

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 101 OF THE ACT.

I, the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, under section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (“the Act”) determine the development application (“the Application”) referred to in Schedule 1 by granting consent to the application subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2.

The reasons for the imposition of the conditions are:

- (i) to minimise the adverse impact the development may cause through noise, visual disturbance, air and water pollution, traffic and subsidence;
- (ii) to provide for environmental monitoring and reporting;
- (iii) to set requirements for infrastructure provision.

Craig Knowles
Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning

Sydney, 20 November 1996

File No. N95/00395/001

Schedule 1

- Application made by:** Nardell Coal Corporation Pty Ltd (“the Applicant”)
- To:** Singleton Shire Council (DA104/96) (“the Council”)
- In respect of:** Various parcels of land described in Attachment “A”, Parishes of Ravensworth and Vane, being the Ravensworth Coal Terminal and beneath the Ravensworth No.2, Ravensworth South and Narama open cut coal mines.
- For the following:** Construction and operation of an underground coal mine and associated raw and product coal handling facilities. (“The development”)
- Note:**
- 1) To ascertain the date upon which the consent becomes effective, refer to section 101(9) of the Act.
 - 2) To ascertain the date upon which the consent is liable to lapse, refer to section 99 of the Act.

Schedule 2

CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Red type represents the January 1998 modification
Blue type represents the March 2001 modification
Green type represents the February 2007 modifications
Pink type represents the July 2007 modification
Violet type represents the May 2008 modification
Brown Type represents July 2009 modification

GENERAL

1. The Applicant shall carry out the development generally in accordance with the:
 - (a) DA 104/96;
 - (b) the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by HLA-Envirosciences Pty Ltd, dated July 1996;
 - (c) the report prepared by HLA-Envirosciences as part of the modification of consent application dated 27 February 1997;
 - (d) the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd, dated October 2000;
 - (e) Statement of Environmental Effects for Newpac Colliery, Installation of No. 84 Cutthrough Substation prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd, dated August 2006;
 - (f) Newpac No.1 Colliery, Section 96 Application for Proposed Modification to Development Consent prepared by Resource Pacific Limited (undated) received by the Department 15 September 2006;
 - (g) s96 Application – Ventilation shaft, electricity supply and underground workings Statement of Environmental Effects Resource Pacific Ltd (Revision 1) prepared by Connell Hatch, dated 27 March 2007;
 - (h) Modification application DA 104/96 MOD 6, and accompanying Statement of Environmental Effects prepared by Connell Hatch consultants, dated 14 February 2008;
 - (i) modification application DA 104/96 MOD 7 and accompanying information prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd, dated April 2009, and the response to submissions dated June 2009; and
 - (j) conditions of this consent.

If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the latter document shall prevail over the former to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent shall prevail over all other documents to the extent of any inconsistency.

DURATION

2. This consent shall lapse 21 years from the granting of a new mining lease (for the new box-cut) for the operation of the subject development.

MANAGEMENT PLANS / MONITORING PROGRAMS

- 3A. With the approval of the Director-General, the Applicant may submit any management plan or monitoring program required by this consent on a progressive basis.

- 3B. With the approval of the Director-General, the Applicant may integrate any management plan or monitoring program required by this consent with any similar plan or program for the Mount Owen Complex, the Liddell Coal Mine, the Cumnock Coal Mine or the Ravensworth Operations.
- 3C. By the end of December 2009, the Applicant shall revise the Environmental Monitoring Program for the development in consultation with DECC, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

LANDSCAPING

4. The Applicant shall, prior to the commencement of the box-cut, submit for Council's and DPI's approval a landscaping plan, prepared by a suitably qualified person. The plan shall provide for the establishment of trees and shrubs in the vicinity of the coal stockpiles, the box-cut, office, workshop, amenity buildings, coal preparation plant and conveyor systems.

VISUAL AMENITY

5. The Applicant shall:
- (a) ensure no external fixed lights shine above the horizontal;
 - (b) ensure that all external lighting associated with the development complies with *Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1995 – Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting*, or its latest version; and
 - (c) take all practicable measures to mitigate off-site lighting impacts from the development,
- to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

FIRE PROTECTION

6. The Applicant shall provide fire fighting services in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Building Code of Australia and the Coal Mines Regulation Act. It shall also provide a fully equipped fire fighting unit on standby and carry out annual hazard reduction works with particular attention to boundaries and adjoining holdings.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 7(i). The Applicant shall prepare and regularly update, in consultation with DWE and to the satisfaction of the Director-General, a Land Management Plan for its own holdings and the surface above the coal leases relating to the Ravensworth Underground Coal Mine. The Plan is to provide for proper land management including the eradication of vermin and noxious weeds as required by the Rural Lands Protection Authority, the Upper Hunter Weeds Authority, the Prickly Pear Authority and other relevant authorities, on its own land, and for the restoration of land damaged by mine subsidence on the coal leases (or in their vicinity).
- (i)(a) The Applicant shall also include provisions in the Land Management Plan to minimise visual impact, prepared to the satisfaction of the Director-General, and in consultation with DWE and Singleton Shire Council, before the

Applicant undertakes any coal washery reject material emplacement as described in the SEE, with particular reference to:

- ensuring that adequate landscaping and vegetative screening are provided on land under the control of the Applicant, as a minimum near the New England Highway, to minimise the visual impact of the development as viewed from the New England Highway;
- providing for rehabilitation of the temporary coarse reject material emplacement area and the tailings emplacement area, having regard to section 4.2.4.3 of the SEE and to a standard comparable to the pre-mining capability of the land;
- ensuring long term stability taking into account the changed hydrologic conditions resulting from the works proposed in the SEE; and
- incorporating a monitoring and remediation strategy for other areas that are affected by the development, including any existing and future earthworks, such as contour banks and dams.

SITE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

8. The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Site Water Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with DWE, DECC and DPI;
 - (b) be submitted to the Director-General for approval by the end of December 2009; and
 - (c) include:
 - a Site Water Balance;
 - an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan;
 - a Surface Water Monitoring Plan;
 - a Groundwater Monitoring Program; and
 - a Surface and Groundwater Response Plan.

SITE WATER BALANCE

9. The Site Water Balance must:
 - (a) include details of:
 - sources and security of water supply;
 - water use and management on site;
 - any off-site water transfers or discharges; and
 - reporting procedures; and
 - (b) describe measures to minimise water use by the site.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

10. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must:
 - (a) be consistent with the requirements of Landcom's *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* manual;
 - (b) identify activities that could cause soil erosion and generate sediment;

- (c) describe measures to minimise soil erosion and the potential for transport of sediment downstream;
- (d) describe the location, function and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures; and
- (e) describe what measures would be implemented to maintain the structures over time.

SURFACE WATER MONITORING

11. The Surface Water Monitoring Program must include:
- (a) detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality in creeks and other waterbodies that could potentially be affected by the development;
 - (b) surface water and stream health impact assessment criteria;
 - (c) a program to monitor:
 - surface water flows and quality;
 - stream health; and
 - channel stability;
 - (d) a program to monitor any impacts on private water users and water levels in privately-owned farm dams; and
 - (e) reporting procedures for the results of the monitoring program.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING

- 11A. The Groundwater Monitoring Program must include:
- (a) groundwater impact assessment criteria, including trigger levels for investigating any potentially adverse groundwater impacts of the development;
 - (b) a program to monitor the volume and quality of groundwater seeping into the underground mine workings;
 - (c) a program to monitor:
 - groundwater inflows to the underground mining operations;
 - impacts on regional aquifers and surrounding aquifers;
 - impacts on the groundwater supply of potentially affected private landowners; and
 - impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems and riparian vegetation;
 - (d) reporting procedures for the results of the monitoring program.

SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER RESPONSE PLAN

- 11B. The Surface and Groundwater Response Plan must describe the measures and/or procedures that would be implemented to:
- (a) respond to any exceedances of the surface water, stream health and groundwater impact assessment criteria;
 - (b) offset the loss of any baseflow to watercourses caused by the development where the impact assessment criteria are exceeded;
 - (c) compensate landowners of privately-owned land whose water supply is adversely affected by the development; and
 - (d) mitigate and/or offset any adverse impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems or riparian vegetation.

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING AND REMEDIATION

12. Regular inspections of the surface area subject to subsidence are to be carried out to identify any surface cracking and slumping, particularly into the spoil dump areas. Immediate remedial action is to be carried out to prevent (or minimise) soil erosion and spontaneous combustion, and to keep contaminated water under control.

NOISE LEVELS

13. The Applicant shall ensure that noise levels due to the operation of the mine and related activities, at the nearest privately owned residence to the surface site (Ravensworth Farm) shall not exceed the LA 10 15 min day time noise level design goal of 41 dB(A) and night time noise level design goal of 26 dB(A).

The goals relate to average conditions (neutral atmosphere), or as otherwise determined by the **DECC**.

NOISE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

14. The Applicant shall:
 - (i) measure, record and report the LA 10 15 min noise level over a representative 72 hour period at locations and at times **specified in the Environmental Monitoring Program**, during normal operations of the mine;
 - (ii) submit a management plan for information of the Council and approved by **DECC**, detailing noise safeguards and procedures for dealing with noise episodes which exceed the above established LA 10 noise level; and
 - (iii) survey and investigate noise reduction measures from plant and equipment every three years or as otherwise directed by **DECC** and, where applicable, carry out remedial measures as directed by **DECC**.

BLASTING, CHAIN OF PONDS HOTEL AND BLAST MONITORING

15. The Applicant shall:
 - (i) have an assessment carried out by a suitably qualified person of the Chain of Ponds Hotel building to assess a safe level of blasting limit so that the buildings will not be affected, prior to any blasting taking place;
 - (ii) have a full Dilapidation Report carried out by a suitably qualified person on the Chain of Pond Hotel prior to any blasting taking place. Monitoring of the buildings is then to be carried out on a regular basis to ensure blasting does not affect the heritage item;
 - (iii) ensure that air blast overpressure and vibration monitoring and control is generally carried out in accordance with the recommendations of Australian Standard AS-2187-1993 or its latest version, to the satisfaction of the **DECC**

and within the limits of the assessment results of subclause (I) herein at the Chain of Ponds Hotel;

- (iv) prepare a Road Closure Management Plan in accordance with the general requirements of the Roads and Traffic Authority, to the satisfaction of Council;
- (v) obtain an agreement from Council to blast within 500 metres of a public road, not blast within 500 metres of any public road while it is open to traffic, only close the road at low usage times, and notify Council and companies which regularly use the road at least 48 hours prior to closure;
- (vi) obtain approval from Rail Access and Freight Rail prior to blasting;
- (vii) design all blasts based on the results of monitored blasts designed to minimise air blast overpressure and ground vibration using the Nonel or equivalent system such that any one (1) blast has less than a five per cent (5%) probability of exceeding an air blast overpressure of 115 dBL (and in no case exceed 120 dBL) and vibration with peak particle velocity of 5 mm/sec at the Chain of Ponds Hotel or the limits of the assessment results of subclause (I) herein, whichever it the lesser;
- (viii) determine appropriate weather data by taking measurements as soon as practicable prior to blasting and from the data shall predict whether air blast overpressure levels outside the project area are likely to be increased above the levels expected under neutral meteorological conditions. The data shall be recorded by the Applicant as part of its monitoring data;
- (ix) not blast if the predictions in subclause (viii) herein indicate that air blast over pressure levels are likely to be exceeded at the Chain of Ponds Hotel, particularly when light winds are blowing towards it. An assessment of the suitability of weather conditions will be made by the drill and Blast Supervisor, and Engineer in consultation with the Environmental Co-ordinator. If agreement cannot be reached the final decision will be made by the Manager-Mining. Critical parameters are wind speeds less than 1.0 m/s from the west;
- (x) monitor all blasts and record the overpressure and peak particle velocity at locations to be agreed by DECC and DPI.

