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Re: Russell Vale UEP Major Project Approval (MP 09_0013) Request for revised submission date for Annual review Condition

Dear Georgia,

I refer to the Russell Vale UEP Major Project Approval (MP 09_0013) as granted to Wollongong Coal Pty Ltd (WCL) by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) 8th December 2021 and the conditions therein. Specifically, this letter is to support a request to revise the Schedule 2 Part F condition F11 - Annual Review.

The Condition F11 of the UEP major project approval titled 'Annual review' requires WCL

"...by the end of March in each year after the commencement of the development, or other timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary, a report must be submitted to the Department reviewing the environmental performance of the development, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary."

WCL notes that the current reporting period for the Russell Vale Major Project MP10_0046 as being 1 July to 30 June with the reports due annually by 30 September was previously varied to ensure alignment of all annual reporting as is required for the Department, WaterNSW, and the NSW DPIE Resource Regulator. In addition, WCL has recently aligned the WaterNSW annual compliance reporting period as detailed in the WNSW Access license to be consistent with this same reporting period of 1 July to 30 June.

To allow for alignment with other reporting obligations for the NSW Resource Regulator and WaterNSW WCL requests consideration of a request for the minister to vary the condition to allow for the reporting period to be changed from the end of March in each year to June, ie March 31 to June 30, by 30 September. This would ensure reporting as detailed in Condition F11 for the Department and subsequently Wollongong City Council (WCC) and Wollondilly Shire Council (WSC) to continue to align the various reporting requirements for key statutory agencies ie the NSW DPIE Resources Regulator (NSW RR, AEMR), WaterNSW (annual compliance return), and ensure a consistent reporting period with consistent information and records provided to all key stakeholders for the one period.

Should you have any questions or queries in relation to the content of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 0404 972 746.

Regards



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