



Department of Primary Industries



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Dear Mr Reed

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 2012 concerning the Mannering Colliery Extension of Mining Modification (06_0311 MOD 1).

The main issue for agriculture is damage to intensive agriculture infrastructure through subsidence. A desktop survey undertaken by Agriculture NSW (see Attachment 1) identifies a poultry development (Rutleys Road), a greenhouse development on the boundary of the existing approved works and the new works area (Rutley's Road), and another major greenhouse development located on the boundary of proposed works on Rodgers Road Wyee.

For your information, greenhouse construction costs in the order of \$1 Million per hectare. These systems have drainage and often computerised irrigation relying on gravity fed systems that could be damaged or put out of alignment in a subsidence event.

The Office of Agricultural Sustainability and Food Security supports the proposal with the condition that any intensive agriculture infrastructure damaged by subsidence will be covered through subsidence mitigation funding.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the development proposal.

Yours sincerely

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13 February 2012
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ATTACHMENT 1: LOCATION AND VIEWS OF AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE



Figure 1: Location of agriculture infrastructure in green – Rutley Road to the North and Rodgers Road to the South.



Figure 2: Poultry Shed and Greenhouse Rutley Road



Figure 3. Greenhouses Rodgers Road Wyee