

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Reference: SSD-10269-PA-52

Brent Baker
Environmental Manager
Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd
12/02/2026

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 – Salvage Request

Dear Mr Baker

I refer to your letter dated 13 November 2025, requesting the salvage of 5 sites containing Aboriginal artefacts, which were identified during the pre-clearance Aboriginal Cultural Heritage surveys undertaken within the approved disturbance footprint for Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 (SSD-10269) (the project).

The Department has reviewed the salvage request and notes that:

- Whincop Archaeology has recommended that all visible artefacts identified within the pre-clearance survey area be salvaged, in accordance with the approved Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan Site Salvage Procedure for the project;
- the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for the project have been consulted, and the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council has provided their support for the proposed activities;
- the salvaged artefacts will be stored in the approved 'Keeping Place' at the Narrabri Underground Mine under a Care Agreement.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved the salvage of Aboriginal artefacts at the following sites: Merrilong AS3, Kurrajong AS2, Kurrajong AS3, Mayfield AS27 and Merrilong AS9.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Brittany Golding on 02 9995 5742.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary