

ABOUT DONALDSON COAL

Donaldson Coal operates the Tasman Underground Mine, Abel Underground Mine and Donaldson Mine in the Newcastle Coalfield.

Donaldson Coal has been operating for more than 10 years with a strong environmental management record.

The existing Tasman Mine is an underground coal mining operation approximately 20 km west of the Port of Newcastle, in the Newcastle Coalfield. The pit top for the Tasman Underground Mine is located on George Booth Drive, Seahampton.

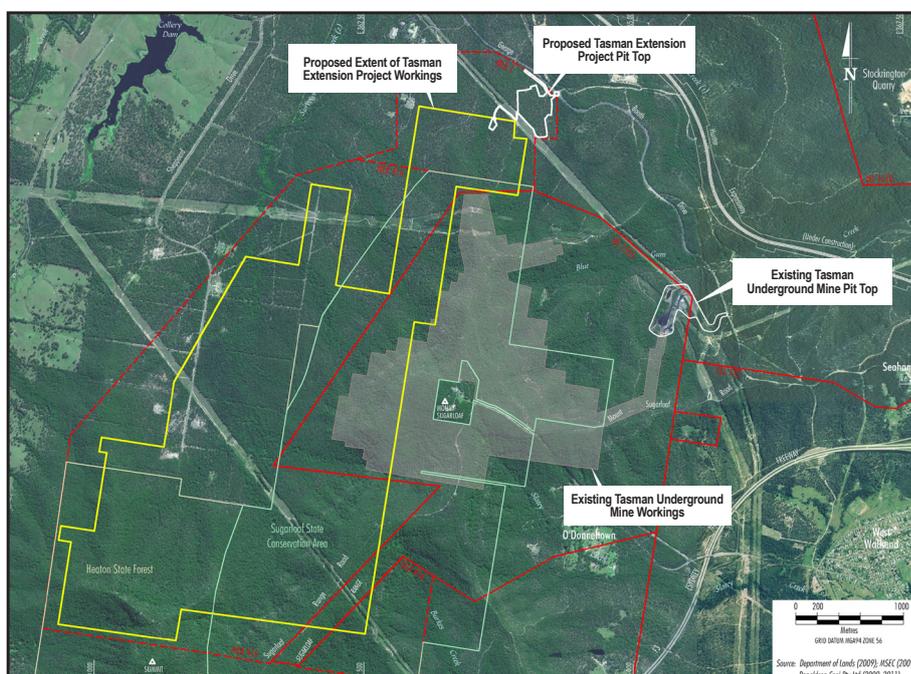
OVERVIEW OF THE TASMAN EXTENSION PROJECT

The Tasman Extension Project is a proposed extension of underground mining operations at the Tasman Underground Mine for an additional operational life of approximately 15 years.

The Tasman Extension Project includes the following key components:

- continued bord and pillar underground mining of the Fassifern Seam using a combination of total and partial pillar extraction methods within the existing Mining Lease (ML) 1555;
- bord and pillar underground mining of the West Borehole Seam using a combination of total and partial pillar extraction methods;
- production of run-of-mine (ROM) coal up to 1.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa);
- development of a new pit top, ventilation infrastructure and associated ROM coal handling infrastructure off George Booth Drive; and
- continued transport of ROM coal to the Bloomfield CPP via trucks on George Booth Drive and John Renshaw Drive.

Donaldson Coal has lodged an application under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* for the Tasman Extension Project.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Donaldson Coal will be holding another round of Community Information Sessions at Valley Fresh Flowers to discuss the Tasman Extension Project. All members of the local community with an interest in the Project are welcome to attend.

The information sessions afford an opportunity to learn about the results of the specialist studies for the Environmental Impact Statement and Donaldson Coal's management commitments for the Tasman Extension Project.

Donaldson Coal representatives involved in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement will be available for "one-on-one" discussions.

