



12 December 2011

Mr David Kitto
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Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear David,

Re: Narrabri Mine – One off Road Transport of Coal

Following on from a meeting earlier this year where a proposal was discussed for the one off transportation of coal by road from the Narrabri Mine to the Tarrawonga Mine please find attached a completed S75W modification document to formally request that this proposal be approved. Following from the discussion I have consulted with Narrabri and Gunnedah Shire Councils as to the proposal. Please find attached their positive response to the proposal.

In summary the proposal being put forward is to transport approximately 600 tonnes of coal by road from the Narrabri Mine to the Tarrawonga Mine. In order to de-risk the supply of coal to valued customers of the Whitehaven Group work has been undertaken to look at viable alternate supplies of suitable coal within the group should one of Whitehaven's operations come across substantial difficulties which cannot be readily rectified. The Narrabri Coal operation has been identified as a potential source of some of this coal. In order to confirm whether or not Narrabri Coal is a viable alternate supply testing needs to be undertaken of bulk samples of coal to give realistic results to understand whether the coal is indeed a viable alternate supply. To achieve this coal samples by volumes and destination only reasonably and practicably transported by road must be undertaken. Narrabri Coal are hence investigating the possibility of a one off use of the road network to supply said bulk samples should they be able to be approved. Please be advised that it is not the intention of Narrabri Coal that any coal other than that described below be transported by road, should Narrabri Coal be found to be a suitable substitute all subsequent coal supplies would be sent by rail in accordance with the approval.

Narrabri Coal by its Stage 2 Approval (08_0144) dated 26 July 2010 is by its limits of approval only able to transport coal from the site by rail (Schedule 2, Condition 7). Narrabri Coal have discussed the matter with yourselves at the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) in terms of the undertaking the supply of the bulk sample within the terms of an approved program. Yourselves at DoPI have advised a S75W modification, after due consultation with both Narrabri and Gunnedah Shire Councils, is the appropriate pathway for approval. Please find attached a Modification application with associated Political Donations Disclosure Statement.

Whitehaven Coal currently supply suitable quality and suitably sized coal to the Pacific Carbon at their facility on Kooragang Island near Newcastle. Narrabri Coal has been identified as a potential source of coal for this facility should other sources become unable to supply.



The sample would be a 600t bulk sample of processed Narrabri Coal transported by truck to the existing Tarrawonga Mine where it would be sized and hence sent for bulk testing at the Pacific Carbon facility at Kooragang Island. The Tarrawonga Mine has an existing approval to treat and transport coal to Domestic Markets with this approval covering distribution from this point.

In detail the plan would be that:

- Approximately 600t be transported by road from the Narrabri Mine to the Tarrawonga Mine.
- The coal would be loaded by Front End Loader onto road registered trucks from the Narrabri Coal product stockpile.
- The coal would be transported from Narrabri Mine to Tarrawonga Mine via the Kamilaroi Highway toward Gunnedah to the intersection of the Kamilaroi Highway and the Bluevale Road. The coal would then be transported by the established coal transportation route to the Tarrawonga Mine along the Bluevale Road.
- The coal would then be crushed (if required) and sized and dispatched in accordance with Pacific Carbons needs under the existing Domestic Coal provisions of the Tarrawonga Approval.
- Coal transport between the Narrabri and Tarrawonga Mines would only be transported in the hours of daylight
- The route would be as described above and shown on the red line in the attached plan so as to eliminate any risk to the country road network and minimise any impacts on the general public.
- The number of truck movements is estimated to be approximately 50 based on a load of 25 tonnes per truck (i.e. 2 truck movements per load). Consideration will be given to the use of B-Double trucks to minimise the number of loads required.

Narrabri Mine hence seek the approval from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the attached Section 75W modification application in order to put the plan detailed above into action.

Naturally should you have any questions in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 67419304 or bcullen@whitehavencoal.com.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Cullen", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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