

DRAYTON SOUTH COMMUNITY NEWS

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Approval of the Drayton South project will secure 500 jobs, continue to support 140 local businesses that supply to the mine, provide ongoing state royalties and taxes of over \$60 million annually and support the community through sponsorships and partnerships.



NO FURTHER OPEN CUT MINING AT DRAYTON SOUTH

In June Anglo American wrote to the NSW Government offering a binding agreement to exclude any further open cut coal mining beyond the southern and western extremities of the proposed Drayton South site.

The proposal would ensure there can be no future open cut coal mining beyond the second ridgeline, as was recommended by the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) in its earlier assessment of the project. The measures would ensure both the Coolmore and Darley studs would never be directly impacted by any proposed or future open cut coal mining activities of Anglo American. This offer removes any doubt about 'project creep' and future impacts on the studs and reinforces our commitment to genuine co-existence.

IT'S TIME TO TELL THE PAC DRAYTON SOUTH NEEDS TO BE APPROVED

The Drayton South project has now been referred to the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to make a final decision on the future of the critical project. The PAC will assess the project before holding a public meeting in Denman on Thursday 10 September.

We need your support again to tell the PAC why this project is important to families, businesses and community groups across the Hunter Valley. This is an important step in the approval process and you can help by making a positive online submission to the PAC before 5pm Thursday 10 September.

Tell the PAC now at www.voiceformining.com.au

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PROCESS TIMELINE

* Dates are subject to NSW Planning Assessment Commission review timeframes

February 2015:
Prepare a new EIS

Quarter two 2015:
Submission to NSW government

Quarter two 2015:
Public exhibition period and consultation with the community

Planning review

Late 2015*:
Result of application

WE ARE AT THIS POINT



Hunter Land Management Director Daniel Lewer, Drayton Safety, Health and Environment Manager Peter Forbes, UAC CEO Taasha Layer and Drayton Rehab Forest Project Manager Jasmine Turner.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT DRAYTON SOUTH

Thank you to the Hunter community for pledging support for the Drayton South project. There were over 3,800 submissions made to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in support of this critical mine extension project during the public exhibition period in May. This was a tremendous endorsement and our workforce and their families appreciate your ongoing support.

At the Drayton South community BBO at the Muswellbrook Showgrounds on 9 August more than 2,000 community members came along to show that this project is not only vital to the mine's 500 workers, but the hundreds of local businesses, charities and community groups that rely on the mine.



DRAYTON REHAB PROVIDES TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNGOOROO

Drayton has partnered with the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation (UAC) and Hunter Land Management to provide employment and training opportunities for local Aboriginal trainees in the areas of land management and conservation.

UAC is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to assist the Upper Hunter Aboriginal community gain access to training and education and achieve personal and financial goals.

Through an Indigenous Employment Program, UAC trainees completed the first stage of the Drayton Rehab Forest Project in July, which involved establishing 40,000 plants on 22 hectares of rehabilitated land. The trainees have been contracted to complete the next stage of the project, including planting a further 250,000 plants across 150 hectares.

UAC CEO Taasha Layer said Drayton's involvement with the organisation has provided valuable training opportunities and benefits to its trainees. Local disability group Pacesetters was also engaged to assemble tree guards and stakes.

WORLD-CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL AND REHABILITATION PRACTICES

By addressing all of the PAC's previous recommendations and committing to world class environmental management practices, the Drayton South project will:

- Have no significant impact on surface or groundwater resources (including the Saddlers Creek and Hunter River alluvium).
- Ensure dust concentrations at neighbouring properties remain within the government's assessment criteria.
- Keep mining noise within existing background noise levels and below the regulatory amenity noise criteria.
- Progressively rehabilitate mining areas to achieve a safe, sustainable and non-polluting landform capable of productive post mining land use. Rehabilitation will include shaping the landform, topsoil management, revegetation (including the establishment of threatened vegetation communities local to the area), erosion and sediment controls and weed and feral animal controls.

PAC PROCESS EXPLAINED

- 1.** PAC announces that a meeting to hear public views on the project will be held on Thursday 10 September.
- 2.** Members of the public can make a submission to the PAC at www.voiceformining.com.au or in writing to NSW Planning Assessment Commission, GPO Box 3415, Sydney NSW 2001 by 5pm Thursday 10 September.
- 3.** Members of the public and interested parties can register to speak at the meeting by contacting the PAC by 1pm Tuesday 8 September.
- 4.** 10 September – Public meeting open to the public and all interested parties.
- 5.** Determination – the PAC will make a final decision on the application.

Drayton mine

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