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Attention: Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

Dear Ms Hawkeswood

MP09_0182-Mod-8: Boggabri Coal Mine modification 8- Increase in depth of mine

Thank you for referring MP09_0182-Mod-8: Boggabri Coal Mine modification 8- Increase in depth of mine via the Major Projects Portal on the 24 November 2021 inviting comment from Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

TfNSW understands the proposed modification to Boggabri Coal Mine involves:

- The extraction of coal from a deeper coal seam (with no change to the surface disturbance area).
- An increase in the annual coal extraction rate from 8.9 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 9.1 Mtpa.
- A 6-year extension to the mine life.
- Construction of a fauna road crossing.
- Increase in the workforce from 500 employees to 770 employees.

TfNSW provides the following advice to the consent authority for consideration as a part of the development assessment:

- A condition should be placed on the modified development consent to limit the operational workforce to 770 employees inclusive of operational and contractor workforce.
- The existing Traffic Management Plan (TMP) should be revised to align with the increase in workforce from the 500 employees to the proposed 770 employees inclusive of operational and contractor workforce presented within the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA).
- The revised TMP should consider the impacts of mine commuter traffic including identifying the risks of mine commuter traffic movements and detail measures to be employed, including strategies to inform staff of risks and measures, both regulated and voluntary that will/can be employed to manage safe commuter trips. Risks include, but are not limited to, fatigue, driving under the influence, types of vehicles used, wildlife, gravel roads, end of shift and long-distance journeys.

- The access via Kamilaroi Highway/Rangari Road should be reviewed in terms of the capacity of the intersection to accommodate the additional growth at the peak of the traffic generation in 2025.
- The TMP should be revised to include the access route via Kamilaroi Highway/Rangari Road which is currently not included within the latest revision of the TMP (revision No.5).
- The increased extraction should be transported via rail as per the requirements of the existing development consent.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Alexandra Power on 02 6861 1428.

Yours faithfully



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