

Ms Zina Ainsworth - Environment & Community Manager
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Dear Ms Ainsworth

**Tahmoor North Underground Extension (DA 67/98)
Modification 5 – Assessment Pathway and Requirements**

I refer to your letter of 3 December 2019, concerning a proposed modification to the Tahmoor North Underground Extension (DA 67/98) to extend the 20-millimeter subsidence contour from the extraction of longwalls W3-W4 into the rail corridor.

Based on the information in your letter, the Department confirms that the modification falls within the scope of Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The Department is satisfied with your company's identification of key issues and supports the proposed assessment approach which includes:

- detailed subsidence, geotechnical, historical heritage, flood and groundwater assessments; and
- qualitative Aboriginal heritage and biodiversity assessments.

The Department recommends that you undertake consultation with relevant NSW Government agencies during the preparation of these assessments.

Your next step will be to lodge your Modification Report through your dashboard on our new major projects website (<http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>).

If your proposal is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Hollis, who can be contacted on melanie.hollis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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