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Executive summary

Exploration Lease 7517 (EL7517) is held by Shoalhaven Coal Pty Ltd ABN 910 708 638 93 (trading as Castlereagh Coal), which owns the nearby Invincible Colliery. The Invincible Colliery is in the Western Coalfield of NSW and is immediately adjacent to the Baal Bone Colliery to the north and the Cullen Valley Mine to the west (also held by Shoalhaven Coal) and is approximately 5 kilometres (km) by road from the Mount Piper power station. Shoalhaven Coal was 100% owned by the Manildra Group until November 2021.

The Invincible Colliery was placed in care and maintenance in April 2013 when the available known and reported coal reserve within the approved Invincible mining area was exhausted and Coalpac Pty Ltd ACN 003558 914, was unable to secure a modification of the Project Approval to allow further mining in adjacent areas. As a result, administrators were appointed on 18 October 2013, and Coalpac Pty Ltd was placed into voluntary liquidation on 17 November 2014. Shoalhaven Coal continues to operate the mine under a care and maintenance arrangement.

EL7517 was transferred to Shoalhaven Coal Pty Ltd in May 2015, from Coalpac's liquidators who continued to operate under a care and maintenance arrangement during the reporting period.

Upon acquiring Coalpac's tenements Shoalhaven Coal's focus had been to recommence mining operations at Invincible Colliery to source coal for Manildra's operations in Nowra. Shoalhaven Coal sought to modify the Invincible Colliery Project Approval per Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The modification proposed to extend open-cut mining operations to the south of the existing approved mining area into the Southern Extension Area. The Environmental Assessment was publicly exhibited between 27 September and 8 November 2016, and subsequently approved on 5 February 2018.

In November 2021, the former owners of Shoalhaven Coal (the Manildra Group) sold Shoalhaven Coal to a Lithgow-based ownership team on a 100% share basis. The new ownership team continue to operate under the Shoalhaven Coal banner, trading as Castlereagh Coal the operator of both the Invincible Colliery and Cullen Valley Mine and related tenements.

The renewal application for EL7517 has been granted and has been extended to 16/04/2025. Shoalhaven Coal is currently considering recommendations regarding further exploration activities and relinquishments relative to all tenements including EL 7517.

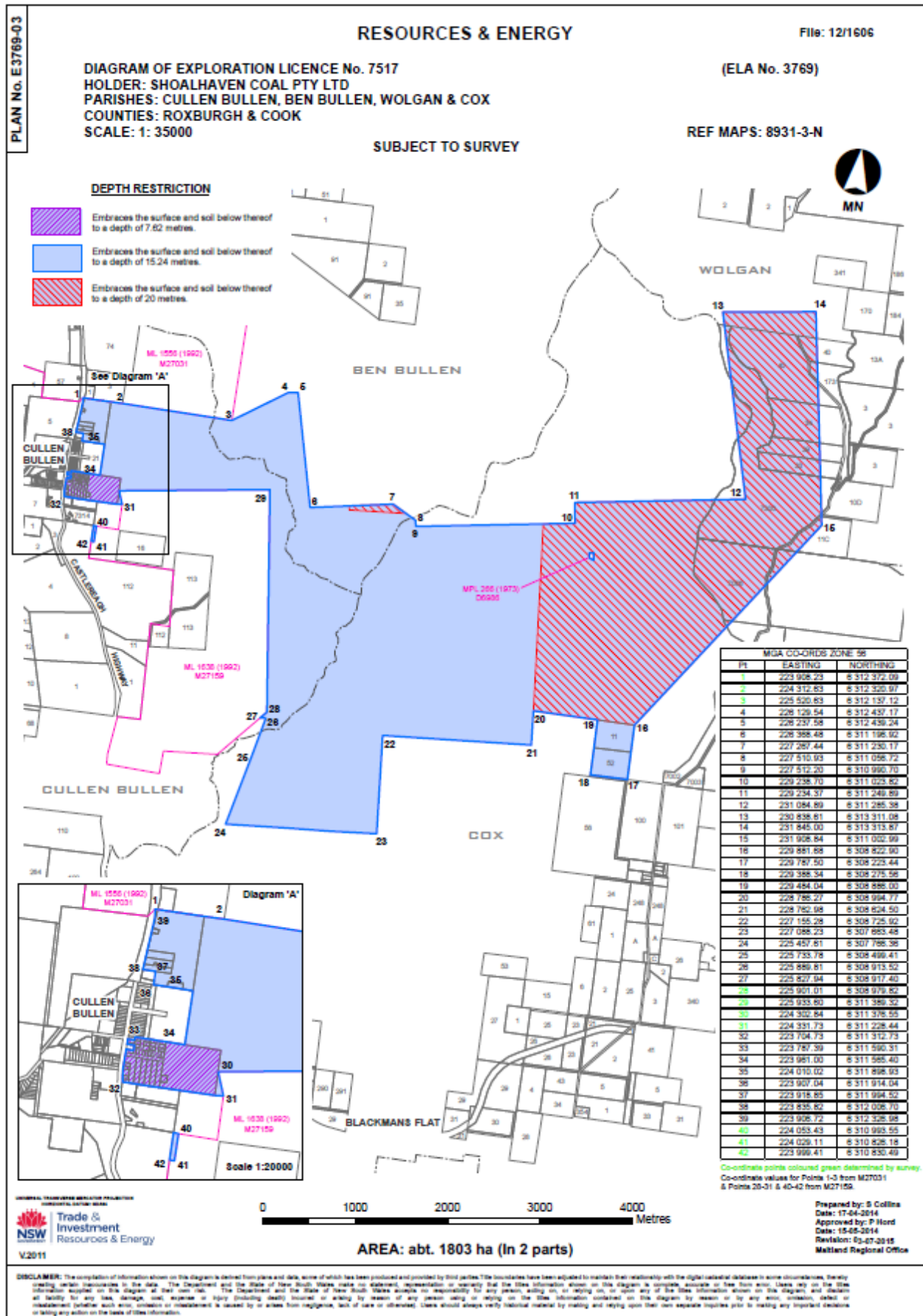
No exploration holes were drilled or proposed to be drilled under the proposed work program during the reporting period (16 April 2022 to 15 April 2023).

