## What is the status of the West Muswellbrook Exploration Program?

The Muswellbrook Coal Company (MCC) exploration drilling phase of this year's program concluded on 24 February 2021. MCC commenced exploration activities for the West Muswellbrook Exploration Program in July 2020.

The exploration program consisted of drilling 13 holes, with 9 of the drill sites located on land owned by MCC and the other 4 located on private land. This exploration activity was primarily located on the western side of the AL 19 area with all exploration drilling being conducted in the Muswellbrook Shire Council area (see figure over page).

The exploration program involved the collection of information and geological data to assess the viability of an underground mine. A decision to progress with the assessment of an underground mine on AL 19 will be based on findings from this exploration program activities once the assessment of the exploration drilling data is completed.

## What are the next steps moving forward?

An assessment of the geological data collected from the exploration program will occur over the next 6 months involving the assessment of the geology and location, size, and quality of the coal resource to determine the feasibility of an underground mine.

As outcomes of the exploration program are known, MCC will continue to provide updates as appropriate.

Muswellbrook Coal recognises the importance of community consultation and are committed to their goal of adhering to and exceeding the consultation requirements of the Code of Practice.



If you would like MCC to provide a verbal update about the exploration program or the West Muswellbrook Project (via face to face, videoconference, or telephone) please request a meeting using the contact details provided below.

MCC is underpinned by core values that translate into viewing work as an opportunity for growth, committing to operating with integrity, and striving to constantly learn and improve. In addition to consultation related to its exploration activities, MCC is dedicated to exploring and pursuing shared value opportunities at a level commensurate with the scale of the West Muswellbrook Project. Please get in touch using the contact details below if you would like to raise any opportunities for shared value within the local community.

## How can I find out more?

Additional information, including project FAQs, the Community Consultation Strategy, and previous newsletters, is available on the West Muswellbrook Project website:

https://www.idemitsu.com.au/mining/projects/west-muswellbrook/

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