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Your Ref: SSD-11826681

The Director
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
NSW Major Projects Portal

Attention: Joe Fittell - Joe.Fittell@planning.nsw.gov.au

RE: Advice on Assessment - SSD-11826681 - Advice on Assessment - HVO North Open Cut Coal Continuation Project

I refer to the Advice on Assessment for the abovementioned State Significant Development application re-referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) via the NSW Planning Portal on 11 March 2024.

Transport for NSW Response

TfNSW response to EIS dated 16 February 2023 identified the roles and responsibilities for road infrastructure and commented on TfNSW interests in the development application.

TfNSW has reviewed the Response to Supplementary Advice by EMM dated 1/3/2024, including a Strategic Concept Intersection sketch of Golden Highway / Comleroi Road and provides the following comments to assist the Department in finalising this assessment:

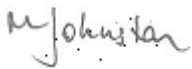
1. Strategic Design (Golden Highway) - TfNSW generally supports the Strategic Design however Attachment A identifies some additional matters that require clarification/amendment at the WAD Design phase.
2. New England Highway / Lemington Road – Since the RTS response in December 2023, TfNSW has completed its investigation of a fatal vehicle accident at this intersection that occurred on 23 November 2023. To make this intersection safer in its operation, it is suggested that a left turn offset arrangement be seriously considered. This will allow vehicles turning right out from Lemington Road to sight through traffic travelling north along New England Highway. With the extension of the subject mine the risks of potential vehicle crashes persist. This risk could be mitigated with the upgrade mentioned above.
3. The Developer will be required to enter into a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) or other suitable agreement as required by TfNSW prior to any road works on the Golden Highway (and New England Highway if deemed necessary by DPHI). The developer will be responsible for all costs associated with the roadwork and administration for the WAD. It is recommended that developers familiarise themselves with the requirements of the [WAD process](#). Further information can be obtained from the TfNSW website.

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4. TfNSW highlights that in determining the application under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, it is the Consent Authority's responsibility to consider the environmental impacts of any roadworks which are ancillary to the development. This includes any works which form part of the proposal and/or any works which are deemed necessary to include as requirements in the conditions of project approval.

TfNSW is willing to review any General Terms of Agreement or draft conditions of consent prior to determination where the department deems appropriate. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please contact Masa Kimura, Development Services Case Officer, on 1300 207 783 or via email at: development.north@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,



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ATTACHMENT A

- The plans didn't show any Horizontal geometry, Vertical geometry, or a typical section.
- The design speed was assumed as 110km/hr, the CHR conformed to figure 7.3 from AGRD P4A.
- Plans note AUL(s) and report section 2.7 notes a AUL. Was the left turn supposed to be a AUL or AUL(s)? Any treatment should be designed as an offset left arrangement.
- The gated entry opposite Comleroi road has had its deceleration lane removed. If this access remains open, then it should still have a deceleration lane equivalent to the existing. Otherwise, it should be closed, and the pavement removed.
- The new barrier at the Redbank Creek culvert will need to conform to TfNSW standard. *TS 00028_7.00_Accepted Road Safety Barrier Systems and Devices.pdf*
- The Chevron on Comleroi road intersection should curve around the corner and the merge arrow should be removed. Refer *TS 05462.8_0.00_Delineation Part 8 Diagonal and chevron markings.pdf*

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