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Project Name/Location Narrabri

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Executive Summary

EL9456 is located approximately 12 km south-southeast of Narrabri in the North West Slopes region of NSW (Figure 1). The licence is located adjacent to the Narrabri Mine ML1609 and part of EL6243. The current area of the authority is approximately 1,746 ha.

There were no exploration activities undertaken in EL9456 during the reporting period.

There were no community complaints over the past year specifically related to exploration or other activities in EL9456.

There was limited direct engagement with landowners or specific sectors of the community. No, complaints or feedback were received or dealt with during the reporting period. Regular meetings are held with local government and State agencies to discuss various matters regarding exploration activities and compliance issues in the Gunnedah region at a group level.

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1. Reason for reduced annual community consultation report

No exploration activity took place on EL9456 during the reporting period.

2. Authority Information

EL9456 was originally granted on 06 September 2022. The exploration licence is held by a joint venture comprising:

Joint Venture Participant	Interest
Narrabri Coal Pty Ltd (NCPL) (a subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal)	70.0%
Upper Horn Investments (Australia) Pty Ltd	7.5%
Narrabri Coal Australia Pty Limited (a subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal)	7.5%
J-Power Australia Pty Ltd	7.5%
POSCO International Narrabri Investment Pty Ltd	5.0%
KORES Narrabri Pty Ltd	2.5%

The company Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd (NCOPL) operate the Narrabri Mine and activities within EL9456 on behalf of the Narrabri Joint Venture.

The tenement is in the Narrabri Local Government Area (LGA) and the North West Local Land Services (LLS) area.

3. Location and Access

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4. Consultation Completed During Reporting Period

NCOPL via Whitehaven Coal engages with local residents and the broader community in a number of ways:

- The Whitehaven Coal Limited website whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/documentation has links to:
 - CCC minutes, the complaints register, newsletters and factsheets as well as environmental monitoring, reporting and approvals documentation
 - Newsletters and factsheets
- Participation in local business chambers
- Regular meetings with local councils
- A comprehensive sponsorships and partnerships program.

4.1 Community Consultative Committee

The Narrabri Mine Community Consultative Committee met four times during the reporting period in September, December 2024 and March, June 2025.

The minutes of the meetings can be found at whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/our-assets/narrabri-mine/

A summary of exploration matters relating to EL9456 discussed in the meeting is provided in table 1, below.

Table 1: Summary of Narrabri Mine CCC minutes (relating to Exploration activities) during the reporting period

Date of CCC Meeting	CCC member	Issue Raised	Narrabri Mine response
12 September 2024	Narrabri Coal Operations and Whitehaven Coal employees	No issues raised relevant to EL 9456	n/a
4 December 2024	Narrabri Coal Operations and Whitehaven Coal employees	No issues raised relevant to EL 9456	n/a
12 March 2025	Narrabri Coal Operations and Whitehaven Coal employees	NCO advised that an application was submitted to the Resource Regulator for exploration for EL9455 and EL9456 to the north of the mine comprising of 11 holes with minimal surface disturbance	NCO to provide map of the EL9455-EL9456 exploration work program at next meeting
4 June 2025	Narrabri Coal Operations employee and Whitehaven Coal employees	NCO advised that the exploration would not proceed this financial year	n/a

4.2 Engagement with Landowners

There was no engagement with landowners (except those in the CCC) regarding exploration during the reporting period.

4.3 Engagement with Community Groups

Specific community groups were not engaged with during the year regarding exploration.

4.4 Engagement with Local Councils

A regular meeting is held with each of the Narrabri, Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shire Councils to discuss mining and approvals (and sometimes exploration) related matters in the Gunnedah and Narrabri region.

The Gunnedah Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council were not engaged during the year specifically regarding exploration on this tenement.

4.5 Engagement with Government Agencies

The Department of Regional NSW, the NSW Resource Regulator, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) (formerly NSW Department of Planning and Environment), and NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were engaged to discuss various matters regarding exploration activities and compliance issues at a group level.

An exploration program (APO0001966) was approved by The Resources Regulator on 03 April 2025. Due to budget constraints the exploration activity was not undertaken and the approval was withdrawn on 18 June 2025 (REH0005433).

5. Outcomes of Consultation and Actions Taken

No issues have been raised.

