

26 October 2021

Melissa Anderson
Environmental Assessment Officer
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NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Via email: Melissa.Anderson@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Melissa,

**FURTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED
STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Newstan Mine Extension Project – SSD-10333**

I refer to the Department's Major Project Portals' notification for the above State Significant Development application.

The Department is advised that Sydney Trains, via Instrument of Delegation from the Secretary of Transport and from TAHE (Transport Asset Holding Entity), has been delegated to act as the rail authority for the heavy rail corridor, electrical supply authority, and Agent on behalf of the Land Owner; and to process the review of this proposal.

Sydney Trains raises concerns over the potential significant safety and operational impacts associated with the indicated subsidence levels both under and within proximity to the live (passenger and freight) rail corridor, non-operational corridor and rail assets. This includes concerns relating to instantaneous subsidence potential.

Sydney Trains has reviewed the proposal and advises that in order to protect rail land, assets, operations, and to ensure a safe and reliable rail services, Sydney Trains requests the Department obtain further information from the Applicant as listed below. Should this information not be supplied for any reason, it is requested that the Department formally advise Sydney Trains.

<i>Insufficient Information – Sydney Trains</i>	
Pre-EIS Consultation with Sydney Trains not satisfactorily undertaken.	This matter was outlined in the Departments' SEARs requirements as issued.
Documentation requested at SEARs stage (See attachment A).	Documentation required in Agency Advice to be provided with the lodgement of the EIS has not been acted upon.

- Geotechnical Report with all relevant rail considerations, cross sectional drawings, surveys, and impact analysis (including operational and non-operational tracks, and electrical assets).	This matter was outlined in our SEARs requirements.
- EIS Submission to address compliance with relevant ASA Standards, including T HR CI 12080.	This matter was outlined in our SEARs requirements.
- EIS submission to consider potential impacts of the proposal on the Sydney Trains High Voltage Powerlines.	This matter was outlined in our SEARs requirements.
Mining Lease – the Applicant is to furnish the Mining Lease with all its terms, and demonstrate that the proposal is consistent with the terms of the Mining Lease.	Mining Lease and subsequent approvals as required may need to be updated to reflect the works in the subject proposal.
Deed – the Applicant is to furnish the Deed with all its terms and demonstrate that the proposal is consistent with the terms of the Deed. Required submission must include clear plans showing rail protection zone, rail corridor, location and extent of first workings, etc.	Applicant to consult with Sydney Trains in regard to the Deed.
Detailed Subsidence Impact Assessment including engineering assessment and extraction plans, for the Rail Corridor (operational live passenger line, non-operational line and assets) must be provided.	Applicant to consult with Sydney Trains in regards to details required in the Impact Assessment.

Given the significant safety and operational concerns raised, it is requested that the Applicant consult with Sydney Trains on the above matters prior to lodgement of any further documentation for the SSD assessment review. It is recommended that this consultation begins immediately.

The Applicant can commence consultation by emailing DA_sydneytrains@transport.nsw.gov.au.

The Department can contact the Sydney Trains Town Planning Management team via email to DA_sydneytrains@transport.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Nakhle
Senior Town Planning Officer
Sydney Trains

From: [Colin Phillips](#)
To: [Sarah Anderson](#)
Subject: RE: Request for Input to SEARs - Newstan Extension Project
Date: Friday, 7 June 2019 8:52:51 AM

Good Morning Sarah,

Thank you for meeting our timelines.

It is much appreciated.

Regards

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From: Sarah Anderson <Sarah.ANDERSON2@transport.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2019 4:57 PM
To: Colin Phillips <Colin.Phillips@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Joel Herbert <Joel.Herbert@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Request for Input to SEARs - Newstan Extension Project

Hi Colin

Sydney Trains has reviewed the proposal which included both pre-lodgement consultation due to proposing mining beneath the rail corridor, and requests that the following is included within the SEARs so that the Applicant can supply the necessary information with their EIS for Sydney Trains to review to ensure the structural integrity of the rail corridor is protected.

- Sydney Trains requests that the Applicant consult further with Sydney Trains prior to submission of the EIS
- Sydney Trains requests the applicant provide documentation which is Rail Specific as part of the EIS, which is inclusive of:
 - Demonstration of how the proposal and methodology complies with the relevant

Transport Asset Standard Authority (ASA) standards, inclusive of "T HR CI 12080 External Developments"

- A geotechnical report:
 - Impact analysis and any potential impact to the rail corridor and assets (including tracks, and electrical poles) within the subject development area
 - consideration for worst case scenarios
 - consideration for impact to the corridor inclusive of the existing mine
 - cross sectional plans with RL levels showing the rail corridor, extent of the proposed mining, supports and influence zones
 - proposed track monitoring plan
 - Consideration for dilapidation

Should you have any queries regarding the below please let me know.

Kind Regards

Sarah Anderson

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From: Colin Phillips [<mailto:Colin.Phillips@planning.nsw.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 4 June 2019 2:49 PM

To: ANDERSON, Sarah

Cc: Joel Herbert

Subject: RE: Request for Input to SEARs - Newstan Extension Project

Good Afternoon Sarah,

Unfortunately we are on a very tight timeframe to meet statutory time lines and next Monday is a public holiday.

I would very much appreciate Sydney Trains' response no later than COB Thursday 6 June 2019, so that we can collate the agency input to the SEARs prior to the long weekend.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards

Colin Phillips

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From: ANDERSON, Sarah <Sarah.ANDERSON2@transport.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 4 June 2019 2:43 PM

To: Colin Phillips <Colin.Phillips@planning.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Request for Input to SEARs - Newstan Extension Project

Importance: High

Hi Colin

I'm in the process of finalising our response for the SEARs, could you please confirm if we can have an extension on the response to the end of the week?

Kind Regards

Sarah Anderson

Town Planning Officer

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From: Colin Phillips [<mailto:Colin.Phillips@planning.nsw.gov.au>]

Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 11:10 AM

To: Adam Oehlman; industry.coordination@industry.nsw.gov.au; Planning Matters Mailbox; roc.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au; csc@rfs.nsw.gov.au; sa-mail@finance.nsw.gov.au; Development hunter; EPA RSD Hunter Region Mailbox; DRG RO Assessment Coordination Mailbox; OLG - Lake Macquarie City Council; DA_sydneytrains@transport.nsw.gov.au; RRD CO MinRes Environment Mailbox; bill.ziegler@damsafety.nsw.gov.au

Cc: Anthony Barnes

Subject: Request for Input to SEARs - Newstan Extension Project

Dear sir or Madam,

Proposal: Newstan Extension Project
Address: Miller Road Fassifern
SSD 10333

The Newstan Mine Extension Project aims to extract up to 25.9 million tonnes of coal at a maximum rate of 4 million tonnes per annum at the Newstan Colliery. Mining would include first workings, partial extraction and total extraction by bord and pillar techniques.

Centennial Coal has requested the requirements of the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development (SSD 10333) located in the Lake Macquarie local government area. The project involves the extension of the existing underground coal mine, which has been on care and maintenance.

Except for mine ventilation infrastructure and the underground access entries, all of the surface infrastructure at the Newstan Surface Facilities Site are approved under Centennial's Northern Coal Logistics Project (SSD-5145 approved 29 September 2015). These surface facilities do not form part of the Newstan Extension Project.

I have attached a link to the Applicant's Scoping Report on the Department's website for your reference. Under Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the Secretary is requesting your requirements for the EIS. It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive your advice by **Tuesday 4 June 2019**.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/12886>

If you have any queries, please contact me on the details below.

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