

# Chain Valley Coal Project

# Community Consultation

The Chain Valley Mine is owned by the Wallarah Coal Joint Venture (LakeCoal owns an 80% interest and Sojitz Coal Resources owns a 20% interest). LakeCoal is the manager and operator of Chain Valley Mine on behalf of the Joint Venture.

LakeCoal, on behalf of the Wallarah Coal Joint Venture, has made an application under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* to update existing approvals for Chain Valley coal mine.

The Chain Valley Coal Project will enable the continuation of underground mining operations at the Chain Valley mine within the area covered by existing mining leases. It includes a proposal to increase production from 0.75 million tonnes per year up to 1.2 million tonnes per year.

Existing surface and underground facilities would be used to service the Project, with some new facilities and modifications to existing infrastructure required to support ongoing mining activities and the proposed increase in mine production. The Coal Handling and Preparation Plant, will be upgraded to increase throughput to approximately 600 tonnes per hour.

The mine is an important part of the local community, supporting more than 450 families through direct and indirect employment and a network of contractors and suppliers in the local area and throughout NSW.

A comprehensive community consultation program will be conducted as part of the assessment process. A Stakeholder Reference Group will be established with an independent chairperson. A website has also been established to keep the local community informed of the Project's progress at **[www.chainvalleymine.com.au](http://www.chainvalleymine.com.au)**. Interested persons can also leave comments about relevant issues on this website.

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## Community Newsletter

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LakeCoal (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peabody Energy Australia) on behalf of the Wallarah Coal Joint Venture has made an application to consolidate and replace existing approvals for the Chain Valley Mine, effectively securing employment for the operation's 120 employees. It will extend the life of the mine by 21 years to 2030.



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## Location

The Chain Valley Coal Project will enable the continuation of underground mining operations at the Chain Valley Mine within the area covered by existing mining leases. The planned mining areas are located in the Swansea-North Entrance Mine Subsidence District, including parts of Gwandalan, Summerland Point and Chain Valley Bay. Mining will also occur under parts of Lake Macquarie.

From the early 1960s to 1997 much of the application area, including Gwandalan and Summerland Point, was undermined in the Wallarah Seam.

## Current Operation

The Chain Valley Mine has been in operation since August 1960, with mining commencing in 1961. The mine currently produces around 700,000 saleable tonnes of thermal coal, a substantial proportion of which is sold to Delta Electricity's Vales Point Power Station. The underground bord-and-pillar operation uses continuous miners to extract coal.

The raw coal is screened, crushed and sized to contract specification for Vales Point Power Station and other export and domestic customers. Coal is trucked to domestic customers and also to the Port of Newcastle for export.