

# **MOOLARBEN COAL MINES PTY LIMITED COAL MINE PROPOSAL AT ULAN**

## ***Notice and invitation to comment under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)***

Notice is hereby given under Section 95 of the EPBC Act inviting public comment on a proposed action by Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Limited as designated proponent of the proposal to construct and operate a coal mine and associated infrastructure at Ulan, New South Wales.

The proposed Moolarben Coal Mine project will be located approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Mudgee, 25 kilometres east of Gulgong and east of the village of Ulan.

The proposed action also involves:-

- The construction and operation of three (3) open cut and one (1) underground coal mines to produce approximately 10 million tonnes per annum of product coal;
- Coal handling facilities incorporating conveyors, coal stockpiles, coal preparation plant, workshops, administrative and amenities buildings;
- Rail spur and rail loop;
- Water management infrastructure including water supply bores, water surface storages, treatments systems and associated pipelines;
- Relocation and construction of utility infrastructure impacted by coal mining operations ; and
- The project will provide employment opportunities for 320 workers during operations and 220 during the construction phase.

The action has been determined to be a controlled action under the EPBC Act, and requires assessment by Preliminary Documentation (EPBC 2007/3297). The controlling provisions under the EPBC Act are Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities).

The Preliminary Documentation will be available for viewing from 9 am, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007 until 5 pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at the following locations:-

- Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Limited website at [www.moolarbencoal.com.au](http://www.moolarbencoal.com.au)
- Mid-Western Regional Council office at 86 Market Street, Mudgee;

- Mudgee Library at 64 Market Street, Mudgee;
- Gulgong Library at 109 Herbert Street, Gulgong;
- New South Wales Department of Planning, Information Centre at 23 – 33 Bridge Street; Sydney; and
- Library, Department of Environment and Water Resources, John Gorton Building, Parkes, ACT 2600.

Electronic copies of the Preliminary Documentation are available at each of the above locations. Hard copies of the Preliminary Documentation can be purchased for \$75.00 at each of the above locations.

Comments in respect of the Preliminary Documentation on the proposed action must be received by 5.00 p.m. Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

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Written comments to be directed to:-

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PO Box 205;  
East Maitland NSW 2323

Or electronically emailed to:

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All written comments received will be treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested. All written and email comments received will be taken into account in assessing the proposal.



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