

6 May 2020

Mr Stephen O'Donoghue
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Dear Stephen

Re: Neubeck Coal Project - SSD 5598

The Neubeck Coal Project is a proposed open-cut coal mining project located in the Western Coalfields, approximately 18 kilometres (km) north-west of the City of Lithgow and 7 km north of Wallerawang in New South Wales (NSW). Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Project were originally issued by the then NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (now the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment) on 6 November 2012. The Project was subsequently determined to be a controlled action under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 on 7 July 2013 (EPBC 2013/6880) due to the potential for significant impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance. Revised Environmental Assessment requirements were re-issued on 28 September 2016. To date, no Environmental Impact Statement has been submitted for the Project.

In 2020, Centennial commenced a review into the Neubeck Coal Project. An outcome of this review so far has identified that the Project is unlikely to proceed in its current form. If the project does proceed, a new Scoping Report will be prepared and a request for Environmental Assessment Requirements made. As such, Centennial are seeking to formally withdraw the current Neubeck Coal Project (SSD 5598).

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me on my mobile, 0407 207 530, or email james.wearne@centennialcoal.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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