

2 May 2022

Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment

Attention: Heidi Watters, Joel Curran

RE: Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (MP 06_0009) Independent Environmental Audit Submission

In March 2022 Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) commenced its three-yearly Independent Environmental Audit (IEA). The audit was undertaken by the Lead Auditor, Ken Holmes, as endorsed by the Department, and covered the period from 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2021. This audit is completed to satisfy the requirements of Condition 5.2, Schedule 2 of the Project Approval (MP 06_0009):

5.2 The independent environmental audit referred to in condition 5.1c) shall:

- (a) be conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary;*
- (b) include consultation with the relevant agencies;*
- (c) assess the environmental performance of the project and assess whether it is complying with the requirements in this approval, and any other relevant approvals and relevant EPL/s;*
- (d) review the adequacy of any approved strategy, plan or program required under the abovementioned approvals; and*
- (e) recommend measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the project, and/or any strategy, plan or program required under these approvals.*

Please find enclosed the IEA Audit Report and the Proponent Response to Audit Findings. The IEA and aforementioned reports have been undertaken in accordance with the Department's Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) and correspondence from the Department dated 13/12/2021.

Please feel free to contact myself if you require any clarification of the information provided.

Yours sincerely,



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