



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Kirton

Ashton South East Open Cut Project (MP 08_0182 MOD 1) Comment on the Modification Application

I refer to your email of 1 February 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI.

Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has the following comments / recommendations on this modification application:

- Care should be taken not to disadvantage neighbouring agricultural properties compared to those near other mining projects with respect to availability and timing of acquisition rights.
- The proponent should not suspend routine land management practices or any applicable pest management through any suspension of Condition 61 of Schedule 3.
- Further detail should be provided on what constitutes "all prerequisites" under subsection (b) of the proponent's proposed new administrative condition. DPI recommends that this includes the various plans & programs required under conditions 34, 35, 37 and 38 of Schedule 3.
- References to NSW Office of Water should be changed to DPI Water

Yours sincerely

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Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice
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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>