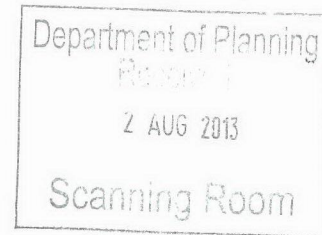




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Attention: Ms Caitlin Elliott

DENMAN ROAD (MR209) & OTHER CLASSIFIED ROADS: EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MANGOOLA COAL PROJECT MODIFICATION SIX (6) (06_0014 MOD 6), WYBONG

Dear Ms Elliott,

I refer to your email dated 28 May 2013 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification to the subject project. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

RMS Responsibilities

Transport for NSW and RMS' primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, RMS has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Denman Road (MR209), the Golden Highway (HW27) and the New England Highway (HW9) are classified (State) roads, with the New England Highway forming part of the National Land Transport Network. RMS concurrence is required for connections to these roads with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for these roads and all other public roads in the area.

Should road works be required on the classified (State) roads, RMS would exercise the functions of roads authority under Sections 64 and 71 of the Act.

RMS Response and Requirements

RMS has reviewed the information provided, including the Traffic and Transport Assessment prepared by Hyder Consulting dated 23 May 2013. RMS has no objections to or requirements for the proposed modification as it is considered that the vehicular traffic generated by the proposed modification will not result in any significant impact on the classified road network.

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RMS Advice

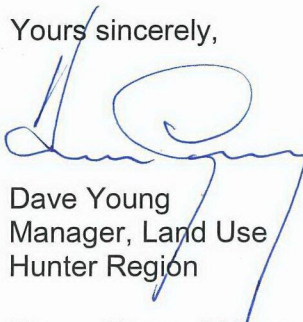
It is noted that the intersection of Denman Road and Thomas Mitchell Drive is required to be upgraded by BHP Billiton under Mt Arthur Coal Mine – Open Cut Consolidation Project Approval 09_0062 (Schedule 3, Condition 47) by the end of December 2019. While it not the responsibility of the proponent for the Mangoola project to upgrade this intersection, the traffic report indicates that the upgrade works (seagull intersection) would significantly improve the performance of the intersection. Bringing forward these works would improve safety and efficiency for all users of the intersection. The Department may wish to take this up with BHP Billiton.

On the Minister's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the Project Approval is forwarded to RMS for record and / or action purposes.

Muswellbrook Shire Council should also be consulted regarding the adequacy of the traffic and transport assessment.

Please contact me on 4924 0688 if you require further advice.

Yours sincerely,



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