



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Evans

Hunter Valley Operations North Coal Mine (DA 450-10-2003 MOD 5) Comment on the Environmental Assessment

I refer to your email of 4 November 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has reviewed the application and Environmental Assessment and provides the following recommendations:

- It is unclear where in the vegetated riparian corridor clearing is to take place. The proponent should illustrate the proposed riparian vegetation clearance, vegetation offset area and proposed sedimentation basin in relation to the High Bank of Bayswater Creek.
- All revegetation works should be undertaken in accordance with [DPI Water Guidelines for Riparian Corridors](#).
- The proponent should consult with DPI Water if the construction of a communication tower is within 40 m of a watercourse or if the construction will necessitate the need to intercept groundwater.
- Any required erosion and scour protection works must be in accordance with DPI [Guidelines for Controlled Activities](#).
- In the event groundwater is intercepted as a result of the construction of the sedimentation basin the proponent must consult with DPI Water regarding licensing requirements.

Yours sincerely

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Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice
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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>