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Resource Assessments
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Attention: Melissa Anderson

RIX CREEK SOUTH PROJECT (DA49/94) MOD 10 – RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS - EXTENSION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Reference is made to the Department's email dated 8 April 2019, regarding the abovementioned application which was referred to Roads and Maritime Services (Roads and Maritime) for comment.

Roads and Maritime understands the Modification to be for the extension in time for the existing consent to allow the Rix Creek mine to continue operation prior to determination of SSD 6300.

Roads and Maritime Response

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

Roads and Maritime have reviewed the Rix Creek South Modification 10 Response to Submissions report, by Hansen Bailey Environmental Consultants dated April 2019, and note the following from Roads and Maritimes response from 18 March 2019:

- *Rix Creek south open cut mine is currently operating under development consent (DA49/94), which was granted in October 1995 and is due to cease on 24 June 2019.*
- *The Department is currently assessing SSD 6300, which proposes to extend mining operations until 2038.*
- *This modification will allow the continuation of approved mining operations for a period of 9 months, to 24 March 2020, while assessment of SSD 6300 continues.*
- *The mining operations are not proposed to change under this modification, with all mining taking place within the existing approved area.*

Roads and Maritime does not consider that there will be any significant impact on the surrounding classified road network as a result of the continued mining operations sought in this modification.

Roads and Maritime offer no further advice in regards to the Response to Submissions report.

On determination of this matter, please forward a copy of the Notice of Determination to Roads and Maritime for record and / or action purposes. Should you require further information please contact me on 0475 825 820 or by emailing development.hunter@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Desmond', with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

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