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Dear Jessie

WEST WALLSEND COLLIERY PROJECT – PROPOSED LONGWALLS 51 & 52

I refer to the Environmental Assessment (EA) exhibited on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure website in relation to the West Wallsend Coal Project Modification 1 – Longwalls 51 & 52.

The development is a modification to the current Project Approval granted in 2012 which proposes to extend the underground coal mining area to allow mining of two additional longwall panels. The mine is located in Western Lake Macquarie.

The EA has been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health with particular attention paid to management of air quality, noise, water and other issues that may impact on public health. Due to the modification having no changes to surface facilities, operations and mine life, Hunter New England Local Health District is satisfied with existing approval conditions.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Nichole Ansell, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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