

Attention Melanie Hollis
Dept of Planning Industry & Environment

Application Number MP07_0127-Mod-6 **Main Project** MP07_0127

Dear Melanie,

I totally oppose and object to this modification for the following reasons:

The current operations on site where this new modification the proponent proposes is destruction of native vegetation within the Ben Bullen State Forest which borders on the Gardens of Stone SCA, it is not acceptable with an area being destroyed when the majority of the coal taken from this site will be transported to a company in Nowra, with a minute amount required by the local power station with a maximum of destruction to a natural vegetated area;

Economically it would be more feasible, to attract a contract from a local existing coal mine site instead of destroying an existing native vegetation site with open cut mining; Currently Mt Piper is supplied with 95 % of coal from Springvale coal, in addition Mt Piper receives coal from Clarence Colliery and Airly Colliery;

MPPS coal requirements in the next 5 years will decrease as it has done given uptake increase of renewables. I.e. Snowy Hydro will come on board 2027 and also all the links for (West SA to East coast to Q grid will be completed;

Current Springvale mine till 2028 with current contract with MPPS is average 2.5 MTPA but can receive up to 4MTPA, this is a decrease in the past few years due to the uptake of renewables within the grid system. It also clarifies that there is no need to extend this proposal;

I find it hard to believe that this proposed modification which remains the same 1.2 MTPA with the company stating an increase of full-time workers. The proposed modification site borders on the existing operational mine with all the infrastructure on site as with equipment and machinery;

In the next 5 years, mining will decrease drastically in the area as it will nationally and internationally due to the increase of renewables, climate change and the need to reduce emissions. This indicates that locally Mt Piper will decrease the current MTPA. EnergyAustralia have indicated that operations will likely go to the level of stand by only;

This decrease in the local domestic coal market in the next few years indicates that no approvals for any coal mining operations in the Lithgow LGA.

Thank you for the time to receive my objection for this project.

Yours truly