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Subject Re: Mannering Colliery Extension of Mining Project - Briefing Paper

James,

The Department has reviewed the briefing paper supplied with your email and covering letter, dated 31 August 2011, and considers that the company has correctly identified the issues to be addressed in an Environmental Assessment (EA) to support the company's proposed modification of the Mannering Colliery project approval to allow coal extraction from an expanded area (255.6 ha) of the Colliery's Mining Leases.

Accordingly, the company should prepare the EA in the manner proposed in the briefing paper, and also ensure that any cumulative effects from other mining and industrial operations in the vicinity of the colliery are assessed. Of importance in this regard is that the adjacent Chain Valley Colliery discharges mine water into Lake Macquarie by (in part) the use of the same unnamed creek as a pathway as Mannering Colliery for mine water to enter Lake Macquarie.

The EA should also consider the outcomes of environmental monitoring undertaken since project approval was granted for the mine. In respect of the noise impacts review, the EA should consider if all reasonable and feasible noise mitigation measures are being employed at the colliery.

The subsidence assessment should address the requirements of the Lake Macquarie High Water Mark Subsidence Barrier, protection of seagrass beds within the Lake and mining beneath any significant public and/or private infrastructure such as ash dams, roads, conveyors, power generation assets as well as any wetlands.

The Department has decided not to issue Director-General's requirement for the EA and expects the matters identified in the briefing paper and above to be assessed in the EA. Once received and considered adequate, the Department will place the EA on public exhibition.

Please contact me at the details below if you wish to discuss this matter.

Regards

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