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**Re: North West Rail Link – Notice of Exhibition  
Staged SSI Modification (MP\_06/0157)  
SSI Application – Major Civil Construction Works (SSI-5100)**

Thank you for your letter of 3 April 2012 relating to the above projects. This is a response from Trade & Investment – Mineral Resources Branch. Please note Trade & Investment – Primary Industries Division (DPI) will provide advice in separate correspondence. The Mineral Resources Branch has assessed the documentation and offers the following advice.

The Mineral Resources Branch is pleased to note the investigation of re-use options for shale and sandstone excavated during project construction.

It is unclear from the EIS how the Rouse Hill Shale Quarry operated by Blacktown City Council will be affected by the project. It appears that the alignment directly intersects the shale quarry (refer to Figure 1 below). It is not clear whether consultation has been undertaken with Blacktown City Council on the matter of resource sterilisation at this site.

As stated in the EIS, the project is located within Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 463 held by Macquarie Energy (a wholly owned subsidiary of Dart Energy Limited – the Operator). It is also located within a small portion of PEL 2 held by AGL Upstream Investments Pty Ltd. It is unclear whether the title holders have been consulted by the proponent.

Should you wish to discuss any of the mineral resource matters mentioned above please contact Cressida Gilmore Team Leader Land Use via email [cressida.gilmore@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cressida.gilmore@industry.nsw.gov.au) or on (02) 4931 6537.

Yours sincerely

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Fig 1 Rouse Hill Quarry