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Information Sheet

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We know that balancing the growth in jobs and investment while protecting the visual landscape of the Gloucester region is important to people in our community. The Rocky Hill Coal Project Team has worked to design the mine to minimise impacts on visual amenity. We will undertake progressive rehabilitation of areas of disturbance to allow for a speedy return of the land to agriculture or passive conservation land uses.

Current Visual Amenity

The Site is predominantly located within cleared open pasture land. The surrounding landscape is defined by steep north-south trending ridges which confine rivers, agricultural activities and infrastructure on the valley floors.

Key Visual Amenity Issues

The intervening topography and vegetation prevents significant visual exposure of the Site from most areas within and on the outskirts of Gloucester.

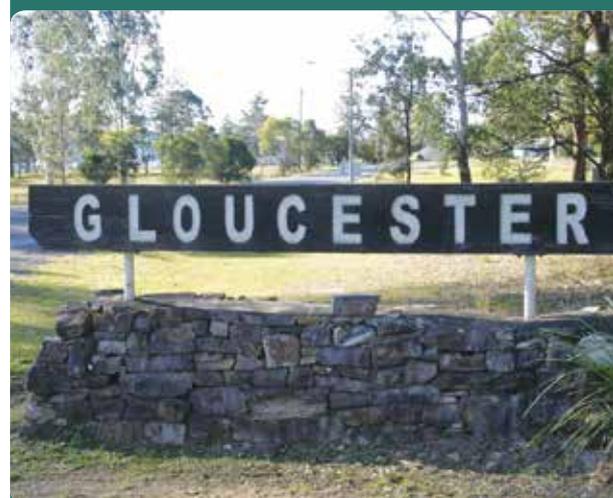
The Project Team has looked extensively at the potential visual exposure of the Project activities from The Bucketts Way, some private roads and from neighbours' residences, particularly those in the Forbesdale, Avon River and Thunderbolt residential areas. Consideration of these impacts has been a major factor in the design of the mine and placement of facilities. Amenity barriers within the site will assist in limiting visual impact.

Composite photorealistic photomontage showing views from Grantham Road in Year 3



The Rocky Hill Coal Project will be a comparatively small, modern, open cut mining operation that, if approved, will bring jobs and other economic benefits to people of the Gloucester area.

Our Project Team is committed to working with the local people and Government regulators by providing accurate information and developing partnerships to enhance our community.



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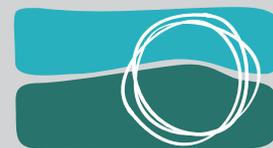
Key measures include:

- retaining as much existing vegetation as possible during the early stages of mine development to maximise screening
- sequencing operations to make best use of existing vegetation for screening
- progressively constructing and vegetating amenity barriers in advance to eliminate or minimise views of major project activities and infrastructure
- tree planting adjacent to sections of public roads in areas where the Company owns land to minimise views of the Site and our operations (we are also willing to do similar plantings on other privately owned land)
- planting trees to offset clearing of vegetation on the Site.

We have mapped the landscape in detail and will progressively reprofile and rehabilitate the areas of disturbance so that the post-mining landscape is similar to the existing landform - a series of shallow ridges and valleys in the East and flatter lands in the West. This will also help to ensure the speedy return of the land to a combination of grazing and passive nature conservation land uses.



Testing shows that noise levels experienced by the mine's nearest neighbours are not expected to exceed 40 decibels. To give you an idea, 40 decibels is similar to noise generated in a private office.



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