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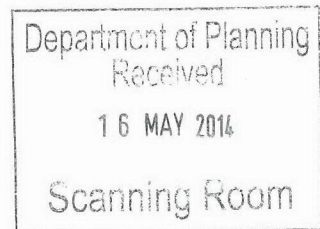
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Dear Ms Kirton

RE: Heritage comments Environmental Impact Statement on Public Exhibition for Angus Place Mine Extension Project (SSD-5602).

I refer to your email requesting any comment that the Heritage Council may have on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is currently on public exhibition for the Angus Place Mine Extension Project. A copy of the EIS was sent under separate cover to the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment & Heritage.

It is noted that the Director General's Requirements (DGRs) for this project require the EIS to undertake a Historic heritage assessment (including archaeology) which must include a statement of heritage impact (including significance assessment) for any State significant or locally significant historic heritage items; and outline any proposed mitigation and management measures (including an evaluation of the effectiveness and reliability of the measures).

The EIS by RPS states that *"An historical heritage assessment has been completed including a review of relevant Commonwealth, State and local historic heritage registers. The review of relevant registers included the National Heritage List, Commonwealth Heritage List, State Heritage Register, State Government Agency Heritage and Conservation Register and the Lithgow City Local Environmental Plan. No historic heritage items and/or National Heritage Places have been identified within the Project Application Area or assessed to be impacted upon by the Project. As such, there are no historic heritage impacts associated with the Project."*

However, it is considered that this desktop assessment is not adequate to establish whether any historic heritage will be impacted by the project, and that this assessment has not met the DGRs issued for the project regarding historic heritage.

At the very least a field survey (as was undertaken for Aboriginal heritage) should have been undertaken to confirm the results of the desktop study. It is recommended that further assessment to ensure that no historic heritage is present within the project boundaries should be undertaken prior to any project approval being issued for this project.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Katrina Stankowski at Katrina.Stankowski@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Beebe', written in a cursive style.

03/05/2014

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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council