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12 September 2023

Gabrielle Allan The Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Gabrielle,

Airly Mine, State Significant Development (SSD-5581-MOD-5) – Modification to Increase Workforce and Rehab Reform

I refer to the abovementioned project and your request for submissions for the proposed modification to the Airly Mine's consent SSD 5581 to increase the full time equivalent employees from 155 to 190 and to amend conditions relating to rehabilitation management and performance conditions.

Council considers the Environmental Assessment adequately highlights the relevant issues, and has no objection to the project.

Council; however recommends that given the increase in employees and potential greater impacts on community/public infrastructure in the area, that condition 15 relating to payment of the annual community contribution be increased.

Condition 15 on the consent currently states:

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

15. From the date of commencement, the Applicant must pay a community contribution to Council of \$0.03 per saleable tonne of coal produced at Airly mine capped at a maximum payment of \$200,000 in total from the Springvale, Angus Place and Airly mines (ie for all 3 mines collectively). The community contribution is to be paid on an annual basis to Council and no later than 31 March each year (for the preceding calendar year). The contribution must be used for long-term community activities and projects to be agreed by both the Applicant and Council and must be reported publicly.

As such, Council recommends that the applicant/s addresses the potential impacts of the modification on the community/infrastructure in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned between Monday to Friday on (02) 63549999, in Council's Economic Development and Environment should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

L.G. Settens

Lauren Stevens Development Planner