

HVO NORTH AND SOUTH OPEN CUT COAL CONTINUATION PROJECTS

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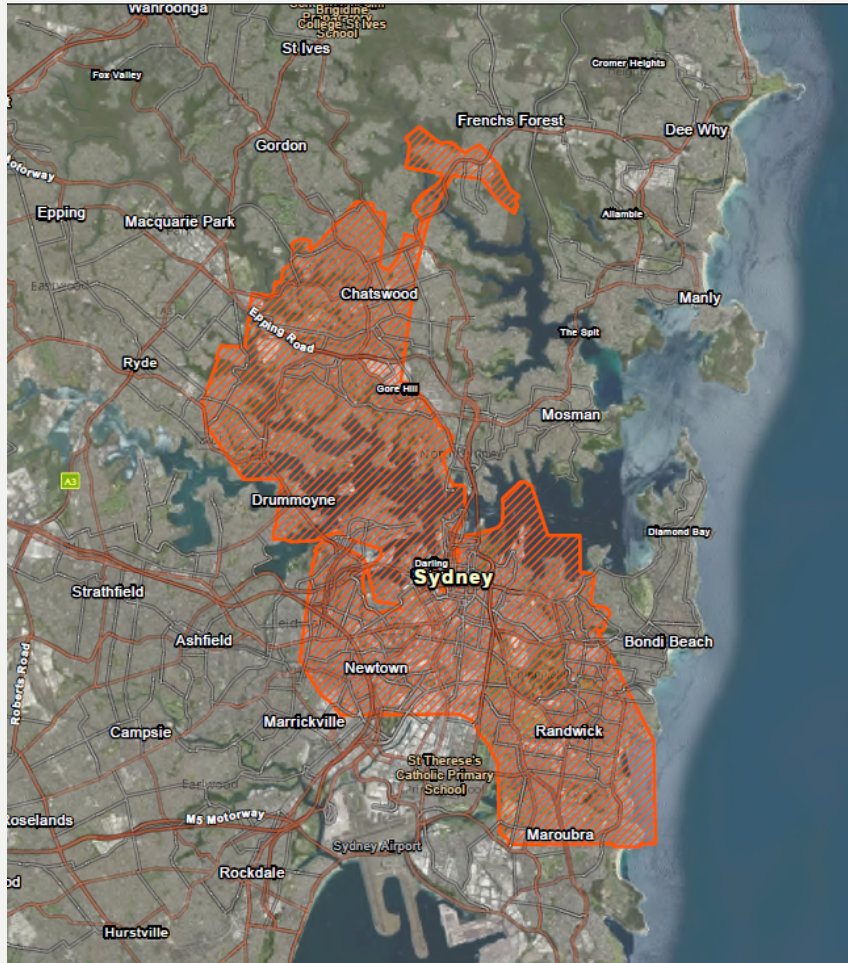


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The applications need to be assessed independently and with cautious regard to what is currently approved

- “the development the subject of the application”
- The **significant likely impacts** of the development: an **absolute**, not relative test
- Approved (and preferred) use of the HVO North site is agriculture

Scale: significant impacts on local community



- Vast, dusty and noisy. High diesel and water use
- Cumulative impacts long lasting
- Operations at these mines cannot reasonably and feasibly be conditioned
- At these mines, the only way to reduce emissions is **not** to mine

Not in the public interest

- Precautionary principle – irreversible harm
- Primary task is to determine whether these mines are in the public interest
- The principles of ESD, in particular the principles of intragenerational and intergenerational equity, dictate that these applications should be refused