



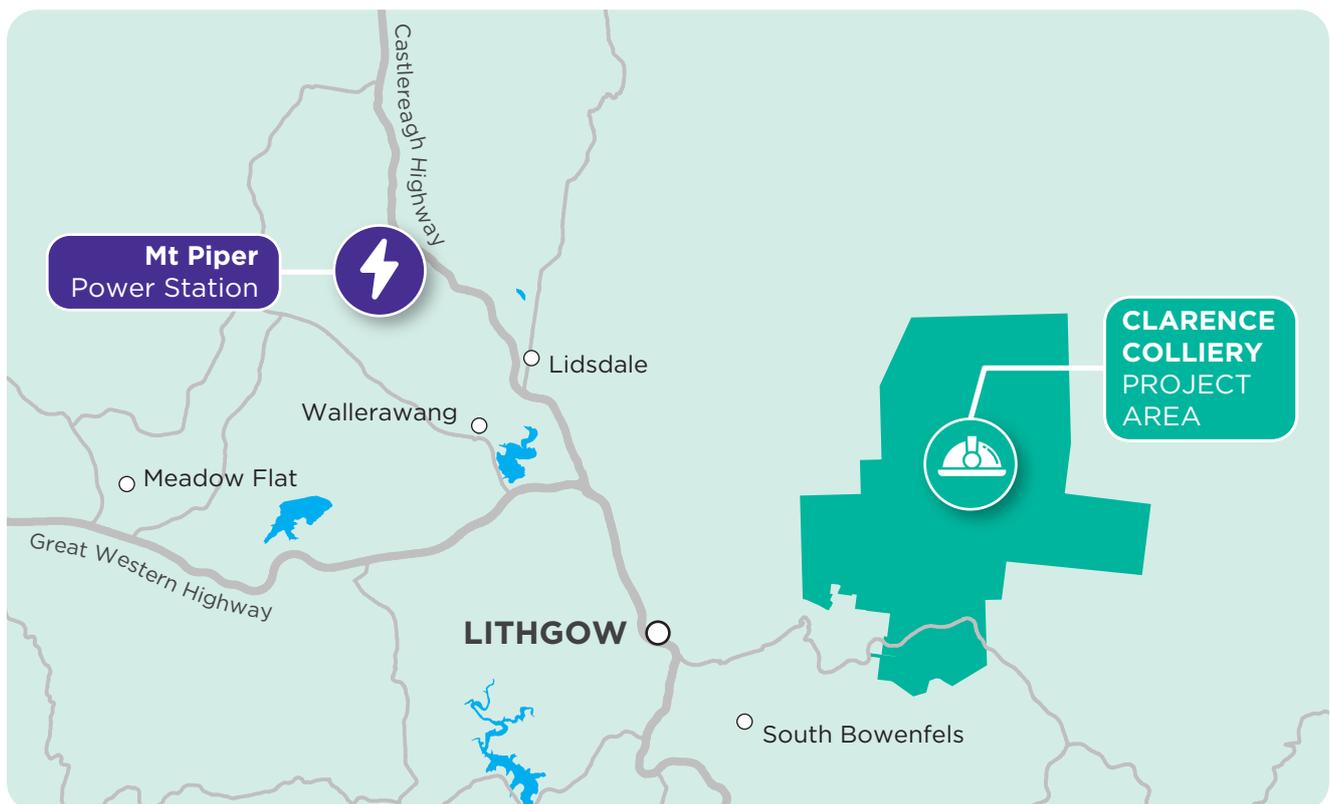
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CLARENCE CONSOLIDATION PROJECT



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Centennial Coal is seeking approval to consolidate operations at the Clarence Colliery, which currently operates under three separate development consents, and to extend the life of mining operations to allow further coal resources to be extracted.





CLARENCE CONSOLIDATION PROJECT KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

The Clarence Consolidation Project seeks to continue existing approved operations and undertake mining operations within existing mining leases. The project broadly includes:

- consolidation of the existing Clarence Colliery development consents (DA 504-00, IRM.GE.76 and DA 174/93)
- extraction of up to 3 million tonnes each year of run-of-mine (ROM) coal, until the end of 2040
- mining will be undertaken using bord and pillar mining methods, consisting of first workings and second workings using pillar extraction and panel and pillar partial extraction (PPPE) (which is also referred to as shortwall)
- coal handling and processing at the Clarence pit top
- transporting coal using rail facilities at Clarence to domestic and export customers, and by road to Mt Piper Power Station, Lidsdale Siding and other NSW locations
- decommissioning and rehabilitation following the completion of mining activities.

A comparison of the existing operations at Clarence Colliery as approved under DA 504-00 and the proposed Clarence Consolidation Project is provided in the table below.

Aspect	As approved under development consent DA 504-00	Clarence Colliery Extension project
Project life	Until 31 December 2026 (DA 504-00) Centennial Coal has recently lodged Mod 11 to extend the life of DA 504-00 until 31 December 2031.	Until 31 December 2040
Hours of operation	General hours of operation are 24 hours per day, seven days per week.	No change
Employment	Approximately 300 FTE personnel currently employed. Approval for up to 400 FTE personnel.	No change
Mining method	Underground mining using bord and pillar mining methods including first workings and second workings using partial pillar and shortwall extraction.	No change
Annual coal production limit	Up to 3 Mtpa	No change
Rehabilitation and closure	Final land use at Clarence is not specified under mining tenements or Developmental Consent conditions. Rehabilitation will be undertaken in accordance with the <i>Clarence Colliery Rehabilitation Management Plan</i> (RMP).	The RMP would be updated following project approval and in accordance with relevant guidelines.





APPROVAL PATHWAY

The project is State significant development and requires development consent from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The project would also require a controlled action approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Benefits of the project

The project will provide:

- an ongoing supply of coal to export and domestic customers supporting energy security during the renewable energy transition
- ongoing employment opportunities for up to 400 workers beyond the currently approved mine life
- continued supply chain benefits with local contractors and significant contributions to the local, regional and State economies from this well-established mining operation.



Scoping Report

A Scoping Report has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for the project. The Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements will guide the studies required for the Environmental Impact Statement.

These studies cover:



Social impact



Subsidence



Water Resources



Biodiversity



Noise and Vibration



Traffic



Hazards and Risk



Economic



Rehabilitation



Cumulative Impact



Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Historic Heritage

Environmental Impact Statement

We are committed to limiting the environmental impacts of our projects. Centennial Coal will commence the EIS studies early in 2026. The EIS will describe the project, present the findings of the studies and outline the impact management and mitigation measures for the project. Opportunities for community involvement and feedback will be available as the studies progress.

Project timeline





HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Centennial Coal values the communities within which it operates.

Feedback and enquiries from the community are welcomed. We have set up a dedicated suite of communication tools for this project as we move through the approval process. This will include a dedicated website where up to date project information can be accessed, regular newsletters and community consultation events.

Centennial Coal will be undertaking a range of community consultation activities during the preparation of the EIS. These will be advertised in local media and on the project website. If you want to know more about the project or be updated on a regular basis, you can stay in touch using the links on this page.

The EIS will also be placed on public exhibition, which will allow the community to make submissions.



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