

Our ref: Northern Coal Services Project-Mod-4 (SSD-5145-Mod-4)

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Subject: Northern Coal Services Project – Modification 4 – Supplementary Planning Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements – Matters of National Environmental Significance

Dear Ron

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment has determined that your proposed development, Northern Coal Services Project – Modification 4, is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and was determined to be a ‘controlled action’ under Part 7 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (EPBC Number 2024/09938).

The project will be assessed under the Bilateral Agreement between New South Wales and the Commonwealth. Please find enclosed the supplementary NSW Planning Secretary’s environmental assessment requirements (supplementary SEARs) in relation to the MNES identified in the Commonwealth Minister’s controlled action decision.

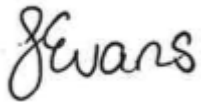
The supplementary SEARs:

- have been prepared as your proposed development falls within the scope of a declared ‘class of action(s)’ under Schedule 1 to the Assessment Bilateral Agreement made between the Commonwealth Government and the New South Wales Government;
- outline requirements for assessing impacts on MNES that must be addressed in your environmental impact statement; and
- do not replace any SEARs previously issued by the NSW Planning Secretary.

The Assessment Bilateral Agreement streamlines assessment of environmental impacts, such that NSW assesses impacts on MNES for proposed actions that fall within the scope of the Agreement. However, NSW does not determine whether approval should be granted with respect to impacts on MNES under the EPBC Act. The Commonwealth Minister remains responsible for determining whether approval should be granted with respect to MNES under the EPBC Act, and if so, any conditions to be imposed on an approval granted under the EPBC Act.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Dunlop on 02 8229 2941 or via email at melissa.dunlop@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie Evans".

Jessie Evans

Director

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Enclosed: Attachment A: Supplementary SEARs