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Dear Ms McLean



Glendell Coal Mine – Modification 4 (DA 80/952)

The Department has received an application from Mt Owen Pty Limited to modify the development consent for Glendell Coal Mine under section 4.55(1A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act). The mine is located north-west of Singleton in the Upper Hunter Valley.

The Applicant proposes to modify the development consent for the Glendell Mine (DA 80/952) as a minimal impact modification under Section 4.55 (1A) of the Act. The modification seeks to mine an additional 1.97 Mt of ROM coal within the existing approved mining life of the development consent and would result in:

- a net increase in disturbance of 4.3 hectares (ha), including new disturbance area of 12 ha and avoidance of 7.7 ha of approved disturbance area, this equates to around a 0.5% increase in the approved disturbance area;
- a net 0.4 ha reduction in clearing of native vegetation (new disturbance of 7.3 ha and avoidance of 7.7 ha of approved native vegetation clearing);
- disturbance of one artefact scatter site and partial disturbance of two other artefact scatter sites of low scientific value; and
- no additional noise and dust impacts at sensitive receivers, compared to the approved operations.

The Department considers that this modification application would result in minimal environmental impacts and that the development, as proposed to be modified, would remain substantially the same development as last modified. Consequently, the Department is satisfied that the proposed modification is within the scope of section 4.55(1A) of the Act and can be determined accordingly.

Under the Act, the Independent Planning Commission of NSW is the consent authority for this application as the Department received 36 objections from the community and special interest groups during the exhibition period. Singleton Council did not comment on the modification.

The Department is satisfied that it has carefully considered and addressed all public submissions. Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the modification is approvable, subject to minor amendments to the existing conditions of consent.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Steve O'Donoghue, Director, Resource Assessments, at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 0477 345 626.

Yours sincerely


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