



**Notification of**

**REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action**

**Hunter Valley Coal Mining Operations South – Modification 5, NSW (2016/7641)**

This decision is made under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**Proposed action**

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**Person proposing to take the action**      Yancoal Australia Ltd  
ACN 111 859 119

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**proposed action**      To extend open cut coal mining operations at the Hunter Valley Operations (HVO) South mine complex. The extended mining operations constitute mining from the existing Cheshunt Pit to the base of the Bayswater seam within the existing disturbance footprint of the Riverview Pit.

[See EPBC Act referral 2016/7641 and request for variation received 12 April 2017]

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**Referral decision: Not a controlled action**

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**status of proposed action**      The proposed action is not a controlled action.

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**Person authorised to make decision**

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**Name and position**  
Mike Smith  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Assessments and Waste Branch

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**signature**      

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**date of decision**      20.3.18