WHITEHAVEN COAL

Narrabri Stage 3 Extension Project:

Providing local jobs for decades to come

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The Narrabri underground coal mine has been operating since 2012 and employs around 500 people, most of whom live in the region. The mine is approved to extract coal at a rate of up to 11 million tonnes of run-of-mine coal per annum until 2031.

The Narrabri Stage 3 Extension Project is a proposal to extract coal to the south of the existing mine and within the existing exploration lease area. Coal will be mined using the underground longwall mining method already used successfully and safely, and using the established surface infrastructure, including the existing CHPP, rail loop, box cut and offices.

The extension will extend the life of the mine from 2031 to 2044, providing continued employment for hundreds of people, extending the millions in spending with local businesses and delivering millions more in royalty payments to the NSW Government.

Designed to minimise impacts

As outlined in the **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS), the longwall layout and surface infrastructure have been designed to minimise impacts on threatened species and their habitats, and avoid direct disturbance to cultural heritage sites.

Surface infrastructure would be progressively decommissioned, with disturbed land to be rehabilitated to the pre-mining land use of agriculture and forestry. We will use the existing pit top area for coal handling and transport, so no new coal stockpiles, coal handling and preparation plant or rail load out facilities will need to be constructed to access coal to the south of the existing mine.

Have your say

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The Project is now being reviewed by the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The IPC is seeking public comment until 21 February 2022. To find out more about the process and have your say, **visit the NSW IPC website at ipcn.nsw.gov.au.**

Respecting the local environment

We've worked to identify and minimise environmental impacts, including:

- Noise impacts will comply with NSW Government guidelines, or are subject to agreements that are already formed or being negotiated between Whitehaven and relevant landholders.
- Air quality will remain within NSW Government limits at all privately owned receivers.
- The mine has an existing, robust surface water management system that will meet the needs of the Extension Project. The Extension is predicted to have negligible impacts to surface water.
- All water use and impacts will be managed in accordance with state and federal Government guidelines.
- Biodiversity impacts would be offset in accordance with NSW and Federal Government guidelines.
- No long-term impact on agricultural production and biophysical strategic agricultural land.

Whitehaven has also committed to purchasing electricity generated by renewable sources or carbon neutral electricity certified by Climate Active across all of its operations, so that Scope 2 GHG emissions for the Extension Project will be reduced and/or offset where reasonable and feasible. This is reflected in the draft conditions of consent prepared by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment **available here.**

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Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) development

Development Application, including the EIS, lodged with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

DPIE reviews the EIS and prepares for public exhibition.

EIS placed on public exhibition for comment.

Whitehaven responds to submissions.

DPIE assesses the EIS, submissions and Whitehaven responses.

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The NSW Minister for Planning has directed the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) to undertake an independent review.

The IPC makes a determination.

Key benefits of the Narrabri Stage 3 Extension Project

$599m
added net economic benefit to NSW in addition to the existing mine

500
jobs continuing for decades

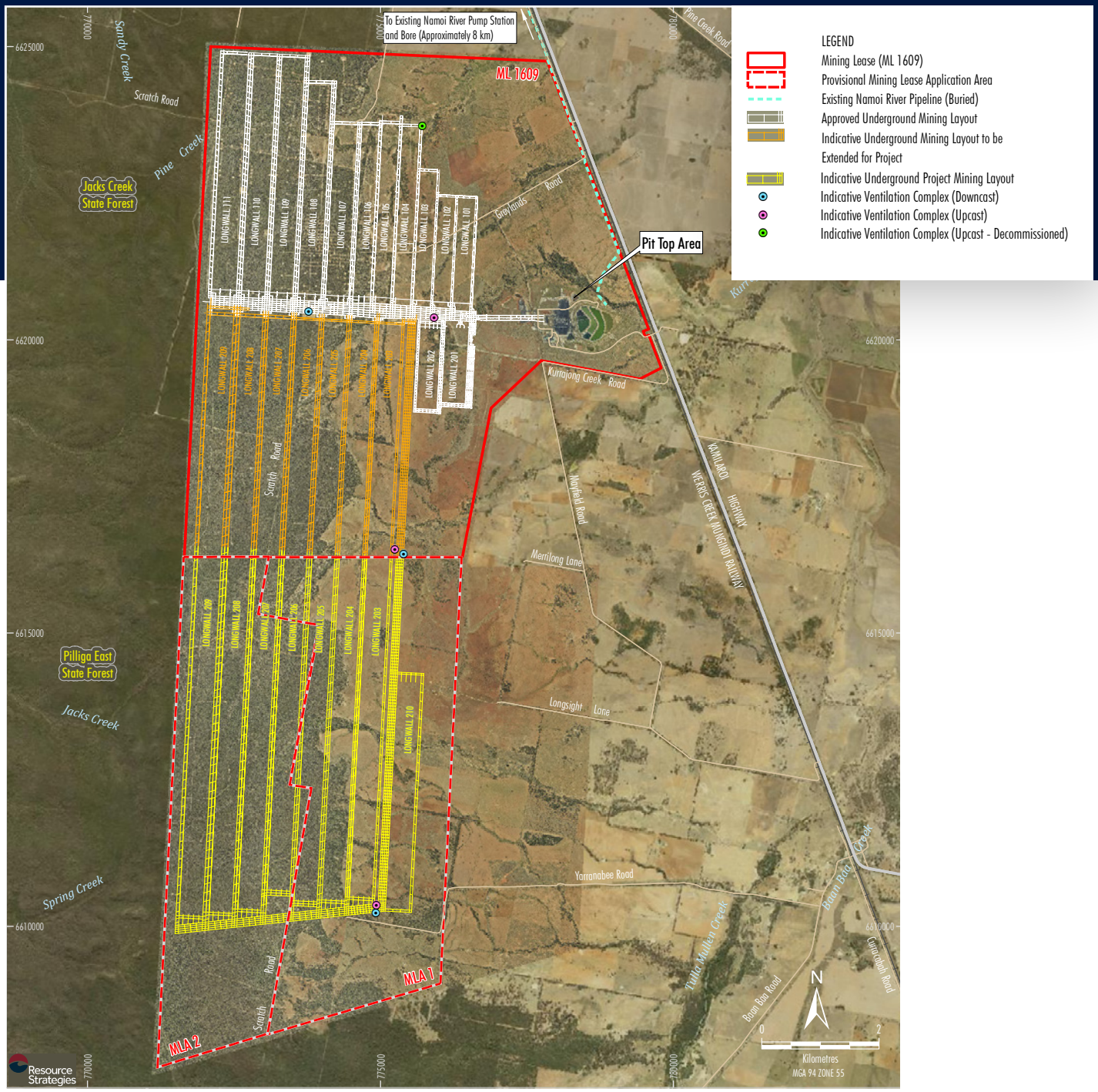
$317m
in direct local wages until 2044

$259m
in royalties to the NSW Government on top of $409m from the existing mine

$247m
in local supplier expenditure until 2044

75%
of workforce locally-based

* all economic benefits are stated in net present value terms



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