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Description:

Area of Activities	Land Title Reference
Mine Area	Lots 1 and 2 DP 868581, Lot 2 DP 234517, Lot 21 DP 1048749, Lot 26 DP 1112877, Lot 129 DP 979859, Lot 222 DP 1061235, Lot 251 DP 785579, Lot 252 DP 785579, Lot 253 DP 785579, Lot 301 DP 864518, Lots 302 to 304 DP 864518, Lot 911 DP 748573, Council Public Road and Road Reserve and Crown Roads
Private Haul Road	Lot 129 DP 979859, Lot 10 DP 1112778, Lot 911 DP 748573, Lots 1 & 3 DP 868581, Lot 3 DP 868501, Lot 21 DP 1048749, Lot 293 DP 137520, Lot 78 DP 979859, Fairbairns Road, Council Road Reserve
Power Line Corridors	Northern Corridor: Lots 10 & 11 DP 1191691, Lot 891 DP 1134032, Lot 1 DP 195431, Lot 2 DP 234517, Waukivory Road Southern Corridor: Lot 20 DP1048749, Lot 21 DP1048749, Fairbairns Road

e) Project Outline:

The amended Rocky Hill Coal Project would involve the mining of approximately 21 million tonnes of coal within a period of up to 21 years from a 142ha area within the Mine Area using open cut methods. Annual run-of-mine coal production would be a maximum of 2 million tonnes per year with sized ROM coal transported via a private haul road to the Stratford Mining Complex for washing at the Stratford coal handling and preparation plant and despatch by rail from the Stratford rail load-out facility to the Port of Newcastle.

f) Assessment of Environmental Impact:

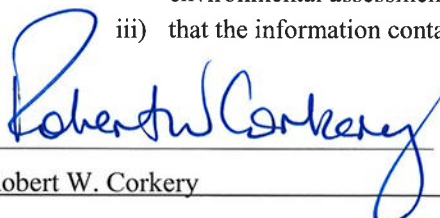
The assessment of environmental impacts of this project includes the matters referred to in the Director-General's Requirements provided to the Applicant on 24 April 2012 under Schedule 2, Part 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

g) Declaration:

I, Robert William Corkery, hereby declare that I have overseen the preparation of the contents of this assessment and to the best of my knowledge:

- i) it has addressed the Director-General's Requirements as provided by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 24 April 2012;
- ii) the document contains all available information that is relevant to the environmental assessment of the amended Project; and
- iii) that the information contained in the document is neither false nor misleading.

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Foreword

Since the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rocky Hill Coal Project between August and October 2013, Gloucester Resources Limited has reached an agreement with Yancoal Australia Limited to use facilities at the Stratford Mine Complex to process and despatch coal mined within the proposed Rocky Hill Mine Area.

As a result, Gloucester Resources Limited has prepared an amended EIS to provide for the transfer coal from the Rocky Hill Mine Area to the Stratford Mining Complex via a private haul road. Coal would be stockpiled and processed in the Stratford coal handling and preparation plant and despatched from the Stratford rail load-out facility for transport to the Port of Newcastle. Consequently, the separate coal handling and preparation plant, overland conveyor, rail loop and train load-out facility proposed within the 2013 Rocky Hill Coal Project would no longer be required and have been removed from this EIS. Additionally, all Specialist Consultant studies have been reviewed and amended, as required, for the amended Project design.

Overall, the amended Project design presents an improvement in both environmental and community outcomes as well as further improving the economic feasibility of the entire project.

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