

4 September 2015

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Dear Mr Dumpleton

BENGALLA MINE CONTINUATION PROJECT MODIFICATION 1 - SSD 5170 Mod 1

I refer to your email of 14 August 2015 inviting Hunter New England Health (HNEH) to review and provide comment on the modification application for the Bengalla Mine Continuation Project.

The modification involves:

- Changes to the approved water management system, including additional dirty water storage, relocating a discharge point and revising two dam locations;
- The placement of fill from the excavation of Clean Water Dam 1 adjacent to it; and
- Additional locations for the siting of the explosives storage facility.

The Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for the modification has been reviewed with particular attention being paid to issues such as air quality, noise, and water, which may have an impact on public health.

The SEE indicates that the proposed modifications are unlikely to have any negative impact to existing air quality; only minor, insignificant changes to short term construction noise levels; no change to operational noise levels; and no additional impact on off-site water. For these reasons HNEH believes the modification would have minimal health impact and is satisfied with existing approval conditions.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Carolyn Herlihy, Environmental Health Officer on (02) 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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