

# DRILLING COMMENCES COOROORAH PROJECT

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## Australian Pacific Coal ASX: AQC

Australian Pacific Coal (AQC) is an emerging ASX coal explorer focused on the Bowen Basin, Queensland.

Through a series of acquisitions, AQC has positioned itself with both metallurgical and thermal coal projects potentially suited for underground and open cut mining.

The projects are located close to the existing network of rail and port infrastructure in the Bowen Basin.

The Company ultimately seeks to be a coal miner in its own right, or to value add these projects for joint venture or divestment.

The Cooroorah Project has an inferred resource of 107 million tonnes of potential metallurgical coal. It is well located between Macarthur's Stanwell project and Jellinbah Mine. The Mt Hillalong project shows scope to prove a similar scaled coal resource.

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## Drilling Commences - Cooroorah Project

### KEY POINTS

- Shallow coking coal drill targets
- Drilling four new holes in the upthrust North East section to provide coal samples has commenced
- Budgeted cost \$92,000

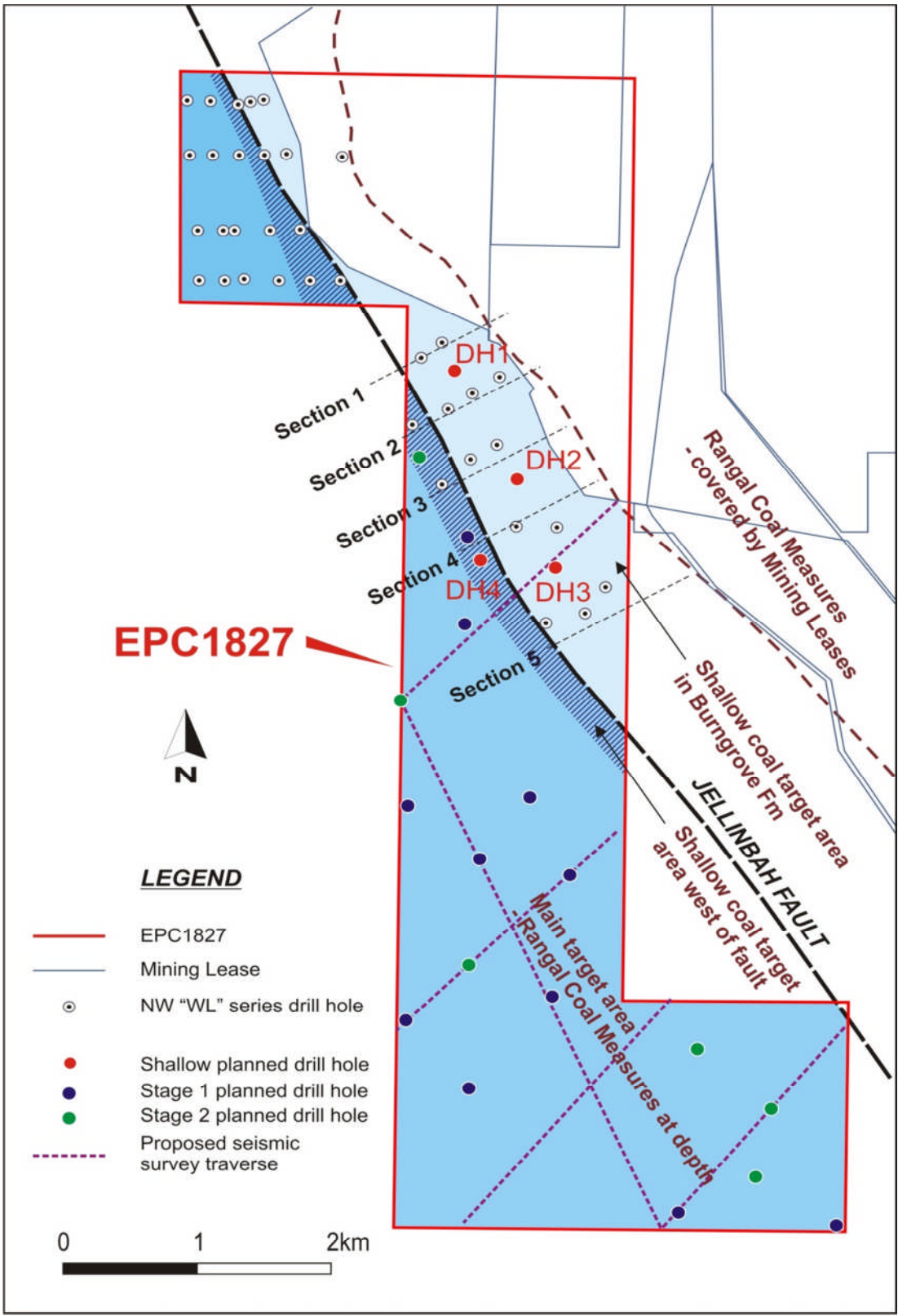
### Drill Targets

A review of historical work has revealed an additional shallow secondary target of possible hard coking coal, with open cut potential, within the Burngrove Formation in the north-eastern section of EPC 1827. The target was drilled in 2001 with a 35-hole program showing up to 8 metres of coal down to 60 metres depth. Coal washplant recovery from similar coal seams tested within the EPC (at a greater depth) indicated a hard coking fraction could be produced with an indicative 40% washplant recovery. Four cored holes are planned to be drilled to provide samples for washplant and coal quality testwork.

### Cooroorah Project – EPC 1827

In the December 2010 Quarter, the Company announced an inaugural JORC-compliant inferred resource over EPC 1827 'Cooroorah' of potential metallurgical quality coal in the Rangal Coal Measures.

During the March quarter of 2011, Mineral Development Licence application (MDL) No 453 was applied for over the tenement area to facilitate further near term exploration and project feasibility studies.



**EPC 1827 – Exploration targets and location of planned drill holes**