AIR QUALITY

16. The Applicant shall:

- (i) utilise a wind direction, velocity monitoring and recording station at a non protected location adjacent to the area to be rehabilitated or as directed by DECC;
- (ii) use the data collected by the wind monitoring and recording station referred to in subclause (i) above to determine when and how the rehabilitation operations need to be modified to minimise the potential for dust emissions;
- (iii) install and maintain dust deposition gauges as specified in the Environmental Monitoring Program and in each calendar month shall determine the dust

deposition rate in gm/m²/month. The 4 gm/m²/month (insoluble solids) annual average isopleth for dust deposition shall be plotted in the Annual Environmental Management Plan Report;

- (iv) continue meteorological monitoring as well as the monitoring of dust deposition rates and concentrations of total suspended particulates until rejects emplacement and rehabilitation has been completed;
- (v) provide to the DECC, DPI and the Council results and analysis of air quality monitoring on an agreed basis.

DUST SUPPRESSION

17. The Applicant shall:

- (i) maintain sufficient equipment with the capacity to apply water to all unsealed trafficked areas at the rate of at least one litre per square metre per hour or apply an equally effective dust suppressant;
- (ii) ensure the prompt rehabilitation of all disturbed areas and final cappings of rejects disposal areas (including rehabilitation) to minimise generation of wind erosion dust, in accordance with the requirements of DPI;
- (iii) the surface of the coal stockpiles shall be kept sufficiently damp or otherwise treated to minimise windblown dust.
- (iv) prepare a Dust Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Director-General, prior to the commencement of construction of the rejects emplacement and treatment of tailings as described in the SEE. This plan shall include details of the proposed measures to manage the potential dust impacts resulting from these works.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

18. The Applicant shall employ an Environmental Officer whose qualifications are acceptable to the DPI, who shall report to the General Manager. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that all environmental safeguards proposed for the development and as required by this consent and other statutory approvals, are enforced and monitored from the commencement of construction of the development.

ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT

19. The Applicant shall:

- (i) prepare and submit to DPI an Annual Environmental Management Plan Report according to document 80860302 GU-1 issued by DPI, 17 January 1994. The report shall generally include:
 - (a) short, medium and long-term mining plans;

- (b) rehabilitation report in respect of reject disposal areas;
 - (c) a review of the effectiveness of environmental management of the subject area in terms of DECC, DWE and DPI requirements which enables ready comparison with the Environmental Impact Statement's predictions, diagrams and tables;
 - (d) a review of performance in terms of the conditions of development consent;
 - (e) results of environmental monitoring in respect of air, water and noise pollution;
 - (f) a listing of any variations obtained to approvals applicable to the subject area during the previous year;
 - (g) the outcome of the water budget for the year, the quantity of clean water used from water storages, and details of the waste disposal of any contaminated water on site or into water courses;
 - (h) set out environmental management targets for the next year.
- (ii) consult with the Director-General (Department of Urban Affairs and Planning) during report preparation concerning any additional requirements;
 - (iii) ensure that copies of the Annual Environmental Management Plan Report are submitted to the Director-General, DECC, DWE, DPI, the Council and the Community Consultative Committee (Condition 21);
 - (iv) ensure that the first Annual Environmental Management Plan Report is completed and submitted within twelve (12) months of commencement of construction, at a date to be determined in consultation with DPI, and thereafter at twelve (12) monthly intervals.

COMPLAINTS

20. The Applicant shall establish within six (6) months a protocol complying with the reasonable requirements of the DPI for the response by the Applicant to complaints with respect to the operation of the Ravensworth Underground Coal Mine and refer to complaints received and the action taken to satisfy those complaints in the Annual Environmental Management Plan Report.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MASTER LANDSCAPE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES

21. The Applicant shall pay to the Council as a financial contribution pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A), the amount of:

- (i) \$10,000 toward the cost of a Master Landscape Plan for mine affected lands. The contribution is to be paid to the Council within three (3) months of acting upon this consent; and
- (ii) \$137,700 for the stated workforce of 153 (being \$900 per employee). The contribution is to be indexed by the CPI from the date of this consent and is to be paid to the Council prior to the commencement of construction.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 22. In the event that the Applicant and the Council or a government authority other than the Department cannot agree on the specification or requirements applicable under this consent, the matter shall be referred by either party to the Director-General or, if not resolved, to the Minister, whose determination of the disagreement shall be final and binding on the parties.

CONSENT TO DESTROY

- 23. The Applicant is to consult with the **DECC** in regard to any additional surveys which may need to be carried out or permits to conduct testing. Consent to Destroy under the National Parks and Wildlife Act is to be obtained prior to any impact taking place on Aboriginal site.

- 23A. The Applicant shall, in respect of the works described in the SEE:

- (i) Make provision for enabling the Wonnarua Tribal Council to undertake monitoring of earthworks during construction and to carry out an assessment and retrieval of artefacts prior to the development proceeding.
- (ii) Develop a plan to assist in the management of any sites with Aboriginal heritage values identified by the assessment referred to in subsection (i) above, to the satisfaction of the Director-General, and in consultation with the **DECC**.

HIGHWAY IMPACTS

- 24 (i) The Applicant shall take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent subsidence of the New England Highway. Should the Highway be damaged by subsidence due to the development, the Applicant shall ensure that the Highway is remediated at its own expense and to the satisfaction of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA).
- (ia) Prior to the excavation of any mine working under the New England Highway, the Applicant shall consult with the RTA to the satisfaction of the Director-General.
- (ii) Any new Highway crossings (such as pipelines) are subject to the approval of the RTA prior to the commencement of construction.

SUBSIDENCE IMPACT ON TRANSMISSION LINES

25. The Applicant is to notify Energy Australia prior to carrying out any longwall extraction which may impact on its transmission lines and to monitor subsidence impact on transmission lines and to regularly inform Energy Australia and the Mine Subsidence Board of the results.

WASHERY REJECTS DISPOSAL

26. (i) All washery waste rejects generated from Ravensworth Underground coal washery shall be disposed of in the Ravensworth No. 2, Ravensworth South or Cumnock Mine voids.
- (ii) The Applicant is to obtain agreement from Macquarie Generation, to use the sites at Ravensworth No. 2 and Ravensworth South for rejects disposal by the Applicant, or reach another suitable agreement acceptable to the Director-General, and approved by the relevant authorities, and a copy submitted to Singleton Shire Council, within two (2) years of commencing mining operations and before such rejects disposal is commenced (and subject to any necessary additional approvals being obtained).

ROAD HAULAGE OF COAL

27. No coal shall be hauled by road from the development.

ROAD HAULAGE OF COARSE REJECT

- 27A. The Applicant may haul coarse reject to the Cumnock Mine for emplacement using Liddell Station Road and private haul roads. Details of haulage volumes between the two operations shall be included in the Annual Environmental Management Plan Report.
- 27B. The Applicant shall ensure that:
- (a) all loaded vehicles entering or leaving the site are covered; and
 - (b) all loaded vehicles leaving the site are cleaned of materials that may fall on the road, before they leave the site.

ROAD ACCESS

28. (i) Access to the development from the New England Highway for employee, service vehicles, and occasional heavy vehicles shall be via Pikes Gully Road and not via the Old State Highway.
- (ii) Access to the mine infrastructure (ventilation fan) site shall be via the existing access road and intersection adjacent to the Daracon truck depot.

Note: The mine infrastructure (ventilation fan) site is the site adjacent to the New England Highway about one kilometre north of the Daracon truck depot, Ravensworth, wherein is located a ventilation shaft and fans, hydraulic fluid supply facilities, a concrete drop hole and other mine support infrastructure.

ROAD UPGRADING

29. (i) The Applicant shall, prior to the commencement of the longwall mining, upgrade the intersection of Pikes Gully Road and Liddell Station Road to at least a Type B intersection to be constructed in accordance with Austroads Manual, Part 5 - "Intersections at Grade". A design for the intersection shall be submitted to Singleton Shire Council for approval prior to the commencement of construction of the intersection.
- (ii) The Applicant shall, within 60 days of the date of approval for DA104/96-M1, take remedial action to stabilise, lift and extend the bitumen surface at the southern corner of the intersection of the Pikes Gully Road and Liddell Station Road, to the satisfaction of the Singleton Shire Council.

ROAD CLOSURE

30. The Applicant shall comply, in the event that closure of Pikes Gully Road and Liddell Station Road in accordance with the multi-user haul road agreement (Tagged D) cannot be achieved:
- (i) **Road Upgrading** – Upgrade Liddell Station Road (from Pikes Gully Road to the entry to the development) to a 6 metre wide, two coat bitumen sealed road on an 8 metre wide formation, where such road is not currently constructed to this formation width; and
- (ii) **Road Maintenance Contribution** – Pay Singleton Shire Council an annual road maintenance contribution of \$3,300.00, to be adjusted annually in accordance with movements in the Consumer Price Index (All Ordinaries, Sydney).

ON-SITE CAR PARKING

31. A minimum of seventy (70) on-site car parking spaces is to be provided, with three (3) of the spaces being designated as “*Visitor Parking*”.

No. 84 CUT-THROUGH SUBSTATION

32. The Applicant shall:
- (i) obtain a building certificate from the Council under s149A of the Act for the 33kV/11kV substation constructed above the No. 84 cut-through of the mine’s main headings; and
- (ii) provide a copy of this building certificate to the Director-General by 11 May 2007.

STORAGE OF HYDRAULIC FLUID

33. Concrete bunding as described in *Newpac No.1 Colliery, Section 96 Application for Proposed Modification to Development Consent* prepared by Resource Pacific Limited (undated) shall be constructed around hydraulic fluid storage tanks prior to their operation.

MINE INFRASTRUCTURE (VENTILATION FAN) SITE

34. Prior to commencing any development in the vicinity of site MG#1 or within the “lower hillslope” landform described in the SEE of condition 1(g), the Applicant shall consider the need to obtain a section 90 Consent to Destroy under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.
35. Prior to 30 November 2007, the Applicant shall establish visual screens in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix B of the SEE of condition 1(g), and provide a report on their establishment to the Department, to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

Operational Noise Criteria

36. The Applicant shall ensure that the noise generated by the development at the mine infrastructure (ventilation fan) site does not exceed the noise impact assessment criteria in Table 1 for any privately owned residence.

Table 1: Noise impact assessment criteria dB(A)

Location	Day LAeq(15 minute)	Evening LAeq(15 minute)	Night LAeq(15 minute)
All privately owned residences	38	38	36

Notes:

- a) Noise from the development is to be measured at the most affected point or within the residential boundary, or at the most affected point within 30 metres of a dwelling (rural situations) where the dwelling is more than 30 metres from the boundary, to determine compliance with the LAeq(15 minute) noise limits in the above table. The modification factors in Section 4 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy shall also be applied to the measured noise levels where applicable.
- b) Where it can be demonstrated that direct measurement of noise from the development is impractical, the DECC may accept alternative means of determining compliance (see Chapter 11 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy).
- c) The noise emission limits identified in the above table apply under meteorological conditions of:
 - wind speeds of up to 3 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or
 - temperature inversion conditions of up to 3°C/100m, and wind speeds of up to 2 m/s at 10 metres above ground level.

Construction Activities

37. The Applicant shall ensure construction activities at the mine infrastructure (ventilation fan) site are limited to the hours 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturdays and at all other times ensure that construction noise does not exceed the operational noise criteria in Table 1.

MINE CLOSURE STRATEGY

38. At least 5 years prior to the cessation of mining, the Applicant shall prepare a Mine Closure Strategy for the development, in consultation with the DPI and Singleton Shire Council, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The strategy must be integrated with the rehabilitation plans of other coal mines in the vicinity.