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Dear Matt,

Bengalla Coal Mine Modification 3 SEE Comment

I refer to an application from Hansen Bailey on behalf of the Bengalla Mining Company ("the Proponent") for Modification 3 of the Bengalla approval SSD 5170. I am pleased to provide the following submission on behalf of Muswellbrook Shire Council with respect to the Proponent's Statement of Environmental Effects dated September 2016. Council appreciates the opportunity to comment.

The proposal involves:

- Changes and removal of the construction envelope for the explosives facility and reload facility;
- Changes and removal of the envelope for the alignment of the Hunter River pipeline. The pumping station is not to be relocated; and
- Changes and removal of identified locations of temporary topsoil stockpiles.

It appears to Council that each of the three changes to the existing consent are minor in nature, which cover temporary matters and will not change any item on the site, post closure. They will also not have any effect off the mine site.

There were no matters raised in this Modification that are of concern to Council, and so no recommendations are required by Council in response to this review.

Council appreciates the opportunity to comment and would be pleased to provide additional information if requested.

Yours faithfully

Steve McDonald
General Manager

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