

Bloomfield Mine Closure – Community Newsletter #1 – April 2022

Mine closure in 2024

Bloomfield Colliery is owned and operated by The Bloomfield Group (Bloomfield) and is located approximately 20 km north-west of Newcastle in the Cessnock and Maitland Local Government Areas. Mining has been carried out at the present site since the late 1850's with Bloomfield taking over the Mining Lease in 1937. Underground mining operations on the site ceased in 1992. Open cut mining operations began in 1964.



After 170 years of operation, mining of the remaining economically viable coal is currently scheduled to cease in 2024, and the mine will close.

Final Land use

Bloomfield leases the majority of the site on which the mine operates.

The post mining land use is generally pasture, with some post mining infrastructure proposed to remain, including roads, services, and some buildings.

The Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) is to be decommissioned and demolished after final coal has been processed.

Alternative post mining land uses that leverage the existing infrastructure, including rail loop, are being explored.



Closure Timeline

Mining of the remaining economically viable coal is currently scheduled to cease in 2024, and the mine will close. Progressive rehabilitation is ongoing and is to be completed after final landform shaping and establishment in 2025, allowing for ecosystem establishment and ongoing monitoring to ensure sustainability.

Current workforce employment

We are looking to boost production at our Rix's Creek Mine (located in the Singleton region) to offset the wind down of the Bloomfield Colliery. This strategy will provide an opportunity for ongoing employment of the Bloomfield mine employees with a move to our Rix's Creek Mine.

Site Map



The site map shows the proposed final landform and land use for the mine area as approved under PA 07-0087.

Feedback

Periodic information will be provided to our community stakeholders throughout the key milestones of the closure project.

With study work progressing and the closure plans being further detailed, feedback can be provided by contacting the project team.

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