

VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

ATTACHMENT 9

SITE VERIFICATION

CERTIFICATE

**Site Verification Certificate
Vickery Coal Mine**

Part 4AA, Division 3 of *State Environmental Planning Policy
(Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*

Pursuant to clause 17C(1) of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, I determine the application made by Whitehaven Coal Limited by issuing this certificate.

I certify that in my opinion, having regard to the criteria in the *Interim Protocol for site verification and mapping of biophysical strategic agricultural land*, the land specified in Schedule 1 is not Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land.

The reasons for forming the opinion on each of the relevant criteria are contained in Schedule 2.

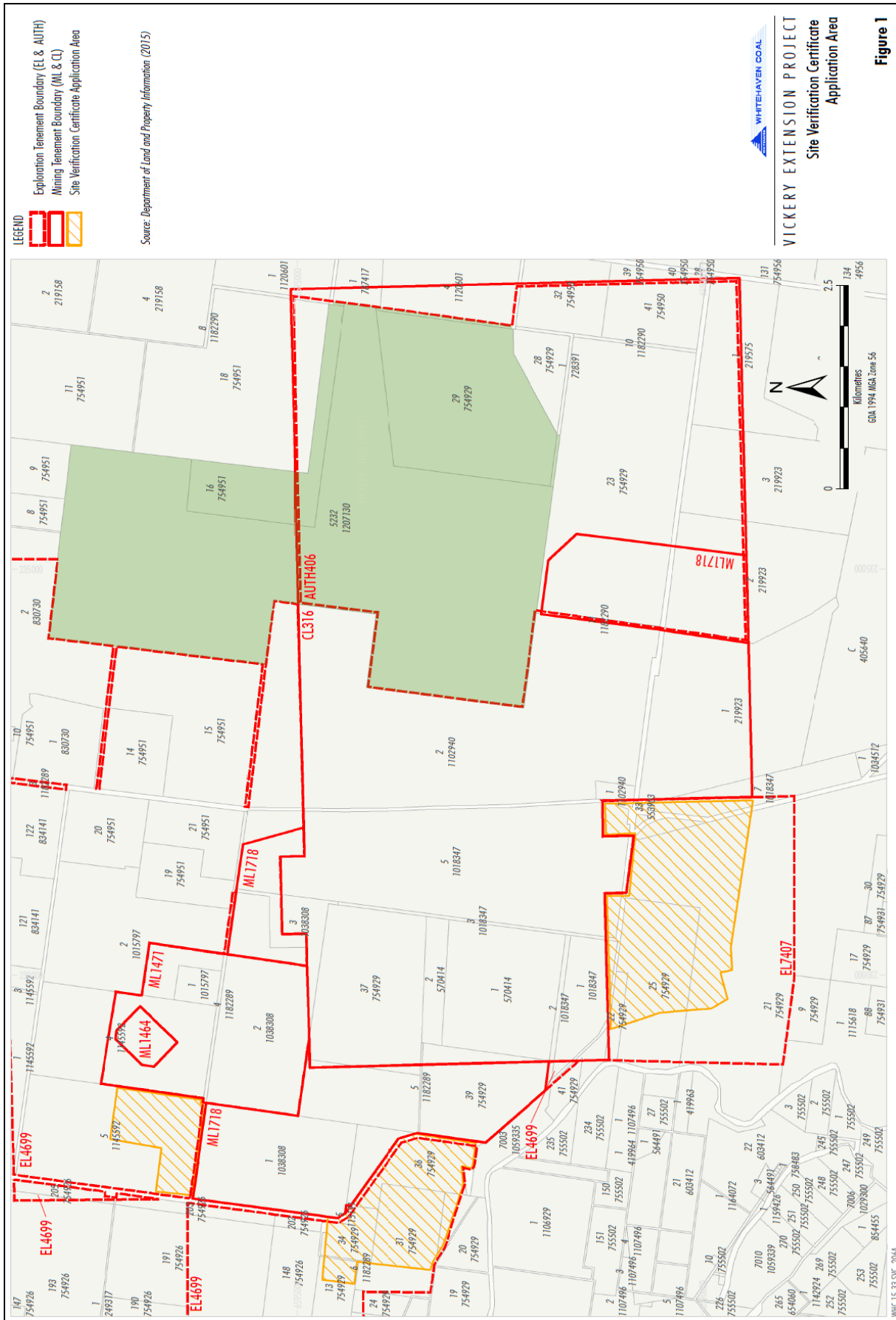


Secretary

Date certificate issued: 8.2.16

This certificate will remain current for 5 years from the date of issue.

SCHEDULE 1



SCHEDULE 2

Relevant criteria	Consideration
Contiguity	While five individual sites identified soils which that meet the criteria to constitute BSAL, the sites are not contiguous areas greater than 20 ha in size and are therefore excluded.
Soil Type	Other parts of the subject site are excluded as they are comprised of soils that do not satisfy the criteria to constitute BSAL.
Slope	Some small portions of the subject site are excluded as BSAL by virtue of being over 10% in gradient.