



**Notification of  
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action  
DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH**

**Airly Mine Extension Project – EPBC 2013/7076**

This decision is made under section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

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**proposed action** To expand underground mining operations at the existing Airly Mine in the Western Coalfields of New South Wales, 1 km northeast of Capertee, New South Wales [See EPBC Act referral 2013/7076].

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**decision on proposed action** The proposed action is a controlled action.  
The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

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**relevant controlling provisions**

- World Heritage properties (sections 12 & 15A)
- National Heritage places (sections 15B & 15C)
- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
- A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D & 24E).

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**designated proponent** Centennial Airly Pty Limited  
(ABN 84 078 693 722)

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**assessment approach** The project will be assessed under the bilateral agreement with New South Wales

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**Decision-maker**

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**name and position** James Tregurtha  
Assistant Secretary  
South-Eastern Australia Environment Assessments

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**signature**

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**date of decision** 24 December 2013

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