NCO has kept the CCC members informed regarding other matters relating to EL9456.

6. Enquiries and Complaints Received During the Reporting Period

There were no community complaints or feedback relating to exploration over the reporting period for EL9456.

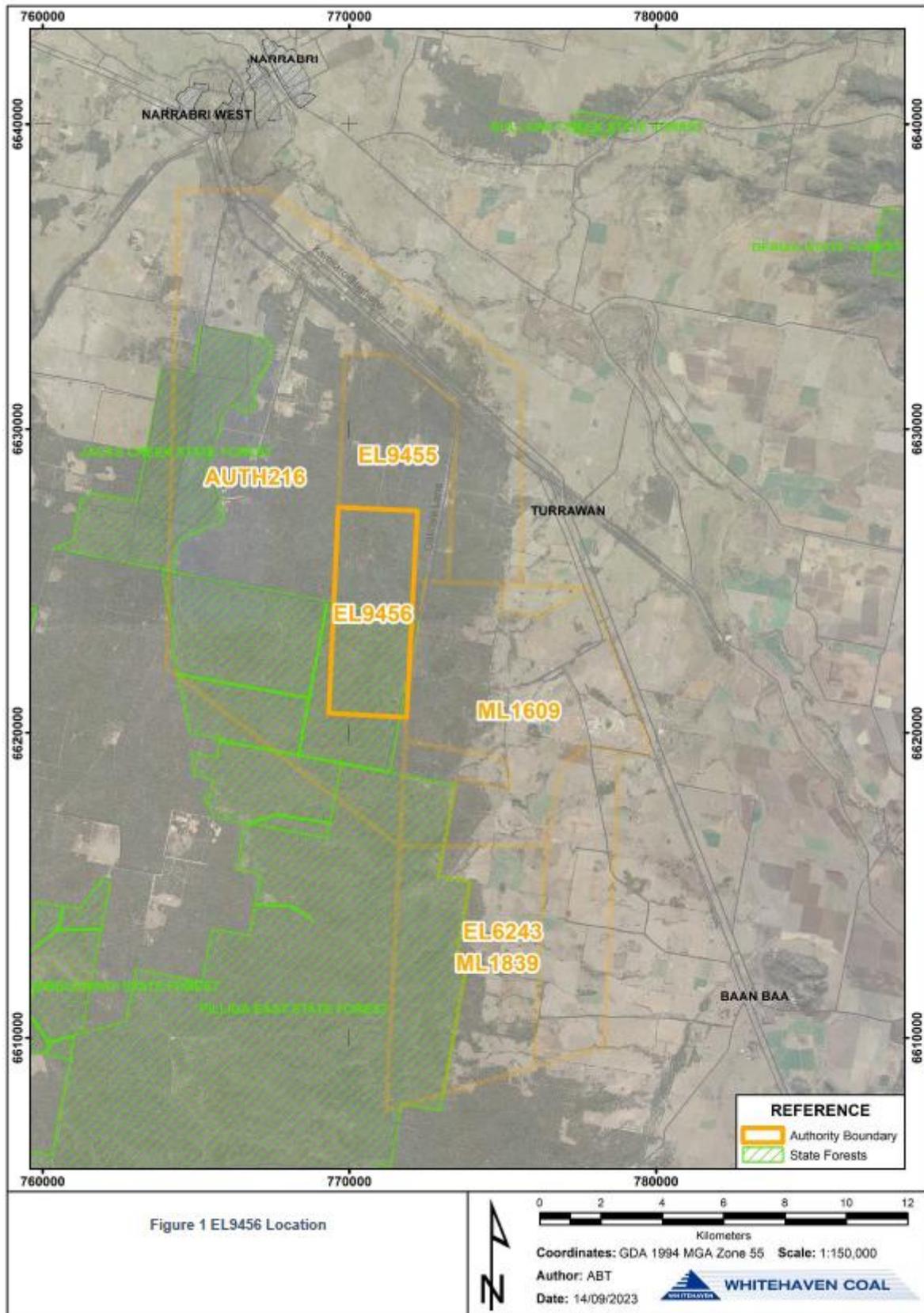
Map


Figure 1 EL9456 Location

Figure 1: EL9456 regional location map.