



Invitation for public comment

Bylong Coal Project, north-east of Mudgee, New South Wales (EPBC 2014/7133)

Request for reconsideration of decision under section 78A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

On 12 March 2014, the proposed Bylong Coal Project, north-east of Mudgee, New South Wales (EPBC 2014/7133), was determined to be a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), due to likely significant impacts on:

- listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)
- a water resource, in relation to a coal seam gas development or large coal mining development (sections 24D and 24E)

The Minister for the Environment has received a request under section 78A of the EPBC Act to reconsider the controlled action decision made under subsection 75(1), on the basis of the availability of substantial new information and on the basis that a substantial change in circumstances that was not foreseen at the time of the first decision has occurred as these relate to the impacts that the proposed action has or will have, or is likely to have, on a matter protected by a provision of Part 3 of the EPBC Act.

Members of the public are invited under subsection 78B(6) of the EPBC Act to provide comments in writing on this request, including whether a matter referred to in any of paragraphs 78(1)(a) to (ca) is applicable in relation to the proposed action.

Submissions must be received at the following e-mail or postal address, referencing the project number (EPBC 2014/7133), by 26 October 2018.

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