for conservation purposes via a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) between Coal & Allied and the NSWG in accordance with s.93F of the EP&A Act.

A Draft Statement of Commitments will be prepared to support the Concept Plan and associated Environmental Assessment.

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Maintaining and enhancing Coal & Allied's reputation in the Lower Hunter community.

### 1.3 Value of Project

The estimated capital investment value of the Black Hill proposal is \$695,737 million.

### **EXHIBITION**

### Minmi, Newcastle Link Road North and South Residential Development

**Application No** 

MP 10\_0090

Location

Minmi, Newcastle Link Road North and South

Proponent

Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd

Council area Approval Authority Minister for Planning

Newcastle and Lake Macquarie

Description of proposal

The Proponent is seeking approval for a concept plan application under the pro Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("the Act") for:

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I, the Minister for Planning, in pursuance of section 75B(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, do, by this my Order declare that the development described in Schedule 1 is a project to which Pari 3.A of that Act applies.

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The Hon. Tony Kelly, MLC.
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The Concept Plan has been prepared without regard for the locations of these roads. These lots are known as Link Road North, Link Road South and Minmi lands.

The Stockrington land that is proposed to be dedicated to NSWG as conservation lands has a total area of 1,544Ha. The current title descriptions for the Coal & Allied owned Stockrington landholding are:

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The key aspects of the Minmi Township and surrounding lands are:

- There are several existing privately owned houses within the development areas, which are proposed to be accommodated within the future residential subdivision;
- The Minmi township includes several heritage items;
- The distinct character of the existing built environment of Minmi comprises.
  - Single storey dwellings along Woodford Street;
  - Dweilings positioned on hillsides;
  - Dwellings are predominantly timber clad and fibro with metal roofs with evidence of more recent brick construction dwellings.



- The proposed Regional Waste Facility project has been abandoned and as such an assessment of noise from the proposed facility impacting upon future residential properties of the Link Road North Precinct is not required.
- Noise emission from the Mount Sugarloaf Kart Raceway is not predicted to impact on the site.
- Air conditioner units installed at individual residences have the potential to impact on neighbouring residential properties. Acoustic assessment of air conditioning equipment will need to be undertaken as part of the approval process for the air conditioning units to ensure noise impacts from proposed units are accounted for.

In view of the potential noise impacts that are identified to effect both the proposed development and the existing residents of the Minmi Township, Renzo Tonin & Associates have recommended the mitigation measures be considered as part of the future development of the land. The recommendations will need to be further considered at the future application phase for the subdivision of land and future individual development applications for the individual dwellings.

# 6.9 Heritage

### 6.9.1 Aboriginal Cultural

A Heritage Impact Assessment a recognised the Minmi / Link Roa was prepared in association with The key findings of the HIA relations.

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- The concentration of sites along ridge lines suggests tracing to some connecting walkways between resource zones. Ridges are consequently identified as areas of high archaeological potential that are likely to contain further sites and objects of significance.
- The slopes between ridges are uniformly steep and, subject to natural erosive processes, are deemed unlikely to contain items of significance. However, it has been noted that soil deposits in the vicinity of creeks and water basins have moderate heritage potential. In particular, Hexham Swamp to the north of the Estate is believed to have been a subsistence focus for Aboriginal communities. It is likely that the low hills of Minmi in the northern portion of the site would have been used as a means of reaching the Swamp, though no finds have been made in this area.