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A/Director
Mining and Industry Projects
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Attention: Howard Reed

**MANNERING COLLIERY
EXTENSION OF MINING MODIFICATION (06_0311 MOD 1)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT(EA)**

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter to Mr David Young (Manager, Land Use Development Hunter Region) dated 18 January 2012 (Your reference: 06_0311 MOD 1) forwarded to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for consideration.

We understand that the proposed project modification relates to the expansion of underground mining of the Fassifern and Great Northern seams within an existing mining lease. It is expected to extract an additional 4.6 million tonnes of run-of mine coal. The mine produces ROM coal which is transported via a dedicated overland conveyor to Vales Point Power Station, for domestic electricity generation. The expansion will provide full time employment for a total of 170 employees, beyond the currently approved 90 employees.

RMS Responsibilities and Obligations

The RMS's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues, particularly in relation to the efficiency and safety of the classified road system, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, the RMS has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. RMS concurrence is required for works, structures, and disturbances to, in, on, under or over classified roads, under section 138 of the Act, with Council consent. Council is the roads authority for all roads in the area.

Additionally, the RMS has powers under Section 104 of the *Roads Act 1993* to direct the removal of any works deemed by the RMS to be a traffic hazard.

RMS Response and Requirements

The RMS has reviewed the information provided and would have no objections to the proposed development modification provided the following matters are addressed and included in the Ministers conditions of approval:

- The traffic report included in the EA identified that the additional volumes generated by this proposal had little impact on the Rutleys Road/Mannering Colliery Access Road intersection. The Rutleys Road/Mannering Colliery Access Road intersection is likely to be upgraded by the end of 2012. The intersection upgrading is a matter for Wyong Shire Council and the RMS would support these works to further increase safety and operation of this intersection
- Section 117 (2) direction 3.4 (*Integrating Land Use Development and Transport*) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, should be taken into account in relation to the provision of adequate access to public transport. The provision of alternative transport modes to private motor vehicles and the facilities required to encourage the use of these modes should be included.

On the Minister's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the conditions of approval were forwarded to the RMS for record purposes and action regarding the proposed road works.

For clarification of any matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Gary Stapleton on 4379 7045, in the first instance, or myself on 4379 7004.

Yours sincerely



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