

DRAYTON SOUTH COMMUNITY NEWS

APRIL 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.

DRAYTON SOUTH VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT ONE STEP CLOSER

The Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for Drayton South was presented to Muswellbrook Shire Council in April and will go on public exhibition shortly.

As part of the agreement, Drayton South will contribute \$290,000 per year to a community fund to support projects that provide economic, environmental or social benefits to the Muswellbrook area.

Along with a series of other commitments included in the VPA, Drayton South will also continue to support future skills in the industry by employing up to three local apprentices each year.

Anglo American New South Wales Projects Director, Rick Fairhurst, said the VPA demonstrated how important Drayton South is for the future of Muswellbrook through continued employment, opportunities for local businesses and ongoing spending in the community.



Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP Federal Member for the Hunter with Anglo American NSW Projects Director Rick Fairhurst and Drayton General Manager David O'Rourke at the March BBQ in Singleton.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR DRAYTON SOUTH

Hundreds of families from across the Hunter Valley have joined Drayton employees, local business owners and community groups to show their support for the Drayton South project at monthly community BBQs.

The new Drayton South project application was officially announced at the first BBQ held in Muswellbrook on Saturday 21 February and consultation continued at the second event held in Singleton on Saturday 21 March.

The community BBQs provided an opportunity for locals to speak with our Drayton team members about the new project application and enjoy a host of fun activities while raising money for vital local charities and community groups.

As part of our commitment to supporting our local community, Drayton has donated more than \$30,000 so far this year to important local charities including the Cancer Council's Relay for Life, Muswellbrook PCYC, Singleton Family Support, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, several local schools and sporting clubs.

Anglo American is a proud supporter of the community in which we live and operate, so we were delighted to have so many community groups, businesses, MPs, the local council and the Chambers of Commerce show support for Drayton South.

Monthly community events will continue to be held throughout the application process to allow residents to come along and learn more about the project plans.

PROCESS TIMELINE

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

*Dates are subject to NSW Planning and Environment Department review timeframes



HORSES THRIVING ON REHABILITATED MINING LAND AT DRAYTON

Anglo American is committed to improving the land once mining activities are completed with a new Rehab Equine Agistment program launched on 40 acres of 20 year old rehabilitated mine land at Drayton.

Launched in August 2014, the program aims to test how rehabilitated land responds to livestock grazing, while providing an opportunity to monitor the health of stock horses close to an active mining area. Four horses and two foals now call Drayton home, with one foal born on site since the horses were first introduced.

ABOUT DRAYTON SOUTH

The new Drayton South project will:

- Secure business continuity by extending the life of Drayton mine by 15 years.
- Deliver sustainable long-term jobs for 500 employees and 140 local businesses.
- Maintain \$30 million in State Government Royalties and \$50 million in local procurement each year.
- Keep mining activities behind the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) prescribed ridgeline, significantly increasing the buffer between Drayton South and the horse studs.

APPLICATION UPDATE

Anglo American is preparing a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the revised Drayton South mine plan. The EIS is a key document prepared for the New South Wales government to outline the benefits, impacts, mitigation and management of the project.

The EIS has involved undertaking a range of technical studies to describe the need for the project, the benefits, potential impacts on the natural, social and economic environments, and measures to avoid or manage these impacts.

Once finalised, the EIS will be placed on public exhibition. Any individual or organisation is able to make a written submission during the exhibition period. We need your help to support the project's approval by making a positive submission to the Department of Planning.

Keep following us on Facebook and Twitter for details on how you can help.

NEW SHOPFRONT OPEN IN MUSWELLBROOK

We're opening up a shopfront in the Muswellbrook Marketplace, near Woolworths from Monday 20 April. You'll be able to pick-up project information, talk to a friendly Anglo American staff member about Drayton South, and learn how to make a positive submission to the New South Wales Planning Department and explain why Drayton South should be approved.

We will be open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm from Monday 20 April until June 2015. Come down and say hello.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SECURE APPROVAL FOR DRAYTON SOUTH BY BEING A VOICE FOR MINING

The release of Drayton South's new EIS will start the public exhibition period for the project which will last approximately four to six weeks. During this time, any individual or organisation can make a submission to the NSW Department of Planning in support of the project. It's important that we all tell the government how important this project is and why it must be approved.

Once the public exhibition period opens you will be able to make a positive submission to the government.

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