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NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Via Major Projects Portal

Attention: Melissa Dunlop

19 March 2025

Dear Ms Dunlop

Centennial Northern Coal Services - SSD-5145 – Modification 4

Thank you for consulting the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), requesting advice on the proposed modification to State Significant Development (SSD) SSD-5145–Mod 4, for Centennial Northern Coal Services (NCS) project, 100 Miller Road Fassifern, NSW, 2283.

The EPA understands the NCS project comprise of coal mining and handling activities at Newstan Colliery surface site and Cooranbong Entry Site (CES), as well as private haul roads connecting Newstan Colliery, Awaba Colliery and Eraring Power Station.

The EPA has reviewed the “Cooranbong Entry Site Stockpile Extension Modification” prepared by James Bailey & Associates Pty Ltd, dated 5 February 2025. The EPA understands the proposal includes:

- Development of the existing coal stockpile at the CES to increase capacity from 100,000 tonnes to 400,000 tonnes;
- Construction of infrastructure associated with the modified stockpile footprint. This will include access tracks, lighting towers, water sprays, fencing and water management infrastructure; and
- An administrative update to the SSD-5145 Schedule of Land.

The Modification does not seek any changes to mining operations currently approved at NCS.

Please note that the EPA has started to adopt the principles in the [Draft NSW EPA Guide for Large Emitters](#). For future applications or modifications which may increase greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the Applicant will be required to ensure consistency with the principles in the publicly available Draft NSW EPA Guide for Large Emitters and the [draft Climate Change Assessment Requirements](#). The Applicant will be required to provide the following information:

- Estimation of the scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the proposed modification
- Confirmation if the project (or a modification to an existing operation) is likely to emit 25,000 tonnes CO₂-e or more of scope 1 and 2 emissions

If GHG emission is estimated to be above 25,000 tonnes CO₂-e or more of scope 1 and 2 emissions, the Applicant may be required to prepare and submit a greenhouse gas assessment

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and a greenhouse mitigation plan. This approach is consistent with the principles in the publicly available [Draft NSW EPA Guide for Large Emitters](#) and the [draft Climate Change Assessment Requirements](#).

The EPA's review has identified that the proposal is not predicted to result in any significant increases to environmental quality impacts (i.e. air, noise and water) from the NCS.

Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited (Licensee) hold Environment Protection Licence 365 (Licence), issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (Act), authorising current activities at the CES. If the proposal is approved, the Licensee may need to apply for, and be granted, a variation to the Licence.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Carlo Eastaway on (02) 8275 1503 or email info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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