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Dear Melissa

Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 September 2021 requesting comment on the EIS for Major Projects - Newstan Mine Extension Project (SSD-10333) in Lake Macquarie City LGA.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

DPI Agriculture has reviewed the EIS and notes the proposal includes recommencement / continuation of mining within the West Borehole seam supported by operation of existing surface facilities at Newstan Colliery and Awaba Colliery. An AIS was not considered necessary as the project is unlikely to impact on any existing or future agricultural activity or resources in the study area. It is expected that any potential impacts of the project will be minimised by using existing sites, infrastructure and equipment and applying mitigation measures and management during construction, operation, and closure.

The subsequent conclusion of the EIS is that there will be negligible impact from the project on agricultural resources or enterprises. Therefore, DPI Agriculture has no further comment on the environmental assessment of the proposed development.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact me on 0427812508 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'L. Parker'.

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Esigned 19 October 2021