

Our ref: HVO South Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826621)

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Subject: Request for Additional Information – Workforce Accommodation

Dear Mr Martin

I refer to the assessment for the HVO South Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826621). After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provide additional information to inform its assessment.

The social impact assessment for the project states that, assuming the median-case scenario, 180 construction workers would require temporary accommodation within the local and regional area, noting that up to 600 full-time-equivalent workers would be required over a five-year period.

Given the predicted increased demand for accommodation in the local and regional area, due to the construction of a number of large-scale developments in the Hunter Region, the Department requests that you provide further details regarding HV Operations' strategy for housing these workers, including consideration of a contingency plan, should short-term accommodation not be available during the peak construction activities for the project.

You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the Department by **Friday 7 June 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 me on 02 4908 6896 or via email at Joe.Fittell@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Fittell".

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