



Explanation of the intended effect of the proposed *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) Amendment (Significance of Resource) 2015*

The following information is provided as an explanation of the intended effect under section 38 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) of the draft *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) Amendment (Significance of Resource) 2015* (the proposed SEPP).

The proposed SEPP will amend the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* (the Mining SEPP) to remove certain provisions that relate to the significance of the resource being a matter for consideration by the consent authority under Part 3 of the Mining SEPP.

Clause 12AA of the Mining SEPP, was introduced in November 2013 to require the consent authority to consider the relative significance of the resource and the economic benefits of developing the resource, both to the State and the region in which the development is proposed to be carried out. The clause also provides that the significance of the resource is to be the consent authority's principal consideration under Part 3 of the Mining SEPP.

Content of the proposed SEPP

The proposed SEPP seeks to remove clause 12AA from the Mining SEPP.