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Attention: Mr Colin Phillips

SECTION 75W MODIFICATION TO NEWSTAN COLLIERY - MAIN WEST MINING PROPOSAL (DA 73-11-98-MOD- 4)

Dear Mr Phillips

I refer to your letter dated 15 June 2011 (Your reference: DA 73-11-98 Mod 4)) regarding the subject modification application, referred to the RTA for comment.

The RTA's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues, particularly in relation to the efficiency and safety of the classified road system, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

The RTA has reviewed the information provided and has no objections to or requirements for the proposed modification. However, given the proximity to the Sydney – Newcastle Freeway the proponent shall ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are in place to ensure there is no dust drift across this road.

The developer should consult with Transport for NSW regarding its requirements for any improvements to the rail network and / or scheduling given the significant increase in rail traffic and tonnage (Refer to section 3.7.2 of the Environmental Assessment Main Report Volume 1).

The developer should also consult with Newcastle City Council for its requirements regarding the potential impacts on the Adamstown level crossing which is located on a classified road and is also likely to be impacted by the increase in rail traffic.

On determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the project approval was forwarded to the RTA for record purposes.

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Please contact me on (02) 4924 0240 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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