

T4 – Growing with our region

Community Information Sheet

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A NOTE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to the first project information sheet for the Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) expansion project, known as the T4 Project. This information sheet has been designed to provide an overview of the Project and some background on the studies being undertaken, and to outline opportunities for you to be involved in project planning.

PWCS has a legal obligation to ensure sufficient terminal capacity to meet the long term needs of the region's coal producers. This legal obligation was established under the Long Term Commercial Framework (LTCF), which came into effect on 1 January 2010. The LTCF was authorised by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and was overseen by the NSW Government to address capacity bottlenecks that have hindered the Hunter Valley coal chain over recent years.

Over the past decade, demand for coal through the Port of Newcastle has grown by more than 32% and PWCS capacity is predicted to be exceeded in around 2015. This predicted lack of capacity, coupled with an increasing overseas demand for energy and the accompanying expansion of the coal industry in the Hunter Valley and surrounding regions, has triggered the need to develop the T4 Project.

The Project will have to meet the requirements of a stringent government approvals process. To ensure that environmental and social issues/impacts are appropriately considered in project planning we have engaged EMGA Mitchell McLennan to complete an environmental assessment, supported by a range of technical specialists, and Coakes Consulting to undertake a social assessment for the Project.

Further information sheets will be developed at key milestones to provide updates on the outcomes of these assessments.

I welcome your feedback on our first information sheet and look forward to your involvement in this important Project.

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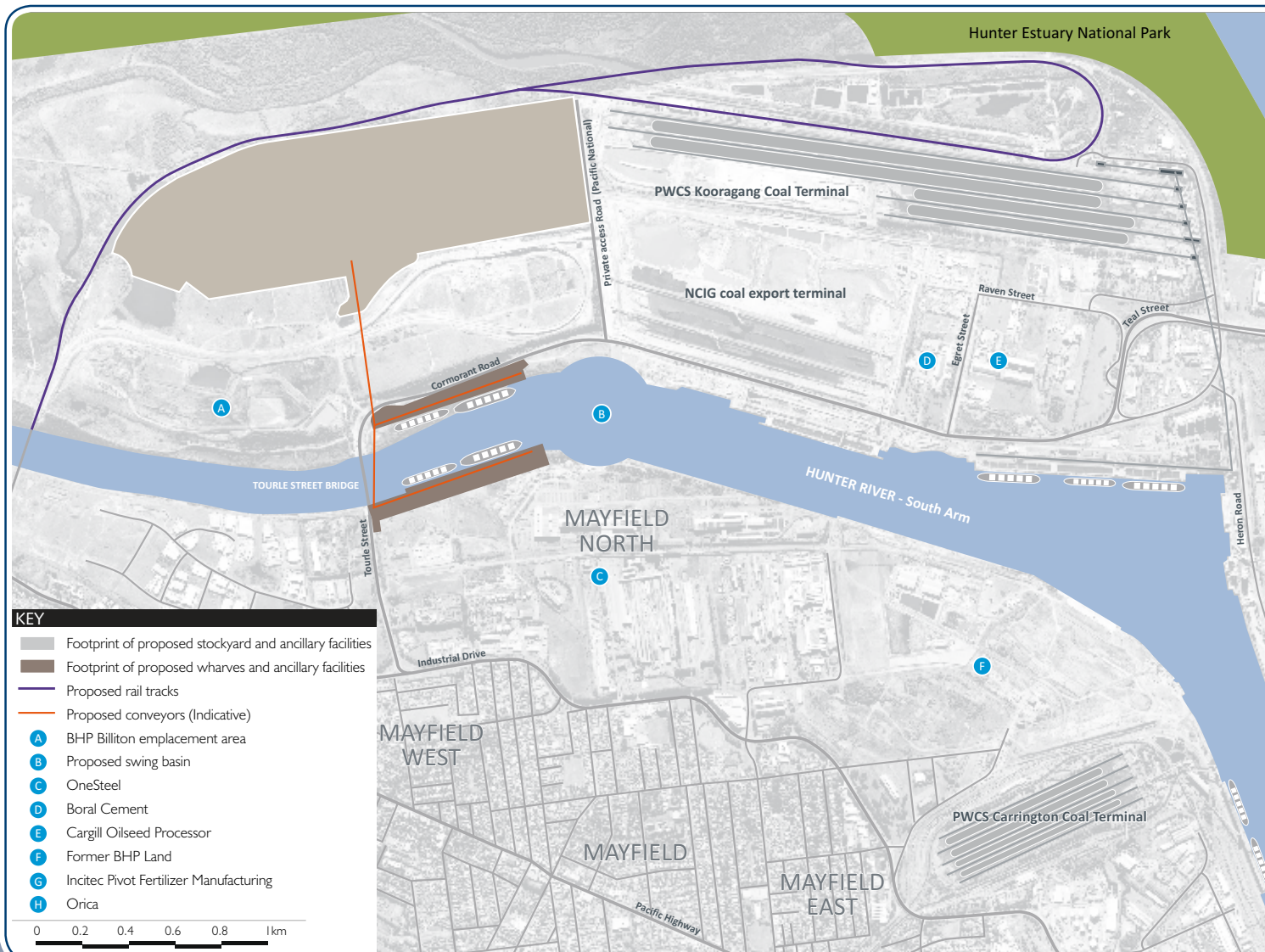
WHAT IS THE T4 PROJECT?

