

Mr Stephen O'Donoghue
Senior Planning Officer
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Submitted via: Major Projects website

Dear Mr O'Donoghue

RE: Response to Submissions – SSD 7480
Vickery Coal Mine Extension Project (Naarabri Shire, Gunnedah Shire)

I refer to your email dated 3 September 2019 inviting advice on the Response to Submissions (RTS) for the expansion of the Vickery Coal Mine.

Comments on the Environmental Impact Statement were provided by the former Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage in letter dated 18 October 2018. The Heritage Division supported the recommendations of the Historic Heritage Assessment (Extent Heritage, 6 August 2018) to implement mitigation measures and prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the nearby Kurrumbede Homestead Complex, which is of local significance and potential state significance.

The RTS confirms that the recommendations of the Historic Heritage Assessment will be implemented. The RTS also describes two changes to the project, relating to rail spur design and coal plant noise attenuation. It is expected that any indirect heritage impacts of these changes can be addressed as part of the Heritage Management Plan. Therefore, the previously recommended conditions in letter dated 18 October 2018 should be included in any approval, as follows:

- *Implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in Section 7.4 of the Extent report; and*
- *The preparation and implementation of a Heritage Management Plan in accordance with the recommendations outlined in Section 7.4 of the Extent report. In addition, the Heritage Management Plan should include a cyclical maintenance plan for both built and landscape elements.*

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Lily Chu, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer on 9873 8595 or at lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



09/09/2019

Katrina Stankowski

Senior Team Leader, Regional Heritage Assessments – North
Heritage, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council