

Colin Phillips - RE: Newstan Colliery Modification (DA 73-11-98 MOD 5) - Lake Macquarie LGA

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Subject: RE: Newstan Colliery Modification (DA 73-11-98 MOD 5) - Lake Macquarie LGA
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Dear Matthew,

Council assessment staff received your email on 24 September 2012. In this case, due to the timing of response and school holidays, Council assessment staff will not be commenting on the proposed development. A request for an extension to the notification period will not be requested for this proposed modification.

Regards

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Subject: Newstan Colliery Modification (DA 73-11-98 MOD 5) - Lake Macquarie LGA

Good afternoon,

Centennial Coal has lodged a modification application for its Newstan Colliery development consent (DA 73-11-98 MOD 5) seeking:

1. Approval to increase the amount of coal received by truck from the Mandalong Mine from 2 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 4 Mtpa; and
2. Approval to transport about 30,000 cubic metres (approx 60,000 tonnes) of material excavated from the construction of two ventilation shafts at Awaba colliery to the Newstan Colliery its use as capping material for Newstan's coal reject emplacement area.

On 23 August 2012, the Planning Assessment Commission approved a modification to Mandalong Mine's consent (DA 97/800 MOD 8) which allows for Centennial to transport up to 4 Mtpa of coal from its Cooranbong Entry Site (part of Mandalong mine) to Newstan by the use of private haul roads. I thank you for your agencies input to the assessment of this modification which assessed the impacts of transporting 4 Mtpa of coal to the Newstan Colliery.

However, Newstan's consent only allows it to receive 2 Mtpa of coal from the Mandalong Mine. The current modification application seeks to lift this limitation from 2 to 4 Mtpa.

Additionally, Newstan's consent allows the delivery of up to 880,000 tpa of coal from the Awaba Mine to the Newstan main site at Fassifern. However, it does not specifically allow for materials other than coal to be included in this tonnage. During its excavation of two approved ventilation shafts at the Awaba site,

Centennial will need to manage about 30,000 cubic metres of excavated material. Centennial proposes to transport this material to Newstan to be beneficially used as capping material for its coal reject emplacement area.

The Department invites you to comment on the proposal, including advice on recommended conditions, by **Friday 5 October 2012**. I have attached an electronic copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification. Should you wish to receive either a hard copy or CD-ROM copy of the EA, please contact me and I will arrange for speedy delivery to you.

If you have any enquiries please contact Colin Phillips on 9228 6483.

Kind Regards

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