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Dear Mr Wearne

**Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333)
Request for a Response to Submissions Report**

The public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Newstan Mine Extension Project (Project) concluded on 19 October 2021.

The Department received 19 submissions from members of the public, 7 submissions from special interest groups and advice from 7 government agencies. Of the 26 total submissions received from the public and special interest groups, 14 were in the form of objections, 11 expressed support and 1 providing comment on the Project. The submissions can be viewed on the Department's website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>

The Department is expecting further advice from the Environment Protection Authority, Lake Macquarie City Council, Sydney Trains, NSW Rural Fire Service, the Mining, Exploration and Geoscience and Resources Regulator within Regional NSW and the Water Group and Natural Resources Access Regulator within the Department. We will make any further agency advice and supplementary comments available to you as soon as possible once they are received.

The Planning Secretary request that you prepare and submit a written response to issues raised in the submissions and agency advice, in accordance with clause 82(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation).

The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development Guidelines (2021)*. The *Preparing a Submissions Report Guideline* forms part of the SSD Guidelines (Appendix C).

Please note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Secretary receives your response are not included in the period of 'deemed refusal', under clause 113(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Melissa Anderson on 8275 1392 at melissa.anderson@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessie Evans'.

Jessie Evans
Director
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary