



**Notification of
REFERRAL DECISION, DESIGNATED PROPONENT AND DECISION ON
ASSESSMENT APPROACH**

Stage 3 expansion of New Acland Coal Mine EPBC Ref 2007/3423

This decision is made under [Section 75 and Section 87] of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

proposed action	The proposal involves the Stage 3 expansion of an existing coal mine by New Acland Coal Pty Ltd on Mineral Development Lease 244 located on the Darling Downs in Southern Queensland, approximately 35 km north north-west of Toowoomba.
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Referral decision: Controlled action

status of proposed action	The proposed action is a controlled action. <i>The project will require assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 before it can proceed.</i>
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relevant controlling provisions	The project is likely to have a significant impact on: Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
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designated proponent	New Acland Coal Pty Ltd
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Decision on assessment approach

assessment approach	The project will be assessed by environmental impact statement undertaken through the accredited bilateral assessment process.
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Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	Ms Vicki Middleton Assistant Secretary Environment Assessment Branch
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date of decision	24 May 2007
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