



# Australian Pacific Coal

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## Dartbrook Update

Australian Pacific Coal Limited (ASX: AQC) provides the following update with respect to the appeal against the determination made on 9 August, 2019, by the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC), acting as the delegate for the Minister of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (MPIE), with respect to AQC's Modification 7 Submission.

AQC's appeal against the determination of Modification 7 to the development consent for the Dartbrook Underground Coal Mine remains on foot. As part of that appeal process negotiations between AQC and the Independent Planning Commission (who is conducting the appeal on behalf of the Minister for Planning, Infrastructure and Environment) are ongoing and have included a conciliation conference which was held this month. One principal focus of the appeal is obtaining an extension of mining under the existing Dartbrook development consent for an additional 5 years from 5 December 2022 until 5 December 2027. The appeal is listed for a conciliation conference under s34 of the *Land and Environment Court 1979* on 6 July 2020. AQC is preparing supplementary information and considering minor changes to the proposal as part of the conciliation process. The Board also continues to consider whether, in addition to appealing against the Modification 7 determination, a further modification application (Modification 8) should be lodged to seek further flexibility in the manner in which the Dartbrook Underground Coal Mine can be restarted and operated.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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