

Summary Fact Sheet

NSW Planning Assessment Commission Project Determination Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764)

24 April 2017

The NSW Planning Assessment Commission (the Commission) has granted consent to State significant development application (SSD 6764) from Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd for the Wilpinjong Extension Project, subject to conditions of consent. The determination follows a public meeting in Mudgee on 11 April 2017.

The Commission has balanced the economic, social and environmental factors in its determination of the proposal and carefully considered the proposal and the submissions made, including the issues raised in written submissions to the Commission and presentations to the public meeting.

The Commission had regard to the Applicant's Environmental Impact Statement, the Response to Submissions and various other documents provided by the Applicant and agencies as included within the preliminary and final Secretary's Environmental Assessment Report and the Commissions Review Report.

The Commission found that both the Applicant and Department have given sufficient consideration to the issues raised in the Commission's Review Report and all but one of the 31 recommendations have been adopted in full. The Commission is satisfied with the response and justification provided by both the Applicant and Department.

The Commission is satisfied that the impacts and mitigation methods have been appropriately assessed. The Commission finds that the Project would, subject to the mitigation measures proposed by the Applicant and conditions recommended by the Department, have acceptable impacts and that the proposed conditions of consent represent an appropriate reflection on contemporary and best practice management for an open cut coal mine.

The Commission notes that the Project will provide significant benefits to the locality, region and State, within minimal additional impacts beyond that of the existing approved Wilpinjong Coal Mine operations and that the Project is in the public interest.

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