

**Byerwen Coal project:** 

Coordinator-General's change report no. 1

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# **Background**

The Byerwen Coal project – Coordinator-General's evaluation report for an environmental impact statement (Coordinator-General's report) was released in July 2014, pursuant to section 35 of the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld) (SDPWO Act).

On 2 June 2015, the proponent applied to the Coordinator-General to assess its proposed changes to the Byerwen Coal project, under Division 3A, section 35B of the SDPWO Act. In accordance with section 35I of the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General has evaluated the environmental effects of the proposed change, its effect on the project and any other related matters, and prepared this Coordinator-General's change report.

## **Project**

The project proponent	Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd, a joint venture between QCoal Pty Ltd and JFE Steel
The project	Byerwen Coal project

# Changes to the project

# **Proposed change**

Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd applied to the Coordinator-General seeking a change to the layout of the project as evaluated and conditioned in the Coordinator-General's report. The project is located 20 kilometres west of Glenden on the Collinsville-Elphinstone Road.

The project change application proposes to relocate the southern mine infrastructure area (southern infrastructure) from the location in MLA70434 immediately to the west of the Collinsville-Elphinstone Road to a new location on Lot 1 CP905226 in granted mining lease ML70435. The new location is adjacent to the Newlands Rail System and closer to the initial areas of mining activity. Refer Figure 1 of this change report.

The reduced disturbance footprint of 190 hectares for the southern infrastructure would include the same infrastructure as assessed in the Coordinator-General's report, being a coal handling and preparation plant with rejects management facility, product coal stockpile, a train load-out facility with rail spur and rail loop.

Construction of the infrastructure is proposed to commence in 2015 and service mining operations in the southern area of the proposed mine over the 50-year project life. Environmental impacts will be conditioned by Environmental Authority EPML00595013. The area will be rehabilitated as conditioned in the Environmental Authority.

	The original 271-hectare location of the southern infrastructure, as assessed by the Coordinator-General's report, will no longer be disturbed by the project as no alternative use of the land is proposed be the proponent or allowed under this project change.
Decision	The change to the project is approved.
	There is no revision of, or additional conditions to, the original report due to this project change.
Date of effect	The change to project takes effect on the date this change report is signed.
Decision authorised	by
Name and Position	Barry Broe
	Coordinator-General
Signature /	CRYBie Date of decision 2 July 2015

Pursuant to section 35J of the SDPWO Act, a copy of this report will be given to the proponent, and a copy will be made available at

www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/assessments-and-approvals/byerwen-coal-project.html

As per section 35K of the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General's report on the EIS for the project, and the Coordinator-General's change report, both have effect for the project. However, if the reports conflict, the Coordinator-General's change report prevails to the extent of any perceived inconsistency.

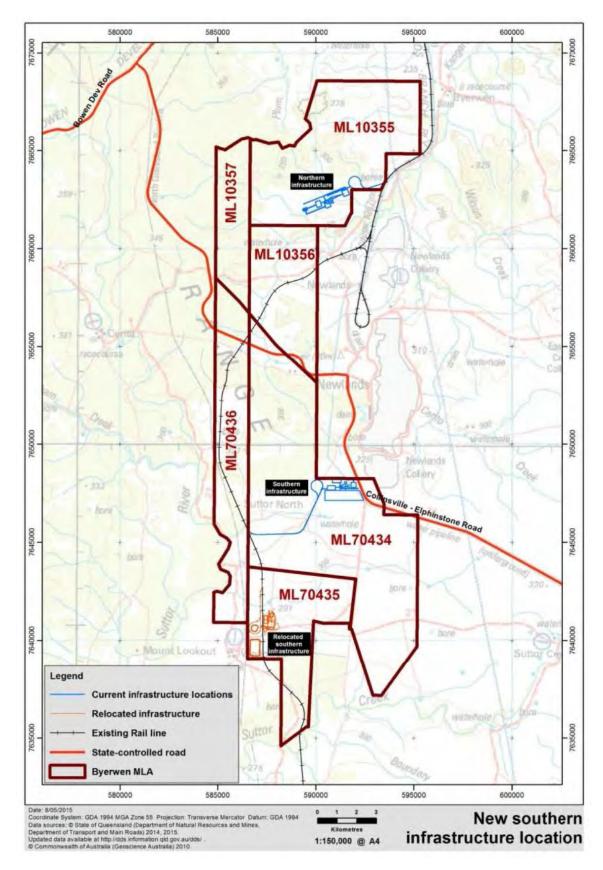


Figure 1: Existing and Relocated southern Infrastructure (current ML boundary)