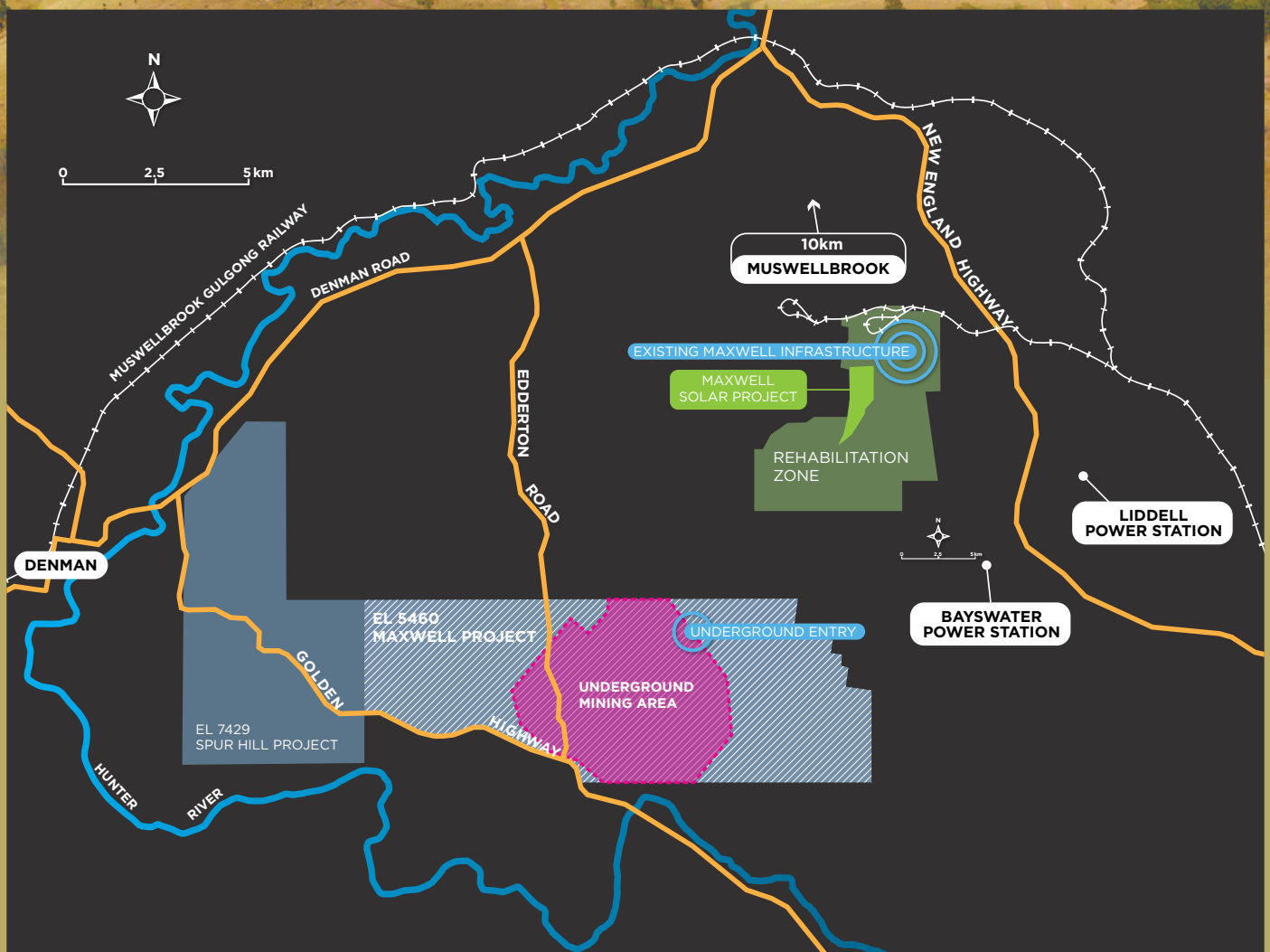


MAXWELL PROJECT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2018

Providing you with the latest news about Malabar Coal's proposed underground-only mine, the "Maxwell Project", located south of Muswellbrook.

