

27 February 2023

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Dear Joe

**DPIE request for Advice – Hunter Valley Operations Continuation Project (SSD-11826681)**

I refer to your request via the NSW Major Projects Planning Portal for advice from Singleton Council on the Hunter Valley Operations Continuation Project (SSD-11826681).

Council notes that the due date for its submission is 27 February 2023. Given the timing of exhibition, council has not been able to complete its submission within the exhibition period. The Hunter Valley Operations Continuation Project is complex, consisting of two major expansions covering an area of over 6,800 hectares, an area equivalent to 1.4% of the Singleton Local Government Area.

Council has a very tight timeframe to review the documents, develop a submission, hear from the proponent and form a view on the proposal. This timeframe for considered review of the proposed Project is considered too short. As such, Council is working towards providing a detailed submission following a briefing by the Proponent on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Council reserves its right to provide Councillors with adequate time for review of the proposal and the staff submission. It should be noted that amendments to council's submission, or a subsequent submission, may occur as a result of this process.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Hunter Valley Operations Continuation Project. Please contact me on 02 6578 7290 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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**Manager Development and Environmental Services**