

Publication of Information for Assessment on Preliminary Documentation under Section 95B(4) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* – Comment Period Closed

Name of the Project: Ashton-Ravensworth Underground Mine Integration, Ravensworth, New South Wales (EPBC ref 2022/09208).

Person proposing to take action: Ashton Coal Operations Pty Ltd (ACOL) a wholly owned subsidiary of Yancoal Australia Ltd.

Location of the Project: Ravensworth within the Singleton Local Government Area, New South Wales.

Description of the Project: ACOL is proposing to conduct underground longwall mining of coal seams at the Ravensworth Mine Complex, develop associated infrastructure and transfer coal, water and gas to the Ashton Coal Project.

The proposed action has been determined to be a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act (EPBC 2022/09208). The controlling provisions under the EPBC Act are “listed threatened species and communities” (section 18 and 18A) and “water resources”, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (sections 24D & 24E).

The Ashton-Ravensworth Underground Mine Integration preliminary documentation (EPBC 2022/09208) was available for public comment from 10 to 24 May 2024. No comments were received and the comment period has now closed.

In accordance with section 95B(4) of the EPBC Act, a hard copy of the Ashton-Ravensworth Underground Mine Integration preliminary documentation (EPBC 2022/09208) will be available for public inspection from 7 June 2024 to 21 June 2024 at the following locations:

State Library of New South Wales

1 Shakespeare Place
Sydney NSW 2000

Singleton Council, Singleton Office

12-14 Queen Street
Singleton NSW 2330

An electronic version of this document, without charge, is also available on the ACOL website: (<https://www.ashtoncoal.com.au/page/publications/project-environmental-assessments/ashton-epbc-202209208-preliminary-documentation/>).

Interested parties and organisations are invited to view the preliminary documentation between 7 June 2024 to 21 June 2024.

Persons with special needs (i.e. for whom English is a second language or has vision or reading impairment) may contact Phillip Brown at the address below for assistance in accessing the material.

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