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NSW Department of  
Planning & Infrastructure  
Via email: plan\_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au

**RE: Upper Hunter Strategic Assessment**

Biodiversity Lands Pty Ltd has three strategically located sites that fall within the Upper Hunter Strategic Assessment area, referred to as our Black Mountain site, Goulburn River site and Mount Mallumla site. All of our sites have had ecological reports undertaken which outline the flora and fauna communities that the sites contain. A brief summary is provided below and the sites locations on the enclosed plan.

Our sites would make a positive starting point for the Government to acquire and lead from the front and set up biodiversity credits for the mining industry. With credits established and ready to be implemented the Government can demonstrate fully how its initiative will streamline the mining application and assessment process by making it clear up front how biodiversity issues are handled.

Property Name	Location	CMA Region (IBRA Region)	Flora/Fauna summary	Title Reference	Hectares	Adjacent to National Parks	Recorded presence of EEC/Threatened Species	Located in identified strategic green corridors or priority conservation
<b>Black Mountain, Parkville/Scone</b>	Upper Hunter Shire LGA - North of Scone, Upper Hunter Valley	Hunter Central Rivers (NSW North Coast, Ellerton Sub Region)	Grassy White Box Woodland; Narrow-leaved Ironbark open forest. Squirrel Glider, Grey-crowned Babbler, Speckled Warbler and Glossy Black-cockatoo.	1/336103, 2/336819, 904/251507, AC13109-214, 123/750929, 137, 750929, 138/750929, 139/750929, AC10924-66	1,190		✓	✓
<b>Goulburn River, Merriwa</b>	Upper Hunter Shire LGA - Adjacent to the Goulburn River National Park.	Hunter Central Rivers (Sydney Basin, Kerrabee Sub Region)	Ironbark open forest; Grassy White Box woodland and Blakely's Redgum. A number of threatened woodland birds (Grey-crowned Babbler, Speckled Warbler and Brown Treecreeper) and a colony of Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies	2/700676	880	✓	✓	✓
<b>Mount Mallumla, Mount Royal National Park</b>	Singleton LGA - Adjacent to Mount Royal National Park & Wilderness area	Hunter Central Rivers (NSW North Coast, Tomalla Sub Region)	Forest Red Gum-Grey Gum, Yellow Box-Grey Gum and Blue Gum-Stringybark. Hastings River Mouse (HRM), Spotted-tailed Quoll, Yellow-bellied Glider and Powerful Owl	11/752482, 15/752482, 16/752482, 29/752482, 30/752482, 34/752482, 35/752482, 44/752482, 53/752482, 54/752482, 12/1113159	865	✓	✓	✓

We look forward to seeing the Upper Hunter Strategic Assessment progress and are available to discuss any aspects of our sites.

Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss please contact the writer.



Sincerely,  
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## UPPER HUNTER STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT GEOGRAPHIC AREA

The map displays the Central West NSW Coal Mining Study Area. Three specific regions are highlighted as indicative biodiversity assessment areas for future coal mining activities:

- BLACK MOUNTAIN SITE**: Located in the north-central part of the study area.
- MOUNT MALLET SITE**: Located in the central-eastern part of the study area.
- GOLBURN RIVER SITE**: Located in the south-western part of the study area.

The map also shows several National Parks and Wildlife Reserves, including Coolah Tops National Park, Murrumbidgee National Park, Monabalia National Park, Goulburn River National Park, Yengo National Park, and Wollambi National Park. Towns such as Murrumbidgee, Scone, Merriwa, Denham, Singleton, Broke, Newcastle, and Grafton are marked. Major roads and rail lines are indicated by different line styles. A scale bar at the bottom right shows distances up to 20 Kilometres. A legend box in the bottom left corner provides details about the symbols used on the map.

**Legend:**

- Regional study area for EPBC Act Strategic Assessment \*\*
- Indicative biodiversity assessment area for future coal mining activities
- National Park of World Heritage Status
- Reserved under NSW National Parks & Wildlife Act
- Towns
- Main roads
- Rail line

\*\* Comprises Tomalla, Ellerston, Liverpool Range, Kerrabee, Hunter and Upper Hunter Sub IBRA Regions