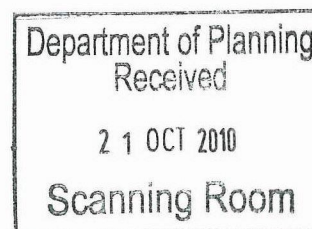


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Attention: Mr Daniel Howard

AWABA COAL PROJECT (10_0038) – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Dear Mr Howard

I refer to your letter dated 24 September 2010 (Your reference: 10/06672) regarding the public exhibition of the Environmental Assessment for subject project which was forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for comment.

RTA Responsibilities and Obligations

The RTA's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues, particularly in relation to the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, the RTA has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Wilton Road is an unclassified local road. Council is the roads authority for Wilton Road and all other public roads in the area.

It is noted that this project does not require referral to the RTA under the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007, as there is no haulage required on public roads.

RTA Response

The RTA has reviewed the information provided and it is noted that no additional traffic will be generated by the project and no changes are proposed to the current transport procedures / operations.

The project will continue to use the existing private haul road to transport coal from the Newstan Colliery to the North and the Eraring power station to the South.

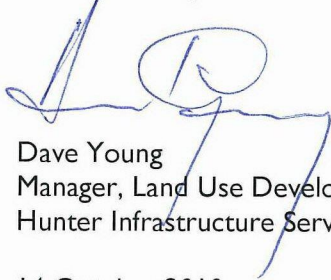
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The RTA therefore has no objections to or requirements for the proposed development as it is unlikely to have significant impact on the classified road network.

Lake Macquarie City Council should also be consulted for its requirements on local roads.

Please contact me on (02) 4924 0420 if you require further advice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Young', with a large circular flourish and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dave Young
Manager, Land Use Development
Hunter Infrastructure Services

14 October 2010

Cc: General Manager
Lake Macquarie City Council