This community newsletter relating to the Maxwell Project, follows the Community Update circulated earlier this year.



The Maxwell Solar Project

Malabar confirmed its intention to develop a solar farm on a portion of the old Drayton Mine site. The 'Maxwell Solar Project' is proposed to have an installed capacity of about 25MW and provide 50 more jobs for the local area during construction.

The project is a great use for a site that has previously been subject to open cut mining and is another example of Malabar's commitment to the local area, the local economy and, above all, to coexistence with a wide range of industries and activities.

Working at capacity, the solar farm would generate enough energy from the sun to power about 10,000 local homes.

Rehabilitation Update

While the plans for the Maxwell Underground Project have continued to develop, Malabar has also been continuing the important work of rehabilitating the old Drayton Mine site.

That work is continuing at pace with more than 30 people on site working to get the job done and making great progress.

MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE

Since the last newsletter, Malabar has:

- Submitted a Scoping Report to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.
- Applied for a Gateway Certificate from the Mining and Petroleum Gateway Panel.
- Referred the Project to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy for consideration as to whether the Project requires further approval under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, 1999.

Each of these important steps is outlined below

Scoping Report for the Maxwell Project

- A Scoping Report has been provided to key State regulatory agencies to initiate the preparation of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).
- The SEARs will list matters that we need to address in the Project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- The Scoping Report is available on the Department of Planning and Environment's website: <http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/>

Application for Gateway Certificate for the Maxwell Project

- Malabar has applied for a Gateway Certificate from the Mining and Petroleum Gateway Panel.
- The Panel assesses the impacts of State significant mining proposals before a development application and EIS can be lodged.
- After Malabar receives a Gateway certificate, we will be able to finalise the EIS and development application.

EPBC Referral

- An EPBC referral is an application for the approval of an action - in this case the Maxwell Underground Project - that could have an impact on any matter of national environmental significance.
- After receiving a referral, the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy (or delegate) decides whether the action, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.
- If the Minister decides that significant impacts are likely, then the Maxwell Underground Project will require approval under the EPBC Act.

Project Progress

Milestones

Opportunities for feedback

<p>Malabar lodged Application for a Gateway Certificate to the Mining and Petroleum Gateway Panel</p> <p>Malabar has requested SEARs from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment</p> <p>WE ARE HERE Malabar has lodged a Referral under the Commonwealth EPBC Act</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>At the bottom of this page you can find out how you can provide feedback.</p>
<p>Malabar obtains Gateway Certificate from the Gateway Panel</p> <p>Malabar seeks feedback from the community to inform the EIS</p> <p>Malabar's EIS is prepared</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>We will engage with the local community during the preparation of the EIS to ensure community feedback is gathered, considered in our future plans, and concerns are addressed.</p> <p>The studies that support the EIS are prepared by recognised experts and include assessments of potential impacts on agriculture and agribusiness, water, biodiversity, heritage, air quality, amenity and the road network.</p> <p>The EIS will be accompanied by a social impact assessment and an economic assessment.</p>
<p>NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) place Malabar's EIS on public display for about four weeks</p> <p>Malabar responds to submissions</p> <p>The DP&E assesses Malabar's submission, including any issues or concerns raised in the submission process</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The community has the opportunity to submit feedback directly to the DP&E.</p> <p>Malabar will engage with the community to address any concerns raised.</p> <p>In addition, Malabar must formally respond to any issues raised in submissions.</p>
<p>The DP&E or Independent Planning Commission (if applicable) announce its decision</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>An approved application may include conditions that address any outstanding concerns raised by the community.</p>

If you would like to register for further information about the Maxwell Project, please send an email titled 'Register for Maxwell Project Information' to info@malabarcoal.com.au and include your name, address and phone number.

If you have any other questions about Malabar Coal or the Maxwell Project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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