The T4 Project, which is essentially an extension of the existing Kooragang Coal Terminal (KCT), is proposed to be located on port zoned land west of the KCT operations and north of the Tourle Street Bridge. This site will be known to many long time residents as the previously BHP owned and operated Kooragang Island Waste Emplacement Facility (KIWEF).

With the closure of the BHP steelworks in 1999, this land was handed back to the NSW Government. Today Newcastle Ports Corporation (NPC) manages this land on behalf of the government. PWCS has an agreement in place with NPC which allows investigations to determine the suitability of the site for development as a coal terminal. The T4 Project is proposed to involve:

- the development of approximately 200ha of industrial zoned land, located west of the existing PWCS facilities;
- the construction and operation of coal stockyards and rail facilities; and
- development of marine side infrastructure (e.g. wharves) and ship loading facilities.

The map outlines the options being considered as part of the Project. ▼



WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE T4 PROJECT?

The T4 Project has recently been granted Major Project Facilitation status by the Commonwealth Government and has also been declared as a Major Project by the NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

A comprehensive environmental and social assessment has commenced to support the potential lodgement of an application to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) in the last quarter of 2011 as part of the current Part 3A approvals process.

Specific assessments being completed as part of the environmental and community assessment include ecology, soil and groundwater contamination, noise, air

quality, traffic, visual impact, greenhouse gas, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage, dredging assessments, surface water, social impact and economic evaluations. Conceptual closure planning is also being undertaken.

The chart summarises the 10 major steps involved in this process and indicative timeframes. Numerous other approvals, licences and permits will be involved in the overall application, while others will follow project approval. ▼



Ongoing Stakeholder & Community Consultation

Stage	Activity	Status	Timing
1	Declaration PWCS requests the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to declare the T4 Project as a major project to be assessed under the EP&A Act.	✓	Complete
2	Project Application A Project Application is submitted to the DoPI, which is accompanied with a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA). The project will be referred to the Commonwealth Minister of Department of Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts for an assessment, to identify if the project is a 'controlled action'.	✓	Complete
3	Planning Focus Meeting (PFM) The PFM follows the receipt of a project application and PEA. The PFM is held with government agencies to discuss the proposal.	✓	Complete
4	Environmental Assessment Requirements (EARs) The Director-General of DoPI issues EARs for the T4 Project, which must be addressed in an Environmental Assessment (EA).	✓	Complete
5	Preparation of Environmental Assessment The proponent prepares a draft EA addressing all EARs issued by the Director-General. The draft EA is submitted to the Director-General and it is assessed for adequacy against the EARs.	We are here ★	Underway
6	Public Exhibition of EA If the EA is deemed adequate by the DoP, the EA is finalised and placed on public exhibition. Any individual or organisation is able to make written submissions during the exhibition period.		Late 2011/ Early 2012
7	Considerations of Submissions PWCS considers all written submissions made during the public exhibition process and responds to DoP. Changes to the proposal can be made to address submissions received.		2012
8	Assessment Report The Director-General provides an assessment report to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure with a recommendation on whether the proposed extension should be approved or refused.		2012
9	Determination The Minister approves or refuses the application.		2012
10	Implementation If the T4 Project is approved by the Minister, construction commences.		Early 2013

WHO IS PORT WARATAH COAL SERVICES (PWCS)?

Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) is a world leader in coal handling and a key service provider for the NSW coal industry.

PWCS has been part of the Newcastle community for over 35 years and over this time has worked hard to establish a strong safety culture, responsible environmental performance and develop a positive relationship with the community.

Today PWCS owns and operates two coal terminals - **Carrington Coal Terminal (CCT)** and **Kooragang Coal Terminal (KCT)**. CCT and KCT receive, assemble and load coal from the Hunter Valley and surrounding regions for export to customers around the world.

CCT has coal throughput of 25 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) whilst KCT has a current throughput capacity of 88 Mtpa. Approvals are in place to lift their combined capacity to 145 Mtpa.

PWCS services a diversity of coal types from over 30 mines and uses sophisticated blending and quality control techniques.

PWCS' leadership position was recently recognised with PWCS being awarded an international award for being the world's best specialist dry bulk terminal, servicing the largest coal export chain in the world.

PWCS has a workforce of around 440 full time employees and a further 400 contractors, most of whom are locally based. PWCS has also been active in sponsoring worthy causes in the region. In recent years PWCS has donated close to \$500,000 per annum to a range of organisations including the Hunter Medical Research Institute, Soul Café and the Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

PWCS is committed to consulting and engaging the community on the T4 Project and some community consultation with key stakeholders has already been undertaken in the preliminary planning phases of the project.

This work will be further enhanced through a dedicated social impact assessment (SIA) for the project. Through this program, the community will have the opportunity to:

- Be informed about the timelines and approvals process
- Identify and review key project issues
- Better understand the project and outcomes of the various assessments
- Identify and review potential strategies to address project issues/impacts

From early May 2011, members of the project team will be out in the community meeting with key stakeholders and local residents and identifying key issues for consideration in the assessment process. Outcomes of this work will be summarised in the next project information sheet (#2).

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like to be involved in the social assessment and consultation program, learn more about the project, or just have some ideas about how we may engage with you better, please contact us. We look forward to your involvement.

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