




**Notification of  
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action**

**Hume Coal Project, Sutton Forest, New South Wales (EPBC 2015/7526)**

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

<b>proposed action</b>	To develop and operate the Hume Coal Project, an underground coal mine and associated mine infrastructure, 3 kilometres west of Moss Vale, New South Wales [See EPBC Act referral 2015/7526].
<b>decision on proposed action</b>	The proposed action is a controlled action. The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it may proceed.
<b>relevant controlling provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A)</li><li>• a water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D and 24E)</li></ul>
<b>designated proponent</b>	Hume Coal Pty Limited ACN 070 017 784
<b>assessment approach</b>	not applicable (to be assessed under the assessment bilateral agreement with New South Wales)
<b>Decision-maker</b>	
<b>name and position</b>	Dr Simon Banks Assistant Secretary Assessments (NSW, ACT) and Fuel Branch
<b>signature</b>	
<b>date of decision</b>	1 December 2015