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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.7) 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 status of key baseline assessments are as follows:-

Flora and Fauna

- Completed

Groundwater

- Literature review and field assessments completed,
- Final groundwater model run mid August.

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 August 2009.

Culture and Heritage

- Expressions of interest in field assessments received and draft methodology circulated to interested parties for comment,
- Field assessments to be completed in late August

Lodgement of Application

The lodgement of application and Environmental Assessment Report is scheduled for November 2009.

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Figure 1: Consultation and Approval Process