The tenement is located about 10 kilometres (km) North-East of the village of Portland in the Central tablelands of New South Wales (NSW). Portland is about 160 km north-West of Sydney, 50 km East of Bathurst and 25 km North-West of Lithgow (see **Figure 1**).

Two Community Consultative Committee meetings were held during the reporting period on 23rd of September 2022 and the 29th of March 2023.

No complaints were received from stakeholders during the reporting period which relate to EL 7517.

Figure 1 EL 7517



1.0 Consultation Completed in Reporting Period

No assessable exploration activities were conducted or planned to be conducted within EL 7517 during the reporting period. Stakeholder consultation was conducted with the members of the Community Consultative Committee, with meetings on 23rd of September 2022 and the 29th of March 2023.

Shoalhaven Coal consulted extensively with DPIE and other Agencies, Lithgow Council and other stakeholders during the reporting period toward finalisation of management plans for the nearby Invincible Colliery Southern Extension Project and continued operation of the Cullen valley Mine.

1.1 Outcomes of consultation

The CCC meeting in September 2022 provided a presentation covering the following: Operations at Cullen Valley Mine; Progression of Management Plan approvals for the Invincible Colliery Southern Extension Project; Status of MLA applications and details of a Strategic Review being undertaken of all Tenements held by Shoalhaven Coal Pty Ltd; An overview of the recently implemented Mine Rehabilitation Reforms and documents developed for Operations; Review of Complaints and Section 240 Notice actions; Update on the Cullen Valley Mine Heating treatment program; General environmental performance and stakeholder consultation, and an update of the proposed Modification Application for the Cullen Valley Mine Rail Loading proposal.

September 2022 actions:

- Arrange additional meeting with Reg Larking (CC Member) regarding the Cullen Valley Rail Loading proposal.

The CCC meeting in March 2023 provided a presentation covering the following: Operations at the Cullen Valley Mine including an update of the Rail Loading proposal; Status of the approved and pending Management Plans for the Invincible Colliery Southern Extension Project and the granting of ML1844, removal of the old coal processing plant and a variation to the site EPL; Outcomes and considerations from the Strategic Review regarding the Feldmast UG Project and Tenements held by Shoalhaven Coal; Progress on the Mine Rehabilitation reforms and recently updated requirements from the Resources Regulator; Review of Complaints, environmental performance and stakeholder consultation.

March 2023 Actions

- There were no new actions generated from the CC meeting.

The CCC meeting minutes are available on the Castlereagh Coal website: <https://ccoal.com.au/>

1.2 Enquiries and complaints received in reporting period

Shoalhaven maintains a detailed complaints register to record and respond to complaints received from the community. No enquiries or complaints were received from stakeholders that were related to EL 7517 during the reporting period.

1.3 Proposed future consultation

Shoalhaven Coal is committed to actively participating in regular CCC meetings and working with the wider community toward sustainable mining operations and creating employment and business opportunities for locals. Future consultation with reference to future assessable exploration activities upon EL7517 will be guided by detailed consideration of the recommendations and considerations presented in the Strategic Review as noted within this report.

The next CCC meeting is proposed to be held in September 2023.