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NEWSLETTER

STRATFORD COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Background

Stratford Coal Mines Pty Ltd (SCPL) will be seeking approval from the NSW Minister for Planning to allow the continued operation of the mine once reserves within existing open cut operations have been exhausted.

The following provides an overview of the future development plans for the Stratford Coal Mine and description of the environmental assessment process.

Future Development

An aim to maximize coal recovery coupled with the desire to extend the life of operation has initiated SCPL's plans to develop the Gloucester Coal Project (GCP).

The open cut operations proposed for the GCP are wholly located on land owned by SCPL.

The main components of the GCP are four (4) narrow open cut pits located immediately north of the Stratford Main Pit and south of the Coal Handling Preparation Plant (CHPP) – refer Figure 1. Current exploration activity aims to identify additional similar sized pits to the east of Avon South.

The proposed open cuts would result in the production of 7Mt of coal over a period of seven (7) years from 2010 until 2017.

Preliminary consultation with the Department of Planning (DoP) has indicated that approval for the GCP could be sought through an application for consent under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act).

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

2010–2013: Avon North, 2012–2017: Bowens Road South
2013–2017: Avon South, 2012–2014: Roseville West Extension

Consultation and Assessment Process

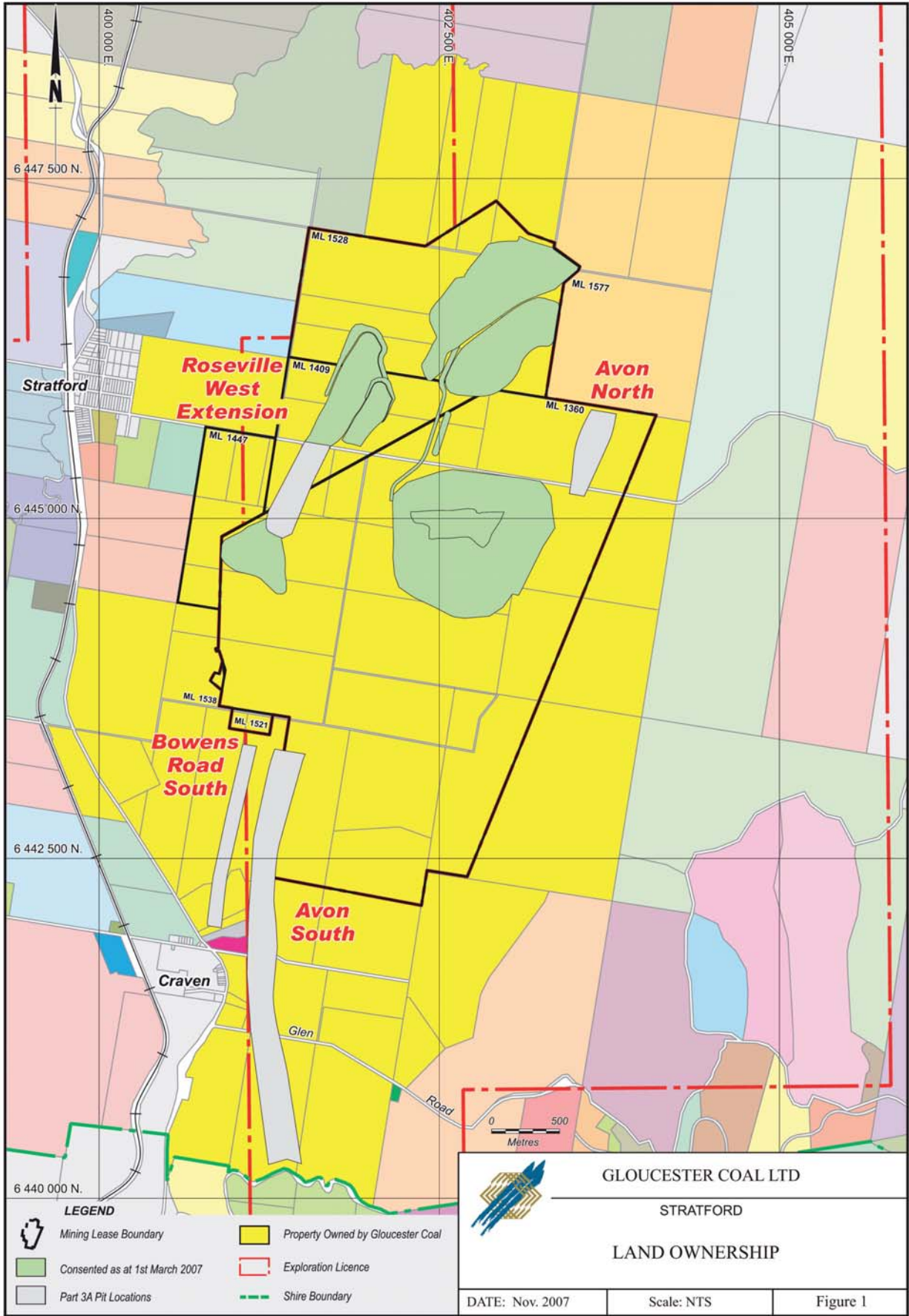
It is currently planned that a Part 3A environmental assessment will be on public exhibition at the Gloucester Shire Council offices for a period of at least two weeks in early 2009.

DoP will place a public notice advertising the exhibition of the document in local newspapers inviting submissions for consideration.

Following the public exhibition period, DoP will consider submissions from the public and regulatory authorities.



General Location of Proposed Avon South
– Viewed to the South West



GCL - 0022 - C.C. Meeting - Stratford