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ADVICE RESPONSE: Hunter Transmission Project Stage: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements Development Application: SSI-70610456

## Dear Lauren

I refer to your correspondence dated 15 May 2024 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Hunter Transmission Project (the Project), submitted by Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo or the Proponent).

MEG has reviewed the information supplied in relation to this Project and provides the following advice.

MEG notes the Project traverses multiple mining titles identified in Attachment A. The exploration and mining coal titles are generally associated with open cut coal mines including Hunter Valley Operations, Mt Thorley Warkworth and Bulga mining complexes.

MEG notes that the proponent is engaging with the mine operators and title holders and MEG recommends ongoing engagement with title holders and stakeholders to minimise land use conflicts.

MEG has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs and advises the Proponent to actively monitor the MinView map viewer at <a href="https://minview.geoscience.nsw.gov.au">https://minview.geoscience.nsw.gov.au</a> for mining title changes that may interact with this project. MEG can assist with title holder contact details if required.

Please refer to NSW Resources Regulator advice provided in Attachment B.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Giselle Carney, Senior Advisory Officer, Industry Advisory and Mining Concierge - Industry Development on 02 4063 6860 or <u>mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Sincerely

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for

**Tony Linnane** Executive Director Strategy, Performance and Industry Development Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience

TITLE	HOLDER	TYPE
ML1547	BULGA COAL MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1717	BULGA COAL MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1788	BULGA COAL MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED	MINING
AL32	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	ASSESSMENT
AL33	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	ASSESSMENT
AL34	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	ASSESSMENT
AUTH72	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
CCL714	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
CCL755	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
CL359	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
CL360	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
EL5606	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
CML4	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
EL5292	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
EL5417	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
EL5418	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
EL8821	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
ML1324	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1428	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1706	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1474	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1500	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1589	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1634	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1682	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1705	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1811	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1840	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1841	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
ML1871	COAL & ALLIED OPERATIONS PTY LTD; ANOTERO PTY LIMITED	MINING
EL6812	DELLWORTH PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
EL6123	MONASH COAL PTY LTD	EXPLORING
EL7579	MONASH COAL PTY LTD	EXPLORING
ML1828	MOUNT THORLEY COAL LOADING LTD	MINING
CL219	MOUNT THORLEY OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED	MINING
EL7712	MOUNT THORLEY OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
EL8824	MOUNT THORLEY OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED	EXPLORING
CL224	SAXONVALE COAL PTY. LIMITED	MINING

Attachment A Exploration and mining titles interacting with Hunter Transmission Project

EL5461	SAXONVALE COAL PTY. LIMITED; NIPPON STEEL AUSTRALIA PTY. LIMITED	EXPLORING
EL9639	STRATEGIC RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	EXPLORING
EL9591	UPPER HUNTER GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PTY LTD	EXPLORING
AUTH444	WAMBO COAL PTY LIMITED; CONSTRUCTION FORESTRY MARITIME MINING AND ENERGY UNION	EXPLORING
CCL753	WARKWORTH MINING LTD	MINING



Tuesday, 28 May 2024

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Via: Major Projects Portal

Dear Lauren,

I refer to the Hunter Transmission Project submitted to the Resources Regulator on 16 May 2024

(SSI-70610456). Based on the review, it is the advice of the Regulator that the EIS must address the following matters where the Hunter Transmission Project (HTP) interacts with any mining operation:

- Potential risks and associated mitigation actions that will be required to ensure a mining company can fulfil its rehabilitation obligations as nominated in development consent for the respective mining operation; and
- Effective risk controls to ensure the health and safety of workers associated with both the HTP and any mining operations.

## BACKGROUND

The Mining Act Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator undertake risk-based compliance and enforcement activities in relation to obligations under the *Mining Act 1992*. This includes undertaking assessment and compliance activities in relation to mine rehabilitation activities and determination of security deposits.

The Mine Safety Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator is responsible for ensuring the mine operators' compliance with the Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation, in particular the effective management of risks associated with the principal hazards as specified in the *Work Health and* 

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## Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2022.

## CONTACT

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact the Regulator on 1300 814 609 (Press Option 2 Press Option 5) or email <u>nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com</u>.

Yours sincerely,

**Anthony Margetts** 

Chief Inspector of Mines Resources Regulator