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Dear Jack

OEH Review of Response to Submissions document: Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension (MP 07_0087 MOD 4)

I refer to your e-mail dated 15 June 2018, seeking comments on the Response to Submission (RTS) document for the Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension project (MP 07_0087 MOD 4), near East Maitland, in the Cessnock local government area. OEH has reviewed the relevant parts of the document titled '*Response to Submissions – Bloomfield Colliery - Life of Mine Extension, Modification 4*' (Prepared by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd and dated 15 June 2018) in relation to impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage, flood risk, and biodiversity.

OEH's recommendations are provided in **Attachment A** and detailed comments are provided in **Attachment B**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steve Lewer, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3158.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure: Attachments A and B

Attachment A

OEH's recommendations

Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension (MP 07_0087 MOD 4)

1. OEH recommends that a condition of consent is included which requires the proponent to retire the 10 ecosystem credits listed in the credit profile in Appendix D of the Environmental Assessment, in accordance with the proposed Biodiversity Offset Strategy and the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment.
2. OEH recommends that the approved Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (27 May 2010) for Bloomfield Colliery be revised to incorporate the works covered by Modification 4 (MP 07_0087 MOD 4), including ongoing and continuous consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties.
3. OEH is satisfied with the flooding assessment provided and no further flooding assessment is required.

Attachment B**OEH's detailed comments****Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension (MP 07_0087 MOD 4)**

Biodiversity

1. **OEH recommends appropriate offsetting be incorporated into the conditions of consent.**

As recommended in OEH's comments on the environmental assessment and agreed to by the proponent in the response to submissions document OEH recommends that the Department of Planning and Environment includes a condition of consent to retire 10 ecosystem credits in accordance with the proposed Biodiversity Offset Strategy.

Recommendation 1

OEH recommends that a condition of consent is included which requires the proponent to retire the 10 ecosystem credits listed in the credit profile in Appendix D of the Environmental Assessment, in accordance with the proposed Biodiversity Offset Strategy and the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

2. **The approved Heritage Management Plan should be updated**

As recommended in OEH's comments on the environmental assessment, the proponent has committed in the response to submissions document to updating the approved Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan to incorporate the works covered by this modification, including ongoing and continuous consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties identified in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

Recommendation 2

OEH recommends that the approved Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (27 May 2010) for Bloomfield Colliery be revised to incorporate the works covered by Modification 4 (MP 07_0087 MOD 4), including ongoing and continuous consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties.

Flooding and Flood Risk

3. **OEH is satisfied with the flood assessment**

OEH has reviewed the flood assessment provided by AECOM and is satisfied the project will have no significant adverse off-site impacts.

Recommendation 3

OEH is satisfied with the flooding assessment provided and no further flooding assessment is required.