

Draft North Coast Regional Plan (2016)

References to Coal Seam Gas / Mineral & Energy Resources / related issues

Page 18: “(The draft Plan) limits potential conflicts over land use and impacts on the ability to extract resources”

P.21: “The (2014 *Strategic Regional Land Use*) policy requires that any significant mining or coal seam gas proposals on this land have to be scrutinised through the independent Gateway process, before a development application can be lodged”

P.28: “**DIRECTION 1.5 Deliver economic growth through sustainable use of, and access to, mineral and energy resources**”

“The North Coast also includes areas of the Clarence-Moreton Basin, which has potential coal seam gas resources that may be able to support the development and growth of new industries and provide economic benefits for the region.”

“The NSW Government released the *NSW Gas Plan* in November 2014, which established a clear strategic framework to deliver world’s-best-practice standards and regulation for the coal seam gas industry.”

P.29: “**Explanatory note:** Figure 6 shows where exploration titles have been bought back by the NSW Government, following the release of the *NSW Gas Plan* in 2014. The data shown on this map draws on information relating to existing title approvals and is correct at January 2016. The data does not indicate the nature, timing or location of specific mining activities. Further information about recent or current development applications for mining projects in specific locations can be found on the Department of Planning and Environment’s Major Projects website at: <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/>.”

P.30: “Disclaimer: Exploration titles show where applications can be made for mining activities. They do not infer right to mine. Mining is excluded in National Parks and Historic Sites.”

P.31: “**ACTION 1.5.1** Facilitate investment in the resources and energy sector

Improving information available on the location, value and attributes of resources can support expansion of the sector. The NSW Government’s *Mineral Resource Audit* has been used to show the known potential mineral resource sites on the North Coast (see Figure 7).

Transition areas surround identified resource areas and were formerly referred to as buffer or separation zones. They are areas that may be affected by activities associated with resource extraction and are identified to minimise the potential for encroachment and land use conflict.

These resource sites need to be protected from encroachment and land use conflict as they will underpin growth and infrastructure delivery in the region.....”

“The NSW Department of Industry is mapping coal and coal seam gas resources in the region. Once completed, this information will inform future regional and local planning by providing updated information on the location of resources.”

P.31 (cont):

“The NSW Government will:

- * maintain the best available geoscience information related to the resources and energy sectors in NSW and transparently monitor development activity.....

- * identify and plan for the infrastructure needs and requirements of the resources and energy sector

- * work with councils and industry to implement the integrated mining policy, including finalising the economic assessment guidelines.....”