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INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS

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Coal + Quarries 13/9/16



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Director General
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Your reference: SSD 4966 MOD1
Our reference: S12/0023
DA16081503360AB

Attention: Ms Melanie Hollis

31 August 2016

Dear Ms Hollis,

Agency Comment: Stratford Extension Project (SSD-4966) Modification 1 - The Bucketts Way Stratford

I refer to correspondence dated 12 August 2016 seeking comment from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for the above amended State Significant Development Proposal.

The NSW RFS understands the modified proposal includes:

- *the haulage of Rocky Hill Coal Project (RHCP) run-of-mine coal via a private haul road through SCPL's existing mining tenements; and*
- *the processing of RHCP coal using existing infrastructure at the SMC and transportation of product coal via rail to the Port of Newcastle.*

The NSW RFS previously provided recommended conditions for the Stratford Extension Project SSD 4966 on 18 December 2012. This modification application does not change those recommendations and as such the requirements of the NSW RFS letter dated 18 December are applicable for the modified development.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence, please contact Alan Bawden on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Moylan
Team Leader – Development Assessment and Planning

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Dear Ms Hollis,

Agency Comment: Rocky Hill Coal Project - Amended Environmental Impact Assessment; McKinleys Lane and Waukivory Road Gloucester

I refer to correspondence dated 12 August 2016 seeking comment from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for the above amended State Significant Development Proposal.

The NSW RFS understands the amended proposal includes:

- *developing and operating an open-cut coal mine, to produce up to 2.5 million tonnes of run-of-mine (ROM) coal a year for up to 21 years;*
- *constructing a overland haulage road to transport ROM coal to the Stratford Coal Mine Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) and Rail Load-out Facility, for rail transport to the Port of Newcastle; and*
- *rehabilitating the site.*

As such the NSW RFS provides the following recommended conditions regarding bush fire protection measures for any approval granted to the proposed development:

Evacuation and Emergency Management

The intent of measures is to provide suitable emergency and evacuation arrangements for occupants of the development. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

1. An Emergency /Evacuation Plan is to be prepared consistent with the NSW Rural Fire Service document 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Emergency/Evacuation plan'.
2. A Bushfire Management Plan that details measures to prevent fire igniting and spreading during construction and operation of the development is to be prepared prior to the commencement of construction. The plan is to be implemented over the life of the development and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - contact person / details for emergency management;
 - schedule and description of works for the establishment and maintenance of a 20 metre asset protection zone around infrastructure buildings;
 - strategy for hazard reduction for undeveloped or rehabilitated areas where vegetation may regenerate across the site;
 - location and access provisions of all fire fighting water supplies;
 - communication strategy for coordinated response to bushfires with the RFS;
 - work involving risk of ignition should not be carried out during total fire bans;

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- availability of fire suppression equipment; and
- storage of fuels and other flammable materials.

Access

The intent of measures for property access is to provide safe access to/from the public road system for fire fighters providing property protection during a bush fire and for occupants faced with evacuation. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

3. Vehicular access to the mine infrastructure buildings and facilities shall be provided for fire fighting appliances in accordance with the requirements of section 4.1.3(2) of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.

Water and Utilities

The intent of measures is to provide adequate services of water for the protection of buildings during and after the passage of a bush fire, and to locate gas and electricity so as not to contribute to the risk of fire to a building. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

4. Water, electricity and gas services are to comply with section 4.1.3 of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.

Landscaping

5. A Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan (incorporating a Biodiversity Management Plan) is to be prepared in relation to revegetation of the site. The plan is to include:
 - an asset protection zone for any dwellings within the revegetation areas or within 100 metres of the boundary of the revegetation areas. Asset protection zone dimensions are to be determined having regard to the assessment methodology outlined in 'Planning for Bushfire Protection Addendum – Appendix 3 (2010)', with the required asset protection zone corresponding to the level of building construction for the respective dwelling as per *Australian Standard AS3959-2009 – Construction of Buildings in Bushfire prone Areas* (e.g. a dwelling constructed without any bushfire protection measures should have a separation distance (maintained as an asset protection zone) equivalent to BAL LOW);
 - provision for fire fighting access to the biodiversity offset area and any asset protection zones established within the area.

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