

**DURALIE COAL PTY LTD**

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NEWSLETTER

FOR DURALIE COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Background

Duralie Coal Pty Ltd (DCPL) is seeking approval from the NSW Minister for Planning to allow for the continued operation of the Duralie Coal Mine (DCM) once reserves within existing areas currently approved for mining have been exhausted.

The purpose of this Community Newsletter (No.5) is to provide an update on the status of the approval process and baseline environmental assessments.

Status of Approval Process

Director General Assessment Requirements for the proposal were received from the NSW Department of Planning in late December 2008. The current stage within the approval process is shown over page in Figure 1.

The Company intends to conduct gap analysis between the DGR's and baseline assessments undertaken to date.

The status of key baseline assessments are as follows:-

Flora and Fauna

- Field surveys completed February 2009,
- Initial report by March 2009.

Groundwater

- Modeling of regional and local ground waters to be completed February 2009.

Surface Water

- Assessment ongoing including determination of site water balance and excess water management options.

Noise

- Background noise assessment completed,
- Modeling of proposed noise attenuated mine fleet to be completed March 2009.

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Consultation and Approval Process

General consultation and approval process is presented in Figure 1.

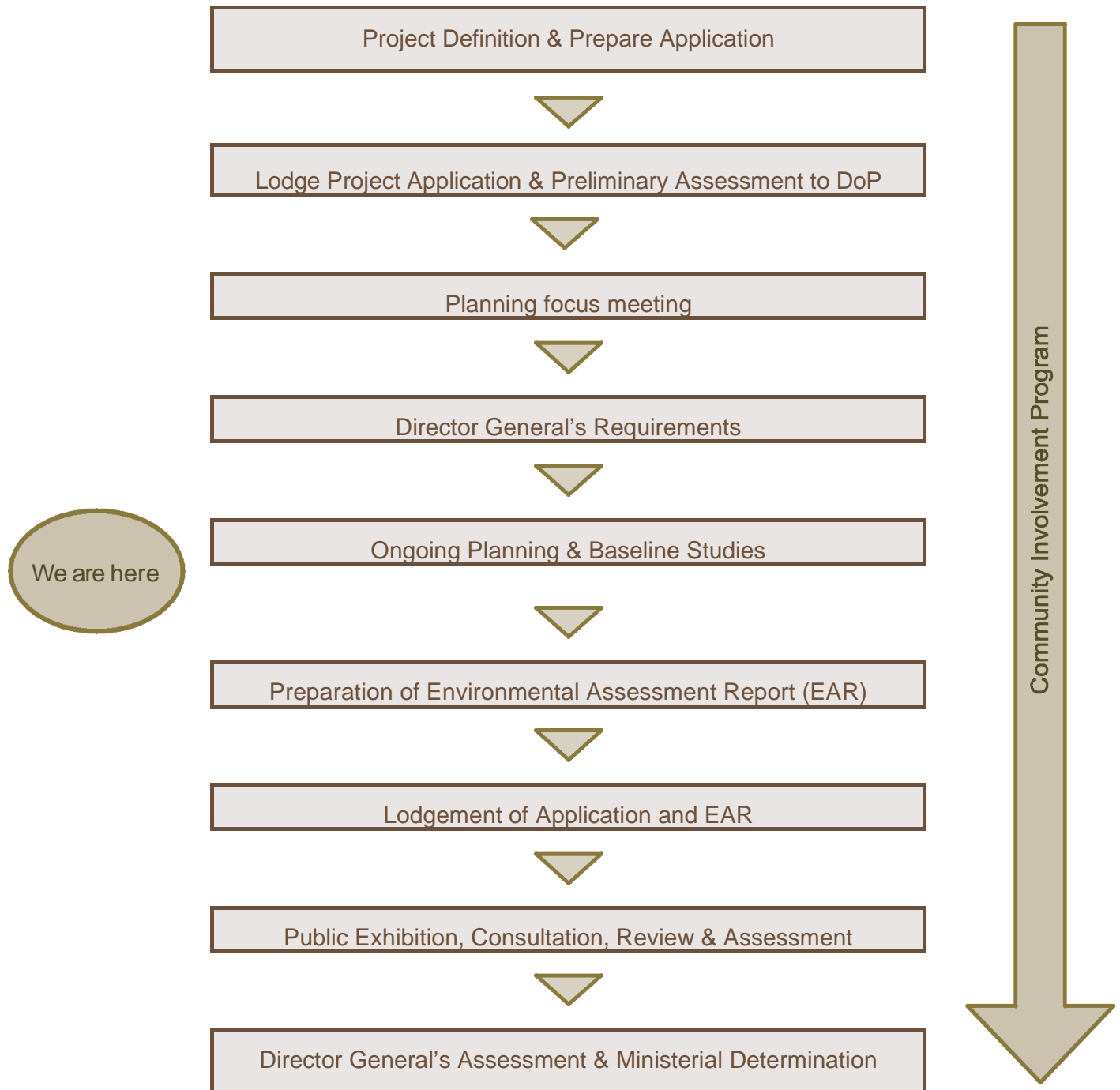


Figure 1: Consultation and Approval Process