

Our ref: HVO North Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826681)

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Subject: Request for Additional Information – Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dear Mr Martin

I refer to the assessment for the HVO North Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826681). After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provide additional information to inform its assessment. You are requested to submit the following additional information:

- consideration of the *Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023*, including the NSW emissions reduction targets and guiding principles;
- consideration of the reporting requirements under the Commonwealth Safeguard Mechanism for a facility proposing to offset more than 30% of its baseline, including when the project would trigger these requirements and how much above the 30% would need to be offset;
- indicative schedule of fleet replacement over the life of the project, in 5-yearly increments, to better understand likelihood of implementing new technologies as they become available;
- consideration of new renewable diesel options which may be available during the life of the project; and
- any relevant updates to the economic assessment associated with the above.

You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the department by **Friday 29 March 2024**. If you cannot meet this deadline or do not intend to provide the additional information, please advise the Department via the NSW planning portal.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Fittell on 02 4908 6896 or via email at Joe.Fittell@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary