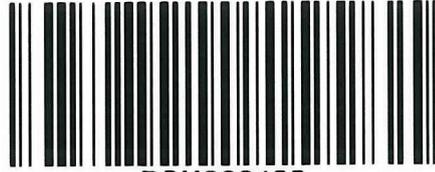


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18 January 2017

Director Environment and Building Policy
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: NSW Coastal Management Reforms and 40 Creek Road Maryland, NSW

The Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company (NWCC), part of Glencore's Coal Assets Australia business, is the owner of Lot 2 DP80158 and Lot 25 DP599877 at 40 Creek Road Maryland (the "Land") as shown on the attached **Figure 1**. A large portion of the Land will be impacted by the proposed rezoning and associated amendment of the coastal zone maps ("Reforms"). In particular, changes to the boundary of Coastal Wetlands and the establishment of a buffer area around nominated Coastal Wetland areas (i.e. "Proximity Area for Coastal Wetland Areas") will unnecessarily prevent development of the Land.

Prior to announcement of the Reforms NWCC agreed to transfer the Land to Newcastle City Council (NCC) so that it could be developed for district level sport, recreational and community purposes. The agreement followed years of discussion between the parties, the completion of detailed due diligence by NWCC (including ecological studies) as well as preparation of concept designs by NCC to determine appropriate development options for the Land.

The Land is located in the Western urban growth corridor, is relatively flat and its overall size provides an exciting opportunity to establish a regional sporting asset for the community. This will provide the city of Newcastle with a greater opportunity to attract major sporting championships, as well as providing the community in this fast-growing residential area with improved sports/recreational facilities.

We appreciate Government's interest to balance development of our coastlines for a variety of purposes (including community facilities) against achievement of conservation outcomes. We believe that development of the Land for sporting, recreational and community uses can be achieved without compromising the ecological and other unique values of surrounding Wetlands. Indeed, draft plans prepared for the facility by NCC not only identify these ecological values but aim to respect and preserve them.



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We ask that Government carefully consider NCC's proposal for the Land, (including the results of recent ecological studies completed by NCC) and the broader interest of the community when finalising zoning and associated coastal zone maps. The proposed Wetland and buffer area boundaries as shown on the Government's interactive Coastal Wetland mapping tool, will unnecessarily constrain sensible development of the Land to the extent that NCC's proposal is unlikely to be viable. In the absence of any alternative site in the city's Western corridor, the opportunity to create a community and recreational hub for the city's key growth precincts will be lost.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission and please do not hesitate to contact me on 0407 231785 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Charnock

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Manager- Land & Property
Coal Assets Australia, Glencore

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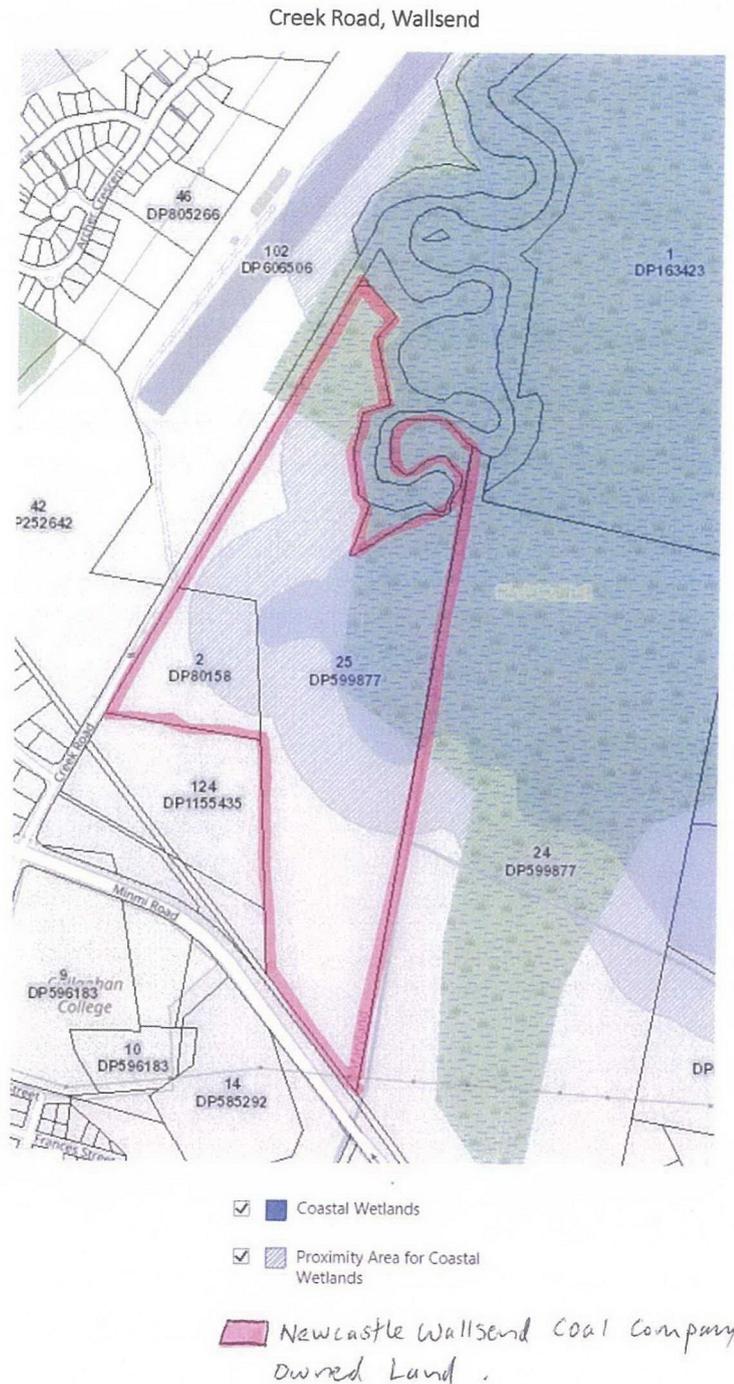


Figure 1: Location of Land owned by the Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company impacted by proposed Coastal Management Reforms