

Our ref: MP08_0150-PA-139

Chris McEvoy
Approvals & Community Specialist
GM3
Via: NSW Major Project Portal

28/07/2025

Subject: Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project – Application for continuation of 24/7 Blasting

Dear Mr McEvoy

I refer to your letter dated 3 July 2025, submitted in accordance with Condition 5, Schedule 4A of the development consent for the Bulli Seam Operations Project (MP 08_0150), requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to carry out blasting outside the hours specified in Condition 4, Schedule 4A of the development consent.

I note you are requesting an extension to continue blasting 24-hours a day seven days a week until the completion of the Appin Mine Ventilation and Access (AMVA) Project's construction, as your existing approval ends on the 31 July 2025. I understand you seek this approval to continue blasting associated with the construction of Ventilations Shafts 7 and 8.

I acknowledge the information provided in support of your application, including:

- blast monitoring report prepared by SoundIn PtyLtd, containing the results of blast monitoring undertaken between 25 November 2024 - 13 January 2025 and 15 January 2025 - 13 June 2025, demonstrating that all recorded blasting noise (including during the 24/7 blasting) complied with the night-time L_{AFmax} sleep disturbance maximum noise trigger level criteria (54 dBA) specified in the development consent;
- a summary of community complaints received during the undertaking of a 24-hour, 7 days a week blasting activities, and the measures taken to resolve the complaint; and
- your commitment to continue all monitoring, management and consultation activities outlined in your letter and in the Construction Environmental Management Plan for the project.

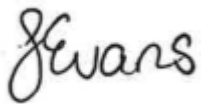
I also note that a continued 24/7 blasting would have the benefit of expediting the construction schedule and reducing the overall duration of blasting and construction impacts on the community.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve blasting associated with the construction of Ventilation Shafts 7 and 8 to be carried out on a 24-hour, 7 days a week basis from the date of this approval until 31 January 2026. Further application may be made to the Planning Secretary following this period, supported by evidence demonstrating ongoing compliance with the blasting noise limits outlined in the consent.

You are reminded that the construction blasting must not exceed the relevant limits outlined in the consent and any non-compliance must be notified to the Department in accordance with the conditions of consent.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Polina Golberg on polina.golber@dpie.nsw.gov.au or 02 8275 1072.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Evans', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jessie Evans
Director
Energy and Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary