



Announcement - 24 November 2022

Update on the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project – Referral under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (Spur Hill Management), a subsidiary of Malabar Resources, has today informed the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water that it is withdrawing its referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (EPBC Act) for the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project.

Projects require referral under the EPBC Act so that the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water can determine whether they need to approve the project under the EPBC Act and, if so, the type of assessment that needs to be undertaken.

Spur Hill Management made this referral in 2014. Since that time, Spur Hill Management has made significant changes to the planning and design for the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project to reduce the impact of the project on the local community and the environment.

As a result, the referral made in 2014 under the EPBC Act no longer reflects current plans for the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project. For this reason, Spur Hill Management has withdrawn its referral for this Project under the EPBC Act.

Spur Hill Management is continuing to work closely with the local community and its Community Consultative Committee on the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project, which is currently at the exploration phase.

We look forward to finalising our plans for the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project and will submit a further referral under the EPBC Act in due course.

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