

DRAYTON SOUTH COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 2015

Anglo American is working hard to secure approval for Drayton South in 2015. The project will extend the existing Drayton mine by 15 years, save 500 local jobs, provide ongoing work for 140 local businesses, contribute \$30 million each year to state royalties and support the Hunter Valley's local community.



APPLICATION UPDATE: 500 HUNTER FAMILIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Drayton South project is now on public exhibition.

The new EIS comprehensively addresses environmental, social and economic aspects of the proposed project and incorporates the Planning and Assessment Commission's (PAC) reasons for refusing the project in 2014 to ensure there are no adverse impacts on neighbouring horse studs.

The new EIS demonstrates Anglo American's commitment to coexistence and ensures all industries in the region can continue to prosper and have a successful future.

Now is the time to have your say on the Drayton South project to help secure a stronger future for the Hunter community. The New South Wales Department of Planning and Environment will accept submissions on the project until 19 June. It is critical that we all tell the government how important this project is and why it must be approved.

You can make a submission in support of the project at www.voiceforming.com.au/supportdraytonsouth or visit one of our friendly team members at the Muswellbrook Marketplace or Singleton Square shopping centre.

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PREMIER COMMITS TO COEXISTENCE DURING VISIT TO DRAYTON SOUTH

New South Wales Premier Michael Baird and Minister for Planning Robert Stokes visited the Drayton South site in April to see first-hand Anglo American's strong commitment to coexistence, which will mean zero impacts on neighbouring horse studs from mining operations.

The Premier and Minister, along with Upper Hunter MP Michael Johnsen, met with workers, local businesses and charities that rely on Drayton and will suffer if Drayton South is not approved to get a better understanding of how important the Drayton South project is to the Hunter Valley. During the visit the Premier acknowledged the important role coal mining plays in the state and said he believed agriculture and mining can coexist.

"It's so important for me and my team to hear directly from local communities and businesses about their issues and concerns," Premier Baird said.

"Coal is an important part of the economy and has been for a long time, and the expectation is it will be for many years going forward. There's opportunities for coexistence here."

PROCESS TIMELINE

*Dates are subject to NSW Planning and Environment Department 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

Quarter three 2015*:
Result of application

WE ARE AT THIS POINT

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DRAYTON SOUTH

We would like to say a special thank you to all the local businesses and community members who are publicly supporting the project by displaying a banner in your shop window or property fence, or sharing your support through social media.



EQUINE EXPERTS CONFIRM DRAYTON SOUTH PRESENTS NO ADVERSE EFFECTS ON HORSES

An extensive assessment of the Drayton South project has confirmed the project will have no adverse effects on the health of horses at neighbouring horse studs.

The assessment, conducted by Specialist Equine Veterinary Surgeon and Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, Associate Professor Nicholas Kannegieter, found that in terms of dust, noise, vibration and lighting, the Drayton South project will have no adverse effects on the health of horses on the Coolmore and Woodlands Studs.

The assessment indicated that the worst case levels of dust, noise, vibration and light that horses at both Coolmore and Woodlands Studs

will be exposed to as a result of the project will be far less than what they are exposed to in a breeding and racing career.

Mining noise will be within existing background noise levels experienced at the horse studs and will not have any impact on the equine population. Noise levels from blasting will remain far below other noises in the environment, including farm machinery and helicopter landings at both horse studs.

Two independent equine health experts, Associate Professor Kristopher Hughes and Dr Deborah Racklyeft, have endorsed the assessment after conducting separate independent peer reviews of the report.

NEW DRAYTON SOUTH STAND OPENS AT SINGLETON

Anglo American has opened a Drayton South information stand at the Singleton Square Shopping Centre. You can drop by the stand to chat to one of our friendly staff members about the project or pick up a project fact sheet. We also have iPads available to help step you through the process of making an online submission in support of the project. The stand will be open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday until Friday 19 June. Our shopfront at the Muswellbrook Marketplace will remain open throughout the exhibition period, so make sure you drop in and show your support for Drayton South.

ABOUT DRAYTON SOUTH

The new Drayton South project will:

- Keep mining activities behind the Planning Assessment Committee (PAC) prescribed second ridgeline, significantly increasing the buffer between Drayton South and the horse studs.

- Extend the life of Drayton mine by 15 years.
- Deliver sustainable long-term jobs for 500 employees and 140 local businesses.
- Continue to spend \$140 million in local wages and procurement every year.
- Maintain \$30 million in State Government Royalties each year.
- Utilise world class environmental management practices and rehabilitation.

Drayton mine

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