

VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT

QUICK FACTS.



Providing clear and reliable factual information underpins our standing in the community.

KEY BENEFITS

- The Vickery Extension Project (Vickery) will generate 500 new jobs during the construction phase and 450 new jobs once the mine is operational, plus an additional 170 local jobs in mining support services.
- Capital cost of \$700 million.
- Vickery will deliver \$271 million in incremental disposable income benefit to local communities.
- A new rail spur will mean we can remove coal haulage trucks from the Kamilaroi Highway and Blue Vale Road on the outskirts of Gunnedah and improve road safety and amenity.
- Results in net benefits of \$1.2 billion to NSW including tax revenue and royalties to the NSW Government.
- Create a final landform that is better integrated with the surrounding landscape.

KEY EIS FINDINGS

- The EIS shows that noise, air quality and visual impacts of the mine are similar or better than what was modelled for the Approved Mine.
- Vickery will have no material impact on groundwater when assessed against the NSW DPI-Water Aquifer Interference Policy.
- Negligible impacts to downstream water users on the Namoi River are predicted.

LAND

- The Project Area consists of cattle grazing land, occasional dry cropping land and rehabilitated mining land.
- The Vickery site has previously been extensively mined.
- The Vickery footprint covers an area only slightly larger than the Approved Mine but offers significant additional economic and community benefits.
- No part of the Vickery State Forest will be directly disturbed or cleared as part of the Project.

WATER

- 'Blue Vale' pit removed from Vickery proposal – no mining next to the Namoi River.
- No material water impacts for surface water or groundwater. Vickery water requirements should be able to be met with supply from existing, licensed, surface water and groundwater allocations.
- Rail line is consistent with the provisions of the draft Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley Floodplain.

COMMUNITY

- More than 400 separate interactions with local community members and stakeholders undertaken in the pre-EIS lodgment phase.
- Targeted digital communications campaign to inform local community of key Project aspects.
- Whitehaven will comprehensively address public submissions about the Project.

If you have any further questions, please call us on 1800-WHCOAL (1800 942625), email us at vickeryfeedback@whitehavencoal.com.au or visit us at 231 Conadilly Street, Gunnedah, NSW, 2380.

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