KEY INFORMATION

Location: Valley Fresh Flowers, 1413 George Booth Drive, Buchanan

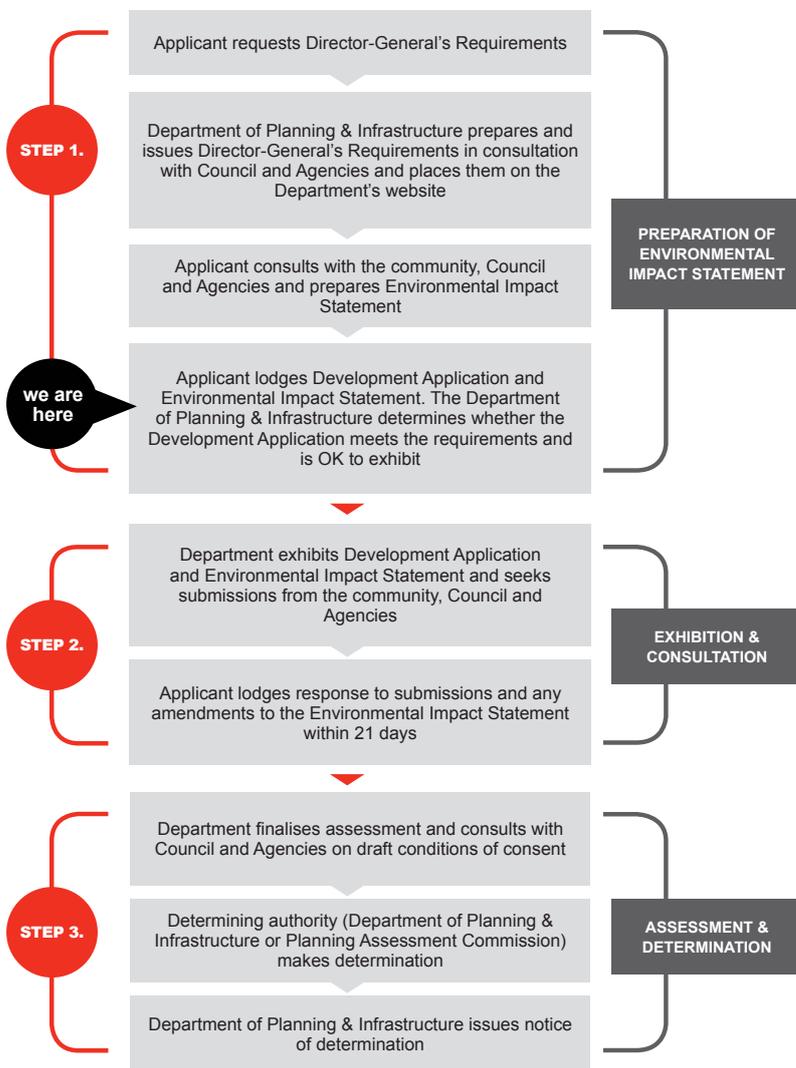
When: Tuesday 26 June, 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Wednesday 27 June, 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Refreshments will be provided at the information sessions. For further information, please contact Phil Brown or Adam Heeneey (contact details overleaf).

State Significant Development Assessment Typical Steps

Under Division 4.1 of Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*



PROPOSED DRIVEWAY UPGRADES ON GEORGE BOOTH DRIVE

Following community feedback at the last community information sessions, Donaldson Coal commissioned GHD to undertake an inspection and safety review of driveways on George Booth Drive between John Renshaw Drive and Richmond Vale Road.

This review indicated a number of supplementary improvements could be made to further improve road safety for private vehicles turning onto and off George Booth Drive at, or in the vicinity of, the majority of these driveways. Some of the improvement works that have been identified include:

- providing additional or extended sealed shoulder widening for vehicles making a left turn into private driveways;
- providing additional widening of the shoulders for vehicles passing a vehicle making a right-hand turn into a private driveway; and
- trimming or removing vegetation that obscures sight lines.

The private driveways inspected and the suggested treatments for each driveway are detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement and can also be discussed at the community information sessions.

Donaldson Coal has committed to implementing the identified private driveway safety improvement works within one year of obtaining Development Consent for the Project (subject to any required landholder consent and necessary environmental approvals being obtained).

STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The environmental studies for the Tasman Extension Project have been completed and an Environmental Impact Statement has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The Environmental Impact Statement includes assessment of potential impacts and proposed management measures for a range of environment and social issues including: subsidence impacts on residences and other built features; water resources; ecology; road safety and efficiency; and amenity.

Following an initial review by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the Environmental Impact Statement will be placed on public exhibition. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure will advertise the timing of the public exhibition and viewing locations. During this time, members of the public will be able to provide submissions on the Environmental Impact Statement.

TASMAN UNDERGROUND MINE ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ENQUIRIES

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